

# COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Woodhill Road Fire**

The whole of our community has been devastated by the tragic events on Woodhill Road on the 15th of December. Our deepest sympathies and thoughts are with the Collison family, their friends and the children and staff at John Blow Primary School. Our thoughts are also with the crew at Collingham Fire Station along with our sincere thanks for their tireless help and support for our village.

## **Wildflower Meadow at the Cross Site**

We are hoping to improve the wildflower planting at the Cross Site shortly after we have taken further expert advice. It is important to remember the reasons behind this project. Our countryside was once full of meadows bursting with a gorgeous variety of flowering plants, supporting butterflies, insects, farmland birds and other wildlife. According to the RSPB, since the 1930s, we have lost nearly all of what are called 'unimproved grasslands', and those that are left are fragmented. You can also contribute to the create something of the same feel in your own garden.

## **Collingham Railway Station, Station Adopters**

Station Adoption is a scheme intended to allow communities to keep their railway stations looking neat, tidy and attractive. The Parish Council are continuing the work of the original Station Adopters and Friends of Collingham Station and we are now the new Station Adopters. On occasion, we will also liaise with East Midlands Trains as necessary.

Planters have kindly been provided by East Midlands Trains for us to brighten up the station with flowers. By all means, if you have any ideas as to how the station area could be enhanced or wish to get involved, please email [Station@Collingham-Notts.org.uk](mailto:Station@Collingham-Notts.org.uk) as it is a scheme for all the community to be involved with and we'd very much like your input.

Recently there has been confusion regarding the role of Station Adopters so for clarity we have summarised this here. Examples of what adopters do include painting to cover graffiti, gardening and landscaping, litter picking and reporting vandalism. It is also worth remembering what we cannot do; this includes fixing lights, repairs to buildings, fixtures or utilities, work on the track, signals or near to the platform edge. This is due the safety regulations of the railway network but we can report problems and help bring them to the attention of the rail operators.

## **Collingham Skate Park**

It has been great to see so many people of different ages use the new skate park. The Christmas holidays has seen scooters, skateboards and BMX bikes. We are monitoring the seeded grass area and will be looking to see how the seeding takes over the winter time. Coming improvements include a new path to the skate park, seating and litter bins. The official opening of the park will happen during the spring of 2019.

## **Parish Council Elections 2019**

The next elections will take place in May 2019. Would you like to consider sitting on the next Parish Council? We are happy to discuss what the role requires in terms of time, effort and commitment. If you are interested in finding out more then please contact the Parish Council.

*Jane Guest and Richard Hatton.*

*Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month and the second Thursday in December. The meeting in August may be cancelled if there is insufficient business. The meetings are held at the Youth and Community Centre on Low Street and begin at 7:15pm. The general public are welcome at all meetings, though they have no rights to participate except at the beginning of the meeting or at the Chairman's discretion and with prior notice to the clerk. Once the meeting is under way the public are welcome and encouraged to stay and listen to the Council. There may be times because of the sensitive nature of the business being discussed that the public and the press are asked to leave though this happens very rarely.*