

Parish Council Meetings

2nd February 2026 Ordinary

23rd March 2026 Ordinary

18th May 2026, Annual &
Assembly Meetings

15 minutes is available for members of the public to speak on issues or concerns they have regarding Coughton. If there is anything specific you wish to discuss at length, please email the parish clerk to pass on to Coughton councillors.

All Parish Council meetings are held @ 6.30pm in Coughton C of E Primary School Hall.

Agendas & Minutes of all meetings are available on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard by Coughton C of E School

VILLAGE ISSUES

Calling all heroic villagers! Our street, parking, and village signs have reached their peak dirtiness. They are so grubby even the pigeons are complaining! If you fancy a bit of light scrubbing, mild glamour and the satisfaction of seeing your reflection in a sign that hasn't shone since 1898, we'd love your help. Bring your enthusiasm and maybe a bucket and sponge. Let's make our village look like we actually live here on purpose!

If you have Salt Bins near your home can you please check these and report to the Parish Council if they are damaged or need refilling please, as we are coming to the time of year when we may need these.

If you notice any trees that have fallen or are in a dangerous position, please contact either Stratford District Council, Highways or the Parish Council and someone will help you.

Coughton with Sambourne Church Services

Sambourne Holy Communion 4pm, 1st February
Coughton Morning Worship 11am, 15th February
Sambourne Evening Prayer 4pm, 1st March
Coughton Mothering Sunday Service 11am, 15th March
For services at St Peter's Coughton, entry from A435 Birmingham Road, entrance to Coughton Court. The gates open at 10am and parking is in the car park. **Everyone is welcome to our friendly informal services. Refreshments are served afterwards.**

Coughton with Sambourne 100 Club

The winners of the Christmas draws were Steve Spencer, resident of Coughton £100 and Sambourne's Andrea Clews £50. January's Jackpot draw went to one of the organisers, Peter Laband who was lucky enough to win £450.

The draws are made on the first Sunday each month at 5.00pm in Sambourne Church Hall. The next two months will be for £100 but April will see another Jackpot of £450.

Please give some thought to joining the 100 Club because you will be helping to maintain a Grade 1 listed building in the grounds of the Court but also have a chance of winning a cash prize each month. Contact Peter Laband (07732 360493) or John McTavish (07732 630164) should you wish to join.

Coughton Noticeboard

The Parish Council has realised the noticeboard by the school has gone from "community asset" to "slightly embarrassing eyesore." We'd love to give it a makeover. Any offers of help would be gratefully received – please contact your Parish Councillor.

Coughton Needs You (yes, you)!

Have you ever wondered what happens at Parish Council meetings? Well.... Not much, if no one turns up!

Your councillors are not superheroes (though we try). We're just ordinary villagers like you, giving up our time – and no, we don't get paid even in tea and biscuits (sadly).

But here's the thing: if nobody comes along, if nobody speaks up and nobody supports us, we could lose our Parish Council. This means Stratford District Council, would be calling the shots for Coughton. And nobody wants that, right?

So if you've ever grumbled about potholes, wished for more flowers, or just want to know more about what's going on – Come along! Bring your ideas, your moans, your praises.... and maybe even some biscuits?

Your Parish Council: Slightly ordinary people doing their best to keep Coughton extraordinary! Please join us at our next Parish Council Meeting 2nd February 6.30pm

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COUGHTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2026

Happy New Year!

Coughton Village Walk



A huge thank you to Paul and Annie Harrison for organising the post-Christmas walk – clearly an ambitious move so soon after excessive mince pies. As you can see, a great crowd turned up and survived,

enjoying fresh air, good company, and the chance to meet people from the village and beyond.

The walk took us to Sambourne and back to The Throckmorton, where Dave and Sally heroically rescued us with delicious sandwiches and soup. Sally then sealed the day with a game of bingo, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed (some very competitively) and which also raised funds towards the new defibrillators – just in case bingo got too exciting.

A massive thank you to Paul and Annie, and to Dave and Sally. Already looking forward to the next one... after a little lie-down!





We are saddened to announce the death of Graham Cooke, aged 94.

Graham moved to Coughton House with his wife Yvonne and their family at the age of 30. A respected local industrialist, he provided employment to many locals and exported products worldwide. He was also well known in the equestrian world, having competed successfully earlier in his life.

Graham leaves a large and loving family of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with them all at this sad time.

Coffee Mornings

The next Coughton Coffee Mornings will be on Saturday February 21st, March 21st, April 25th and May 23rd,

from 10am to 12pm. It would be great if you could join us for a coffee, a chat and CAKE! Everyone is Welcome, as long as I can squeeze you into my kitchen and there is enough cake to go around! There is now a donations box on the table. ALL monies from this will go to the fundraising for the two village defibrillators.



Dates for your Diary

Coughton Community Choir practice every Thursday @ Kings Court Hotel
6.30pm

Bi Monthly Parish Council Meetings

9th February 2026 Defibrillator Training

15th February Indoor Yoga at Coughton Court Pop up Event

Litter Picking Day in conjunction with Coughton C of E School in the spring

Sambourne with Coughton Cemetery Tidy Weekend 11/12th April 10am-2pm

1st August Coughton Village Fete @ Coughton Court

Boozy Book club @ The Throckmorton Dates TBC

Book Swap Club, Coughton's Phone Box Grand Opening Date TBC

Monthly Coffee Mornings

Roads & Pathways

As most of you will be aware, Highways has had a huge task over the last few months. They have replaced the pipes in the drains for larger bore pipes and added extra manholes and drain tops, to help take away the water from the A435 down to the ford. We are hoping this will alleviate the flooding issues on the A435 and surrounding area. I think we should send a vote of thanks for everything Highways are trying to do to help Coughton village.

If you spot any issues with blocked drains or gullies, please report it at [HTTPS://WARWICKSHIRE.GOV.UK/REPORTIT](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportit) and click on flooding or drainage issue.

Please be aware the next major road working task in Coughton, is the resurfacing of the main A435. This is due to start in March and is proposed to take approximately one week to complete.

Parking Issues

Whilst we appreciate that parking is very limited in Coughton Lane & Sambourne Lane, can we please ask you to be mindful of others? **DO NOT** park opposite or over anyone's driveways **at any time**. Thank You

Coughton Valentines Displays

February 14th is St Valentines Day, if you are not too loved up and have time, how about decorating your homes. **Let's show the love in Coughton**



Coughton Community Choir

Coughton Community Choir will start singing again after the Christmas break on January 19th 2026. If you would like to join us, we are an inclusive choir, set up for the health and wellbeing of members. Starting with 8 members we now have over 40. You do not have to be able to sing or read music to join us. We meet on a Thursday evening at Kings Court Hotel @ 6.30pm, pop in to see if we are a choir you would like to join. We always have a drink and chat afterwards in the bar (if that's not a good enough reason to

join, I don't know what is!) All of our fundraising throughout the year goes to local charities.

Coughton's Annual Defibrillator Training

Studley First Responders will be taking the annual defibrillator training session again next year, it will take place at Coughton C of E School on Monday 9th February 2026, @ 6.30pm We feel this is something everyone should know how to do. It could save a life. **EVEN YOURS!** Can you please contact Lynne on: 07841818377, What's App or message to confirm you wish to attend as we need to know numbers, in case we need 2 sessions.

We are fundraising in conjunction with Coughton Community Choir, Coughton Community Group & The Throckmorton to raise funds for two new defibrillators for the village. The one we already have, which is near the old telephone box, works well but due to it's age, the batteries and pads are becoming harder to get hold of. We aim to have an additional machine located at The Throckmorton. If you wish to contribute in any way or have any fundraising ideas, please contact a member of the Parish Council and they will point you in the right direction. Thank you

Coughton Fly Tipping

The amount of fly tipping in Coughton's lanes has unfortunately increased again. If you see any fly tipping or littering please contact a Parish Councillor with photographs or report directly, via Stratford District Council Website.

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/fly-tipping-form.cfm>

An app is also available to download to your phone called 'FIX MY STREETS'. This is an app for reporting any road issues to Stratford District Council.

Many of the villagers are picking up litter if they see it. We will be having another litter picking day in conjunction with Coughton C of E School in the spring.

Christmas in Coughton

Here are just a few photos of homes decorated for Christmas and our village tree.

