

## Parish Council Meetings

24th November Ordinary  
26th Jan 2026 Ordinary  
23rd March 2026 Ordinary  
18th May 2026, Annual & Assembly

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

## Coughton Needs You (yes, 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

## Sambourne Village Notices

### Coughton with Sambourne Church Services

Harvest Supper 3rd October 7pm Sambourne  
5th October Sambourne Holy Communion 4pm  
19th October Coughton Holy Communion 11am  
2nd November Sambourne Evening Prayer 4pm  
16th November Coughton Holy Communion 11am  
For services at St Peter's Coughton, entry from A435 Birmingham Road National Trust entrance to Coughton Court. The gates open at 10am and parking is in the National Trust car park.  
Everyone is welcome to our friendly informal services. Refreshments are served afterwards.

### 100 club

Augusts' Winner of £100 was won by Phil Jones from Sambourne

Septembers' Winner of £100 was won by Sybil Shaw from Coughton

The fabulous draw for October will be a Jackpot of £450 & November you could be lucky enough to win £100! Draws are made on the first Sunday of every month. Please give some thought to joining the 100 Club to have a chance of winning a cash prize each month. Should you wish to join. Contact Peter Laband (01527 893879) or John McTavish (07732630164)

### Coughton Parking Issues

This is the start of the new school year, with new families who everyone welcomes to the village, We are having a few teething issues re parking over or opposite driveways and in narrow parts of the lane making it impassable for the farm machinery. If you are a blue badge holder we all appreciate you can park on double yellow lines and on the zig zags.

All we ask is that everyone who visits the village and lives in the roads around the school to be considerate to each other.

We do not want any arguments or bad feelings.

**PLEASE EVERYONE BE CONSIDERATE!**

Coughton Parish Council would like to welcome our new clerk Becky, who will be starting in November. We are sure she will make a superb addition to our team, she is very enthusiastic. We would also like to thank Sarah for all her hard work keeping us on track over the last few years. You have been a star. Thank you.

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Newsletter contact

- Lynne Stanton
- The Old Post Office, 9 Birmingham Road, Coughton, B49 5HR
- Telephone: 07841818377
- lynnestanton.cpc@gmail.com
- Village Pass  
If you have recently moved into Coughton or do not have a 'Village Pass', for Coughton Court Please contact;  
[Claire.hancox@nationaltrust.org](mailto:Claire.hancox@nationaltrust.org)

# COUGHTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

## COUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERTS 'WHAT'S APP' GROUP

Coughton WhatsApp group, had an amazing response from lots of villagers asking to join. Members have since put numerous issues on there for others to be aware of. It has proved to be a very quick and easy method of communication. If you are already a member and know of neighbours who aren't, please encourage them to consider joining. If you would like to join this group, please send Lynne a text on 07841818377 stating your name and number and she will be add you on.

Posts regarding social activities should not be sent to this group. This is purely for incidents, suspicious activity and issues that require immediate attention.

## Sambourne with Coughton Cemetery Tidy Weekend 18th & 19th October 10am–3pm

(because ghosts don't mow the lawn)

### What we do:

Trim bushes (they don't trim themselves)  
Sweep leaves (before they take over)  
Cut grass (so visitors don't need a machete)  
General sprucing (zombies appreciate tidy paths too)

### What's provided:

Tools galore, Endless tea & coffee,  
Biscuits (the real motivation) – courtesy of Gail Laband!

### How you can help:

- Turn up with your arms and legs (preferably attached).
- Stay for an hour, or longer if you're having fun.
- Leave smug and biscuit-filled knowing you saved the cemetery from jungle status.

Join us! Let's keep Sambourne & Coughton Cemetery looking less haunted forest and more peaceful resting place.

Please contact Lynne if you would like to put something of interest into the Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary

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

### Bi Monthly Parish Council Meetings

18/19 October Cemetery Tidy Weekend

31 October Halloween Celebrations

25th October Skittles Evening- Inkberrow bowls

Club £12.00 Contact Justin 07970518953

1 November Scarecrow Competition 10am

13 November Remembrance Sunday 11am

December Hog Roast

Litter Picking Days Dates TBC

Boozy Book club @ The Throckmorton Dates TBC

Book Swap, Coughton's Phone Box Opening Date TBC

### Coughton Book Swap & Book Club

The telephone box located on the A435 has been purchased by the parish council for £1, as it was being decommissioned. The consultation period has finished and the contract has been signed. We are now looking for someone to paint/ refurbish the telephone box for us. If you or anyone you know would consider this please contact a member of the parish council. It will then be used as a 'Book Swap Box' and notices will be put in there too. This will enable anyone who wishes to donate books to exchange or borrow one themselves to do so. The books will be changed regularly. We will also be starting a 'Boozy Book Club' (open to alcohol and tea drinkers alike!). The start date for this is still being discussed and hopefully will be coming to a pub near you! every 4-6 weeks. (depending on how fast we all read!)



## Roads & Pathways

Highways have tackled the issue of the running water opposite The Throckmorton and the issue is now resolved. As you are aware Highways removed copious amounts of rubble from our drainage system recently. The drains have once again been cleaned. Once Coughton Court closes for the winter period, Highways will be putting a new drain from Coughton Lane under the A435 and down as far as the ford. Hoping this will at last solve the major issues of flooding on the A435 and local area. Unfortunately, we have had no response from The National Trust regarding the blocked drain in the field behind properties on the A435 which is causing major issues.



Can we respectfully ask land owners and home owners alike if they would kindly trim back their hedges/trees in order for the public to walk along the pathways safely without having to walk in the road and for traffic to be able to see when pulling out of lanes.

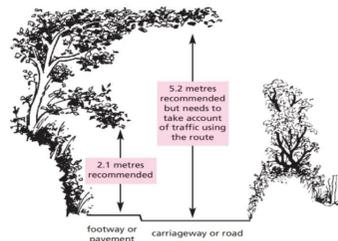
### **Roadside Hedge & Tree Management**

#### **Owners and occupiers are required to:**

- Trim hedges and trees to ensure growth does not obscure the view of road signs.
- Trim roadside hedges to maintain visibility for road users, particularly at junctions and on the inside of bends.
- Trim any hedge that directly abuts a road, footway, cycleway or public right of way so that growth does not prevent the passage or affect the safety of the highway user, including cyclists and pedestrians.
- Remove dead or decaying trees and other growth that may fall across the highway. Remove branches and other growth that may prevent the passage of high sided vehicles.
- Ensure the highway (including the footway and drainage features) is left clear of debris from the cutting operations (Section 148, Highways Act 1980)

#### **Who undertakes the work?**

- It is easier for all concerned if landowners/occupiers maintain their own trees and hedges to a good standard.
- On major roads the County Council helps to enhance road safety by cutting hedges on the inside of bends and at junctions at the same time as cutting the grass verges. On the minor roads this is left to the landowner/ occupier in accordance with the Highways Act.



## Coughton's Annual Scare Crow Competition

Saturday 1st November

This years theme is 'Halloween'



Welcome to our 5th Scarecrow Competition Scarecrows have been part of our farming heritage for many years, originally to scare away birds eating the crops. This competition is for our local community to come together and have some fun. Please join us for a fun few days making your own scarecrow and viewing all those others have made.

Our theme this year is 'Halloween' so lets see witches, vampires, spiders and skeletons

popping up around the village. We can't wait to see what you have in store for us this year. Let's make it Coughton's finest competition yet.

They need to be ready for judging by 10am on Saturday 1st November. Scarecrows must be made from scratch. They must be creative and original. No pre molded faces or purchased masks. Please ensure your scarecrows are secured well.

Please fill in this entry form and return it to Lynne Stanton The Old Post Office 9 Birmingham Road Coughton. Or call Lynne on 07841818377 and let her know you are entering.

## Coughton Bi Annual Village Walk



On 16th August a large group of villagers and dogs alike started on the village walk. There was much fun an laughter all the way around cumulating in light refreshments at The Throckmorton. Thanks to Dave and Sally for their hospitality. I think everyone is really looking forward to the next walk. Details to follow.

### Coffee Mornings

Coughton Coffee Mornings have become more and more popular, attracting over 20 people some months. The next coffee mornings are on SATURDAY 11th October & SATURDAY 22nd November

10 am-12pm. Please pop in and join us for coffee, cake and a chat. All are Welcome, as long as I can squeeze you into my kitchen!



Name		
Adult	Child	Ages
Email		
Phone No		
Address		
Scarecrow Name		
Location		

MOST OF ALL REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN