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# A Busy Barton Summer awaits

Visitors to Barton can often be heard commenting on what a lot goes on in this historic market town.

The town is blessed with so many volunteer-run events, clubs, societies and groups that are open to all. The What's on Guide in the pages of the Bartonian bear testimony to this abundance. Here are a few must see events picked out for you to add to your diary.

**VE Day commemorations** are being held by various groups on May 8 including an anniversary tea party run by Barton Town Council at the Assembly Rooms and the lighting of the Barton Beacon. The bunting is up around the town centre in readiness for this and **VJ day** later in the summer.

It's always time at the end of May to head to Baysgarth Park for **Barton Lions' annual Beer Festival**. Boasting more than 40 ales and other beverages there's something to tempt everyone and it's a great way to meet up with friends, enjoy the surroundings of the park and listen to local bands and performers.

Staying in Baysgarth Park the **Barton Carnival** follows two weeks later with fun for all the family. Expect funfair rides, craft stalls, live entertainment and much more.

Towards the end of June the emphasis shifts to the north of town with a **Vintage Tractor Rally** at the Humber Bridge Garden Centre on June 21 and 22 and the annual **Classic Car Day** at The Ropewalk on June 29. Throughout the town on the last weekend of June we have **Open Gardens** and the first **Street Boot** of the year.



**Barton Bike Night** on July 2 puts the emphasis on the town centre as contemporary and vintage bikes fill the historic core of Barton. An opportunity to walk the streets taking in the atmosphere and admire the shiny chrome!

## Nearly There!

I first became involved with the proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan for Barton in late 2018.

Much interim planning and work was carried out by many volunteers prior to the formal designation by the Town Council in April 2020.

Since then, and in spite of Covid, a number of consultations and surveys have been undertaken and much work carried out by many people. The final formal consultation conducted by North Lincolnshire Council is now under way and everyone will have the opportunity to vote on the Plan in July. Please read the article on page 12 & 13 to find out more. Above all please make your voice heard by turning out to vote in July.



It affects us all and really matters. Thank you.

Veronica Pettifer, Chair



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## Barton Upon Humber Town Council Meetings

All meetings are held within the Assembly Rooms on Queen Street. Members of the public are welcome at all meetings and the council welcomes attendance. There are many different meetings covering a wide range of council services and projects. There is a designated time prior to the meeting commencing for members of the public to be able to address the councillors and the opportunity is there to remain at the meeting and listen to the councillors debate and decisions.

### Barton Upon Humber Town Council forthcoming Committee Meeting dates

<b>May 2025</b>		
Planning	Wednesday May 7	6pm
ATCM	Wednesday May 7	7pm
Planning	Monday May 19	6pm
Environment	Monday May 19	6.30pm
<b>June 2025</b>		
Community	Monday June 2	6pm
Full Council	Monday June 2	7pm
Planning	Monday June 9	6pm
F&GP	Monday June 9	6.30pm
Planning	Monday June 30	6pm
Environment	Monday June 30	6.30pm
<b>July 2025</b>		
Planning	Monday 21st July	6pm
Full Council	Monday 21st July	7pm

**Barton upon Humber Town Council office opening hours 10am and 1pm**  
Barton upon Humber Town Council office endeavours to open Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm however if the office is closed, the Council staff can be contacted via telephone or by email. Telephone. 01652 633598 or 07983154787 / Email. [info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk)  
Please keep up to date with meetings, town information, events and activities via the Town Council Website page [www.bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BartonTownCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/BartonTownCouncil)

### Barton Upon Humber Town Council Members

If you think that they can help you with anything then please contact one of your Town Councillors: All email addresses are [cllname@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllname@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk)

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## Northern Lincolnshire Best Kept Village 2025 Competition

Barton upon Humber Town Council will be entering the CPRE Northern Lincolnshire's Best Kept Village competition for 2025.



Residents across Barton upon Humber are being encouraged to take part in this year's event by organising environmental projects or activities within the local community. This could be raising awareness campaigns, hosting community recycling drives, organising community litter collections, sweeping footpaths, anything to enhance the towns appearance and to create a positive impact within the town. Please do let the Town Council know of any projects or activities and these can be included in the application

for the competition. Awards will be presented by CPRE to celebrate the work carried out to enhance the beauty and sustainability of the local environment and for showing increased community involvement and community spirit amongst residents.

CPRE Northern Lincolnshire is part of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, a nationwide charity dedicated to preserving the countryside, protecting green spaces, and promoting sustainable living.

Entries will be judged on a wide range of criteria, including:

- **Best Kept Pub**
- **Best Kept Churchyard**
- **Best Kept Cemetery**
- **Best Kept Playground**
- **Best Kept War Memorial**
- **Best Community Planting**

The competition entry for Barton Upon Humber is Small Town (over 4000 population). In 2021, Barton received Most Improved, in 2022 & 2023, Barton came joint 3rd and in 2024, Barton received a highly commended award. Winners of each category receive cash prizes. Runners-up receive smaller prizes.

Judging will take place between the last two weeks in July and the first week in August and will be on a range of issues, with the emphasis on community involvement. The aim is to reward those who show inclusivity and community effort.

If you would like to organise an environment project, please contact Barton upon Humber Town Council to discuss your ideas. Email. [Info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk) / 01652 633598 / 07983 154787 **before June 1st 2025.**

*For more information about the competition, please visit: Best Kept Village Competition - CPRE Northern Lincolnshire*

## Town Award Winners



**Young Person Town Award 2025**  
Ellie Ariss



**Wendy Witter Town Award for Organisations 2025**  
Barton Inclusive Football Club



**Town Award**  
Anthony Berridge

*Certificates of Merit went to:*

Blake Byrne  
Ella Gravill  
William Basnett  
Kieron Sims  
Matthew Thompson  
Harry Atkin  
Kamal Bozoglu  
Casey Cooper  
Naimh Robinson

*Certificates of Merit went to:*

Barton Area Foodbank  
Barton & District Athletics Club

*Certificates of Merit went to:*

Chrissy Smith  
Denise Davis  
Emma Sandon  
Pam McCartney  
Peter Towle  
Lord Russ and Lady Sarah Kirby  
Sean Ashton  
Stuart Smith



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The Barton Carnival returns to Baysgarth Park on June 14 and 15 and promises to pack as much entertainment in as possible with your entry fee.



The With Me in Mind concert takes place again on the Saturday evening with lots of great local artists taking to the stage to shine a spotlight on how important it is to look after your mental health and highlight the services available in the area. We also have Dangerous Steve coming back to entertain in the arena with his action packed show, on



Tickets are £4 each or four for £12. For more information visit our Facebook page [facebook.com/BartonCarnival](https://facebook.com/BartonCarnival)

## Postcard Art and Potatoes

The Allotment Society is running these two popular competitions for the Horticultural Show on Saturday August 9.

The picture on a postcard challenge will be launched at Barton Carnival with youngsters being invited to draw a picture on a postcard for submission to the show. All materials will be provided and entry is free. Local primary schools will also be given a supply of postcards towards the end of the summer term which will be collected before they break up for the holidays. The photograph shows some of last year's entries.

The schools' Potato Growing competition has attracted much more interest this year, with local primary schools, Bowmandale, Castledyke, and John Harrison C of E School in Barrow all taking part along with Winterton Juniors, Baysgarth School's Year 9s, the 1st Goxhill Scouts and for the first time the Field View, Hive and Rainbow Nurseries. All participants have been given 10 of the same variety of potato, kindly donated by the Humber Bridge Garden Centre. The challenge is to plant and nurture these to see who can grow the heaviest over all crop, the heaviest single potato and the funniest shaped spud. The crops will be harvested and weighed by Mike and Jean Corlyon of the Allotment Society in mid-July, and Doug Stewart from Radio Humber side will be judging the funniest shape at the show itself.



To find out more about either of these competitions or the show itself, drop by the Allotment Stall at the Ropewalk Garden Day on May 18. In addition to our legendary rhubarb mountain, we will also have plenty of plants for sale including a good range of heritage tomato plants – varieties which are not commercially available but which have been saved over the years by the Garden Organic Heritage Seed Library to preserve the genetic diversity of the species.

**Neil Jacques**  
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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**SUNDAY 03 AUGUST 2025**

**12-16:00**

**BAYSGARTH PARK, BRIGG ROAD, BARTON UPON HUMBER**



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# Revolution and Resilience in Lincolnshire

Barton Civic Society has joined forces with the Wilderspin School Museum once again to present a second event in memory of the late Rex Russell, Barton’s most famous historian.

This year they are reviving one of Rex’s Saturday Schools which were once a popular event in the adult education calendar. Two themes closely associated with Rex’s interests have been chosen – both had dramatic effects on people’s lives.

Fascinated by the local landscape with its distinctive fields, hedges and lanes, Andrew Robinson has been researching the Enclosures of Barton and Barrow in the 1790s. These landscapes, which changed little for centuries, were suddenly transformed within a few years creating much of what we can still see today – the starting point for Andrew’s research.

These revolutionary changes in agriculture and the way land was organised had a dramatic impact on people’s lives in rural areas and Barton alike. Keith Miller, local historian and former regional English Heritage Inspector of Historic Buildings and Monuments, will explore Rex’s great body of work, where he and his many local history groups explored how sweeping social changes affected people’s lives, and how rural and urban communities throughout Lincolnshire worked to alleviate or resist these new economic and social pressures. Keith will lead a short ‘field study’ walk in the area around Queen Street where the impressive and unique collection of historic buildings tells us much about community and self-help movements in the 1800s.

**The All-Day ticket** (including buffet lunch & refreshments) costs £20, but you can also book separately for either Andrew’s talk in the morning (10am - 12.00pm) or Keith’s talk in the afternoon (12.45pm - 3pm) for £8. To book, contact Wilderspin on (01652) 635172 or wilderspainschoolmuseum@gmail.com



29 and 31 Holydyke was home to the King family and shows the entrance to their building yard. It is believed that this photograph is pre-WWI c1901

## Barton Archives Call Out for your old photographs and memorabilia

Over the last year Barton Volunteers has been involved in the cataloguing of the Barton Civic Society archives - organizing books, slides, photographs and a collection of local memorabilia. The group is now in the process of scanning the last few photographs which will be made available to the public and accessible through the archives. Barton Volunteers has used some of the images at the incredibly successful Step Back in Time sessions which were held last year at The Ropewalk and will be starting again in the spring. The event consists of members of the

public viewing images on the large screen and identifying where or who is in the image. This information is then stored in the archives to create a more comprehensive collection.

**Do you have any old photographs or memorabilia of Barton upon Humber you would like to donate or possibly let us scan so we have a digital copy?** Background information on the collection is always appreciated and we can also arrange time for you to discuss the content of your photographs or memorabilia or we have trained volunteers who are able to complete oral history interviews.

Being able to evidence Barton’s collective past means there will be unique historical items within the archives. Without archives a society has no recorded memories of the past. Creating a comprehensive and interesting Barton Archive will enable the people of Barton upon Humber to share their history and stories while these can then be preserved for future generations. If you would like further information, please do contact Caroline on bartonvolunteers@the-ropewalk.com who would be happy to meet with you.

Rex Russell Memorial Lectures 2025

Revolution

Saturday 7 June, 10am – 3pm, at Wilderspin School Museum

Two themes associated with the local history research of the late Rex Russell and his students are the focus of this revival of one of their popular “Saturday Schools”

**Revolution in the Land**

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Tickets (including buffet lunch & refreshments)  
Civic Society Members £12  
Non-members £20  
  
Morning session only 10am - 12.00pm  
Afternoon session only 12.45pm - 3pm  
Members £5 / Non-members £8

Includes a short “field study” walk.

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## Civic Society Trip to Helmsley

Bookings are now open to join the Society’s coach trip to North Yorkshire on Wednesday August 13.

The main focus of the visits will be a guided tour of the English Heritage Archaeology Store which houses material from our region including items temporarily displaced from St. Peter’s Church Ossuary for conservation reasons. But if the tour doesn’t grab you, there will be a chance to visit Helmsley Castle or just wander and explore this delightful market town.

It looks like tickets will be around £20 (children £15) so expressions of interest (provisional bookings) are welcome now – by telephoning Wilderspin School Museum on (01652) 635172 or emailing wilderspainschoolmuseum@gmail.com.

**Departure will be 8.45am from the Wilderspin School Museum, returning between 5.30-6pm.**

## A Busy Summer Ahead

Volunteers at the Wilderspin School Museum on Queen Street have been busy over the winter.

The Collection Team has been talking with former pupils of the Church School and delving into the records to plan a display about the Festival of Britain in 1951. The Festival marked the centenary of the Great Exhibition in 1851 and was conceived to cheer up the country after the devastation of the Second World War years. The exhibition will run from May 1 until September, and two former pupils will recount their memories on Thursday May 29 between 1pm and 3pm.

The Museum’s Events Team has also been busy planning a 1940s Day later in the summer to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Blood, Toil, Tears & Sweat is scheduled for Sunday July 13 between 10.30am and 3.30pm. The Museum is grateful to Barton Town Council and the National Lottery Community Fund for financial support which

means the day will be a free event. It promises to be a memorable day with historic vehicles, vintage fair, a 1940s classroom, cinema, ENSA showtime and NAFI café – and the Holydyke Air Raid Shelter will also be open. Music and dancing will give the day a 1940s swing. Everyone is encouraged to come dressed for the period with prizes for the best 1940s look!

**Vintage Fair stalls can now be booked on (01652) 635172 or by email wilderspainschoolmuseum@gmail.com**

The Museum is always looking for additional volunteers to help with its archive and events planning, as well as looking after the historic buildings and garden, and meeting and greeting visitors. If you think there’s something that could interest you we’d be happy to show you what’s involved.

# The Town Book

Just south of the Humber, in the bustling town of Barton, a remarkable system of governance once dictated the rhythms of rural life. It was the 17th and 18th centuries, a time when the land itself was not merely a resource, but a shared responsibility. And at the heart of it all—the Town Book.

Before the great enclosures of the 1790s, the open fields and commons were vast, interconnected landscapes, carefully managed by the very people who depended on them. Here, in these sweeping fields, individual farmers cultivated their allotted strips, reaping the harvest from their own plots. But when the land lay fallow, a transformation occurred. The barriers of ownership dissolved, and grazing became a communal endeavour, with livestock wandering freely under the watchful eye of tradition and regulation.

Yet, such freedom required control. Overgrazing was a constant threat, and so the community established strict rules to ensure that every common-rights holder received their fair share. The vast lngs, stretching for nearly 500 acres, were carefully managed—hay was gathered, and only then did the land open for grazing. The marshes and pastures along the Humber, too, were subjected to meticulous oversight, their protective banks requiring maintenance to prevent the ever-looming threat of flood.

The Town Book, an extraordinary relic of its time, documented the appointments of key officials—each with a role as vital as the land itself. A man was tasked with the control of sparrows, ensuring that crops were not decimated by their numbers.

A swineherd was chosen to oversee the pigs, while Carr Graves watched over drainage, safeguarding the health of the parish lands. Stray animals were rounded up by the Pinder, and even the humble mole-catcher had a critical role to play in preserving the integrity of the soil. And overseeing the great

herds, the Neatherd, whose watchful eye ensured that order prevailed in this delicate balance between man and nature.

It was a world built upon cooperation, a testament to the ingenuity of those who worked the land. A system not of disarray, but of careful orchestration—a dance between agriculture, tradition, and the unyielding forces of nature.

The sparrow—small, unassuming, yet a voracious consumer of grain—posed a genuine threat to the livelihood of those who worked the land. And so, the townspeople devised a system, recorded meticulously in the annals of the Town Book. Each year, if deemed necessary, a man was appointed with a singular task: to hunt these birds across the town and fields of Barton, ensuring the protection of precious crops.

But it was not a chaotic culling. No—every sparrow slain was to be accounted for, brought before the Jury Foreman, who would then decide their

final destination. And in a striking display of communal responsibility, every landowner who benefitted from this effort was required to contribute. For each ploughland under his care, he paid a fee—three pence per dozen birds—scaled down accordingly for smaller holdings. Yet, should any landowner refuse, the law was clear, a fine would be levied, ensuring that none could shirk their duty in this most unusual form of pest control.

Also, beneath the rich pastures and meadows of Barton, an unseen battle was waged. This adversary? A creature seldom noticed but whose impact upon the land was undeniable—the mole.

This small, subterranean architect, tirelessly tunnelling beneath the earth, could wreak havoc upon the carefully managed pastures. Its labyrinthine burrows, though a marvel of engineering, threatened to weaken the ground, disturb the roots of crops, and unsettle grazing livestock. And so, to preserve the delicate equilibrium of their lands, the townspeople of Barton devised a solution.

The town’s Jury would appoint another man—his task, to seek out and destroy the moles that threatened the community’s prosperity. To fund this endeavour, a levy was set—four pence per ploughland, scaled accordingly

for smaller holdings. A fair price, one might think, for the safeguarding of the fields. Yet, should any landowner refuse to pay, the law was unequivocal, the penalty would be severe, double the original sum, ensuring that all contributed to this vital cause.

It is a striking example of early agricultural stewardship—of a time when the fortunes of a town were bound not just to the hands of those who worked the land, but to the creatures that lived beneath it. A reminder, perhaps, that the battle between humankind and nature has long been waged, and that, even in centuries past, the people of Barton understood one undeniable truth that the land must be managed, or it will manage itself.

It is a testament to human ingenuity, an age-old battle between farmer and nature, fought not with great machines, but with careful order and the ever-watchful eye of the community. A system—flawed, perhaps, by modern standards—but one that reveals just how deeply intertwined the people of Barton were with the land they called home.

Fascinating narratives like these can be enjoyed in our publications of Heritage, the magazine produced by members of the Barton and District History Group. We also have guest speakers who deliver presentations on a monthly basis.

**We meet at St Mary’s Church Hall, at 7:30pm on the last Wednesday of the month. Why not come along? If you have an idea for an article our email is Bartonanddistricthistorygroup@hotmail.com.**

The Barton and District History Group’s first meeting for 2025 took place on March 26 with guest speaker David Gibson who once again attracted a large audience of almost 50 attendees with his presentation on “The Cold War in Lincolnshire”.

The rest of the year’s programme is as follows:

- May 28 Andrew Robinson “A North Lincolnshire Ramble”
- June 25 A visit to The Brocklesby Estate (time and meeting place to be announced)
- September 24 Sam Wright “A Maritime History”
- October 29 Paul Mann “Doc John’s Barton, Part 2”
- November 26 A.G.M. & Social.

Heritage 6 is still available from any committee member or at the meetings.

Meetings are held in St Mary’s Church Hall on Burgate and start at 7:30pm. with a short break for refreshments.

**We are still asking for articles from anyone who has some knowledge of local history relating to Barton or one of the surrounding villages. We are happy to give assistance and advice on presentation for publication.**

Examples of content:- (Legends & Lore)

- Local Folklore and Forgotten Superstitions
- The Witch Bottle Found in a Cottage Chimney
- The Phantom Coach of the Lincolnshire Wolds
- Ancient Trees and Their Tales
- For any additional information, please contact Bartonanddistricthistorygroup@hotmail.com.

# Some things you might not know about Barton

The name “Barton” is derived from the Old English “Beretun,” meaning “Barley Town”. This reflects its historical importance in producing barley malt, which is essential for brewing beer.

By 1086, Barton-upon-Humber was recognised as a medieval borough with an established market and ferry service to Hull. Initially held on Sundays, the market was moved to Mondays in 1202!

**Prehistoric and Roman Periods**  
Archaeological evidence indicates that Barton has been inhabited since at least the Neolithic period (circa 4000 to circa 2,500 BCE), as suggested by cropmarks and the discovery of polished handaxes in the surrounding area. While no definitive Roman settlement has been identified within Barton-upon-Humber, various Roman artifacts have been unearthed, including cremation sites, inhumations, coins, pottery, and querns. Notably, the Deepdale Hoard, discovered in 1979, adds to the collection of Roman-era findings in the vicinity.

## The Battle of Brunanburh Connection

Some historians propose that the area around Castledyke South may have been the site of the historic Battle of Brunanburh in 937 AD. This significant battle saw King Æthelstan defeat a coalition of Norse, Scots,

and Strathclyde Britons, solidifying England as a unified nation. While the exact location remains debated, the discovery of an Anglo-Saxon cemetery in the area adds weight to this theory.

**The Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Castledyke South**  
In 1939, an Anglo-Saxon inhumation cemetery was uncovered during the construction of air raid shelters at Castledyke South. Excavations between 1975 and 1990 revealed 227 burials, including one individual who had undergone and survived trepanning—a form of early skull surgery. This discovery provides a rare glimpse into early medieval burial practices and health.

**St Peter’s Church: An Archaeological Treasure**  
St Peter’s is one of the most thoroughly studied churches in England. Its history can be traced over more than 1,000 years in the building and in the excavated finds displayed inside. In a prime position on the east coast, beside the Humber, Saxon Barton was wide open to Viking raiders, traders and settlers. The settlers, originally pagan, soon adopted Christianity,

helping to fuel a great boom in church building of which St Peter’s was a part. The first Christian use of this site was in the late 9th century. The stone church visible today was first built in about 970, comprising a tall tower flanked by a baptistery and a chancel. Between 1977 and 1985, excavations unearthed approximately 3,000 skeletons, offering an unparalleled osteological record of a small English town. The waterlogged conditions preserved wooden coffins, some fashioned from old boats, and burials accompanied by hazel rods and organic pillows. After extensive study, the remains were reburied at St Peter’s Churchyard in a designated area. Some key skeletal specimens and finds are preserved for educational and research purposes

**The Medieval Street Layout**  
The town preserves a medieval street layout that offers insights into its historical development. Its central area showcases a pattern of streets and property boundaries that have remained relatively unchanged for centuries, reflecting its growth and urban planning during the medieval period.

## Medieval Development

During the medieval period, Barton evolved into a significant borough, with records mentioning it in 1086, 1216-1272, and 1298. The town hosted a ferry service to Hull as early as 1086, underscoring its role as a transportation hub. The oldest residential building, located at 51 Fleetgate, dates back to 1325, with much of its frontage from 1425. Additionally, Tyrwhitt Hall, the medieval manor of Barton, dates to at least the 15th century.

## The decline of Barton’s Role as a Major Port

During the medieval period, Barton was an important port and market town with ferry links to Hull. However, by the 15th century, as Hull grew in prominence, Barton’s port declined in importance. Despite this, local trade continued, and Barton remained a centre for agriculture and small-scale industry.

## Industrial Heritage

The town’s industrial activities have evolved over time. In the 18th and 19th centuries, Barton-upon-Humber was involved in industries such as brick and tile making, chalk quarrying, rope

making, and tanning. In 1767, William Hall established Barton’s Ropery, marking the town’s involvement in rope manufacturing. By the 19th century, the town had diversified its industrial base with the establishment of various facilities, including the Providence Chapel (1806), Temperance Hall (1843), Police Station and Magistrates Court (1847), Wilderspin National School (1844), Corn Exchange (1854), Trinity Methodist Church (1860-1861), Oddfellows’ Hall (1864), and the Primitive Methodist Chapel (1867). In 1880, Fred Hopper founded a bicycle repair business that evolved into the Elswick Hopper cycle company, becoming a significant manufacturer in the area.

**Victorian, Georgian, or Waterside walk leaflets are available, guiding visitors through various facets of Barton’s heritage. The Ropewalk has a good selection of local history material, and the Barton Civic Society has a wealth of knowledge and regularly hosts talks on the town’s history.**



# Easter productions at Castledyke

Castledyke Primary School is very proud of our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils for their fabulous Easter productions. Everyone really enjoyed performing and singing to entertain their parents, carers and other family members. It was so wonderful to see. Well done to all our children. **You were amazing! Thank you.**  
Mrs Young - Head of School



## Southbank Players

Following a very successful run of Murder Mystery performances last year we are now hard at work on rehearsing a new show that will be performed at the Nelthorpe Arms in South Ferriby, Ulceby Church and a few WI groups around the area.

Keep your eye on our website or social media to see where we are going to be and when. If you would like to book us for your group then do get in touch.

We have had a couple of new members join us recently and there is always room for a few more, so if you fancy joining us either as an actor or to help out in other ways, please send us an email [admin@sbplayers.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbplayers.co.uk) or text 07879 777267

Looking ahead to the autumn we will be running a couple of guided walks again for the Heritage Open Days in Barton, on the evenings of September 13 and 20. These are free but need to be booked in advance. Look out for information on this nearer the time. The walks start from

Baysgarth House Museum at 6pm and take a couple of hours. Several costumed characters come out to tell their stories at various points around the town.

After a busy Ghost Walk season which finished at the end of March, we are having a rest from scaring people until Halloween! Tickets for the Halloween Ghost Walk go on sale via our website a few weeks before, and we recommend you book for this one as it tends to be popular. There will be further walks on the last Fridays of November, January, February and March. Ticket prices will remain at £5 per person and can be booked at [www.sbplayers.co.uk](http://www.sbplayers.co.uk). Walks start from Baysgarth House Museum at 7.30pm.

## Barton Park Bowling

The much-heralded new bowling season will shortly be upon us.

A new season, bringing new hopes and aspirations and a new division after last season's promotion to the First Division of the SDBL. Interest is rekindled and friendships renewed on that much treasured square of turf within the delightful confines of Baysgarth Park.

However, this is just the start of this season's story. Barton Park is a very warm and friendly club and actively seeks to welcome new members, be they experienced players or newbies, into the fold.

New members are our lifeblood, all ages shapes and sizes will be offered the warmest of welcomes. Come along and give it a try! In May we will be holding roll-ups or introductory / practice sessions at 2pm on May 4, 11,18 and 25. There is no charge for those participating in these sessions.

## Millwriters new members introduction night May 14 2025

Millwriters Creative Writing Group was inaugurated at the Old Mill in Barton several years ago, since then it has been the monthly go-to fellowship meeting for aspiring and existing writers as well as those who love literature.

Our recent home has been The Ted Lewis Centre. There is no pressure on attendees to write, because listeners are as important as writers. However, in practice, most of us do write a short story for pleasure and enjoy others creatively discussing its contents. This also increases insight and enhances skills. Our contributions are circulated electronically before the meeting because reading them out aloud would leave no time for the important discussion.

From time to time, we focus on various aspects of writing skills and benefit from helpful involvement of professional writers and academics. The focus, however, is fellowship, improvement and enjoyment.

Our next meeting will be held at the Ted Lewis Centre on Ferriby Road, Barton from 7pm prompt to around 9 pm on May 14. Our existing members will have been writing from the prompt "A Slippery Slope". So, if you write or feel you would like to contribute or are just interested to find out, why not come along. We don't bite.

Our meetings are open, not only to those who live in Barton, but from the surrounding district including East Yorkshire. There are no formalities but if you want your short story of no more than 2000 words to be considered, please sent it to Monty, [emjay.tlc@gmail.com](mailto:emjay.tlc@gmail.com) and he will also be pleased to help with any queries you may have. Telephone 07803504795. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each calendar month.

## Water's Edge update

Spring is now in full swing and we have been enjoying the sunshine, blossom and greenery of the season. We are yet to spot the first ducklings or goslings here though!

For our younger visitors the May half-term offer includes drop-in craft activities on May 27 and 29, a slime workshop with Lab Rascals on May 28 and a workshop with new craft provider H & Me on May 30.

We also have some lovely creative classes available for adults including wood carving, acrylic painting, mixed media collage and many more.

Our Art Weekend is taking place on June 7 and 8 that will showcase a selection of local artists using a variety of mediums including oils, watercolour and photography. Pieces will be available to purchase so you can take away a unique work of art from a talented local creative. The exhibition will be taking place from 10am to 4pm and entry is free.

As always, full details for all events and activities can be found at the Facebook page for Water's Edge Visitor Centre & Country Park, by calling the Visitors' Centre on 01652 631500 or by calling into the Visitors' Centre in person.

## To all dog owners...

This is time of the year to remind all dog owners to pick up their dog poo. Children will be playing in our public areas like parks and dog poo can be very dangerous to young children. Please always take your bags with you and pick up.

Also whilst writing this I would like to remind those people who are walking their dogs in the cemetery off Barrow road, that dogs should be on a lead whilst been exercised there and NOT just let off their leads. There have been a lot of reports of dog owners just letting their dogs off leads and then not seeing them having a poo and therefore not picking it up. Please respect the graves and if your dog does have a poo pick it up and take it home.

Many thanks Cllr Chris Patterson



The Food Bank is continuing to be busy meeting the demand from Barton and the surrounding villages. We would like to take the opportunity to once again thank all our new and continuing supporters, and to remind those wishing to access the Food Bank of the way to do this.

PLEASE DO NOT STRUGGLE!

If you have school age children, please ask your child's school or nursery to refer you by ringing the number below. Similarly, any church or town and parish council knows how to contact us, together with all our partner agencies such as the Job Centre, Children's Centre, North Lincolnshire Council's Social Services, the Viking Resource Centre, The Hub, Barton Surgery, Citizens' Advice etc or ring us direct. Our number is 07526 472 683 or email [bartonareafoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:bartonareafoodbank@gmail.com)

You can also come up to the Barton Salvation Army on Toft's Road to have a confidential chat.

Just to remind everyone, our opening times at the Salvation Army Church are

Tuesdays and Fridays between 2pm and 3-30pm. We may also be able to signpost you for advice to other agencies.

The Food Bank continues to spend approximately £2000 per month, topping up our stocks, as donations of food etc currently lessen. This

## Join Our Patient Participation Group (PPG)

A warm Welcome from the PPG, Central Surgery, Barton upon Humber.

A PPG is a group of people who are patients of the surgery and want to help it work as well as it can for patients, doctors and staff. Your experiences matters and you can bring different ideas to the surgery to help us treat patients better or to improve what we do in some way. You will also gain a better understanding of the NHS and gather feedback from other patients.

Your views are important and will be listened to. It may not be possible to act on every suggestion, but all feedback is very valuable. Working in a spirit of mutual respect, openness and trust, all patients' views will be discussed and, where appropriate, we will work together on solutions.

We are keen to hear from people of all backgrounds, ages and gender. We meet every other month, on a Monday evening from 6.30 to 7.30pm.

If you would like to join the PPG, you need to be a patient at Central Surgery and a resident of Barton upon Humber, Goxhill and surrounding villages.

If this is something you may be interested in, or would like more information, please contact: Emma Smith via email [n.BB1005@nhs.net](mailto:n.BB1005@nhs.net) or telephone 01652 636600.

Your sincerely  
Chair of the PPG

## Barton Area Food Bank

all takes not just money but time and physical effort and is wholly dependent on volunteers and the support of individuals, organisations, companies and grants.

Twice a year Barton Tesco allows us to stand in the store to meet the public and to receive donations. We usually collect enough food etc to meet demand for about two weeks. Our next collection is in June from Thursday June 19 until Saturday June 21. We look forward to meeting some of you then.

Humber & Wolds Rural Action (based in Barton) delivers a Voluntary Car Scheme across North Lincolnshire, which helps people with genuine transport difficulties over the age of 18 get to important appointments such as doctors, hospitals, dentists, clinics, support groups, local shops etc.

Please contact Carole Foster on 01652 637700 or email [voluntarycarservice@hwrcc.org.uk](mailto:voluntarycarservice@hwrcc.org.uk).

**\*\*You choose how much time you wish to volunteer, and you are paid a mileage rate\*\***

## Join our team of Volunteer Drivers

We are looking for more drivers to join our friendly team to meet current high demand for our service.

If you have a car, enjoy driving and meeting new people (or know someone who does!) and would like to give something back to your community, we would love to hear from you.

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### Barton Open Gardens

28 & 29 June 2pm – 5pm



IN AID OF  
LINDSEY LODGE  
HOSPICE

There is still time to enter your garden for this year's event please email [liz@the-ropewalk.co.uk](mailto:liz@the-ropewalk.co.uk). Large or small we welcome them all!  
Maps costing £5 per person that gain entry to all gardens over the two days will be available from The Ropewalk from 14 June.

## Free Energy Awareness drop-in sessions

Come to a free drop-in to find out about staying warm for less at home, Carbon Monoxide and associated risks, and signing up to the Priority Services Register.

The Priority Services Register is a free service that provides extra advice and support if there's an interruption to your electricity, gas or water supply. Many people are eligible to join, including pensioners, people with children under 5, people with disabilities and/or using certain medical equipment. We can help to sign you up (it's quick, easy and free).

**Benefits include:**

- Advance notice of planned power cuts to help you prepare
- Alternative heating and cooking facilities if your gas supply is interrupted
- Free moving of meters if they are in a hard-to-reach location
- Annual free gas safety check (for certain eligible households) to check your supply and appliances are safe to use
- 'Knock and wait' service to alert engineers if you need a little longer to answer the door
- Priority support in the event of a power cut

We will also have information about Carbon Monoxide and signs to look out for in the home. Thanks to funding from the Cadent Centre for Warmth project, a Carbon Monoxide detector will be provided free of charge, if you don't have a working one at home.

Join us in the Community Room at Trinity Methodist Church (access from side entrance on Vestry Lane) on any of the following dates:

Monday April 28

May 19 or June 2, 10am – 12pm

For information about the Living Later Life Well project and activities we offer throughout the week, give Jo Marwood (Project Manager) a call on 07821 900623 or email [jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com](mailto:jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com).

Newsletters about upcoming activities are available every two months. You can receive these via email or collect a paper copy from Trinity Methodist Church.





What's On: May - July 2025

Sat May 3 and every Sat after  
Parkrun  
Baysgarth Park 9am  
Take part in a weekly parkrun event in the beautiful surroundings of Baysgarth Park.  
Free  
Saturday May 3  
Barton Market  
Market Place and Butchery 8.30am - 1.30pm  
Shop a wide range of fresh food, gifts, accessories, and lots more.  
Free

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June 7 - September 7  
To download an entry form visit <https://www.the-ropewalk.co.uk/visit/galleries>

Submission Dates: Friday May 23, Saturday May 24, Sunday May 25 & Monday May 26. 10.30am - 4pm.

The Ropewalk, Maltkiln Road, Barton upon Humber North Lincolnshire. DN18 5JT. 01652 660380

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Barton upon Humber Civic Society Lecture  
[www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk](http://www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk)

VERE FOSTER

VERE FOSTER: CHANGING LIVES FOR THE IRISH POOR

with Jean Cannon & Ian Wolseley

Friday 16 May, 7.30pm  
Joseph Wright Hall, Wilderspin National School Museum  
Queen Street [DN18 5QP].  
Admission free for members/£4 for non-members

Thursday May 8  
VE Day 80th Anniversary  
Beacon Lighting  
Organised by the Viking Way Café, an evening of entertainment.  
7pm Live music by the Ancholme River Jazz Band. 9pm Lighting of the Beacon at the Humber Bridge viewing area  
Free  
Thursday May 8  
VE Day 80th Anniversary  
Afternoon Tea Party  
Assembly Rooms 2pm - 4pm  
Organised by Barton Upon Humber Town Council, an Afternoon Tea Party with music in the Assembly Rooms on Queen Street.  
This is a FREE event, but you must register your interest in attending.

Wednesday May 14  
Wednesday Wanders:  
Bird Song and Bird Identification  
Far Ings National Nature Reserve 7pm  
For this month's 'Wednesday Wander' members of Barton Area Group will be led around Far Ings National Nature Reserve to listen out and identify different bird songs. The walk will be led by Vernon Chapman and everyone is welcome whether you are a beginner or an expert!  
Free  
Friday May 16  
Barton Civic Society talk  
- Changing Lives for the Irish Poor  
Joseph Wright Hall 7.30pm  
During the Great Famine of the 1840s in Ireland, Vere Foster assisted the poor, helping with the re-settlement of thousands of emigrants to North America escaping starvation and disease. For those unable to emigrate he set his sights on improving their life chances by lifting educational standards in Irish schools. Jean Cannon

Monday May 19  
Springtime Mosaics for over-60s  
Community Room, Trinity Methodist Church 1pm - 4pm  
Learn to design your own springtime-themed mosaic, cut glass and tiles, and build your mosaic onto a panel with grout to set the final design.  
£5 suggested donation  
Monday May 26  
Birds of Prey  
Humber Bridge Garden Centre 10am - 4pm  
Get up close and personal with these majestic creatures. Join us on Monday May 26 for an unforgettable experience. Witness the beauty of these birds of prey and learn about their natural habitats and behaviours.  
Free  
Thursday May 29  
Family Craft Afternoon  
Baysgarth Park 1pm - 4pm  
Barton Lions has kindly allowed The Ropewalk use of its beer tent, ahead of their annual Beer Festival, to provide

revisits this momentous period in Irish history and Ian Wolseley explains how a seemingly innocuous bundle of family letters revealed a family link to this great man.  
Admission costs £4 for non-members.  
Saturday May 17  
Bob Flowerdew  
Ropery Hall 7.30pm  
Bob Flowerdew is one of Britain's leading organic gardeners, and a television and radio presenter. He is a regular panel member of BBC Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time. The son of a farmer, his family have been working the land in East Anglia since Elizabethan times. Flowerdew runs a consultancy landscape service, is President of the Norfolk group of the Soil Association and also teaches at agricultural college. He has written books on gardening including 'Going Organic: The Good Gardener's Guide to Getting It Right'.  
£22/£24 OTD

Sunday May 18  
The Ropewalk Gardening Day  
The Ropewalk Promenade 10am - 3pm  
Visit The Ropewalk to enjoy their annual Gardening Day. Stroll along The Promenade and browse a wide range of stalls all related to the art of gardening, there will also be a barbecue on the go for hungry gardeners.  
Free  
Monday May 19  
Energy Awareness Drop-In  
Community Room, Trinity Methodist Church 10am - 12pm  
Come for a cuppa and a chat about saving energy in the home and Carbon Monoxide awareness. Pick up a free Carbon Monoxide detector, and join the free Priority Services Register if eligible which can entitle you to extra services in the event of an interruption to your gas/electricity supply.  
Free

Monday June 2  
Energy Awareness Drop-In  
Community Room, Trinity Methodist Church 10am - 12 noon  
Come for a cuppa and a chat about saving energy in the home and Carbon Monoxide awareness. Pick up a free Carbon Monoxide detector, and join the free Priority Services Register if eligible which can entitle you to extra services in the event of an interruption to your gas/electricity supply.  
Free

Saturday June 7  
Barton Market  
Market Place and Butchery 8.30am - 1.30pm  
Shop a wide range of fresh food, gifts, accessories, and lots more.  
Free

Saturday June 7  
Humber to The Wash  
Exhibition Opening  
The Ropewalk 10am - 5pm  
A popular open exhibition featuring work by professional and amateur artists who live or work in the Humber to The Wash region. This exhibition will be open until Sunday, September 7.  
Free  
Saturday June 7  
American Car Day  
Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk 3pm - 8pm  
Route 66 American Car enthusiasts gather to show of their vehicles. BBQ, bar and live music.  
Free

Saturday June 7  
Rex Russell Memorial  
Saturday School  
Wilderspin National School 10am - 3pm  
Following the success of the inaugural Rex Russell Memorial Lecture in 2024 the Civic Society and Wilderspin & National School Museum are once again joining forces to present an extended session focussing on themes dear to Rex delivered in the manner of his popular Saturday Schools.  
£12 Members /£20 non-members

Saturday June 7  
Alpaca Visit  
Humber Bridge Garden Centre 11am - 4pm  
Come and see these fascinating animals, take as many photographs as you like and have all your alpaca questions answered, surrounded by the stunning grounds of Humber Bridge Garden Centre.  
Free

Saturday June 7 and Sunday 8  
Artist Weekend Pop-up Shops  
Water's Edge 10am - 4pm  
Join us for a weekend pop up shop showcasing the incredible work of local artists. We will have many different media being represented from watercolours to wildlife and nature photography.  
Free

Saturday June 14 and Sunday June 15  
Barton Carnival  
Baysgarth Park June 14 11am - 5pm, June 15 11am - 4pm  
Barton Carnival returns to Baysgarth Park for a fun filled weekend with something for everyone. Expect funfair rides, craft stalls, live entertainment, street food and more.  
£4 per person or £12 for a family of four.

Wednesday June 18  
Wildflower Walk and Identification  
Meet at Ness End Farm 7pm - 9pm  
An evening walk around Far Ings Nature Reserve looking at Wildflowers with the warden.  
Free

Friday June 20  
A Barton Civic Society lecture: Discordant Noises - 'Riding the Stang' and 'Skimmington Rides'  
Dr. Andrew Walker, Chair of the Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology. Joseph Wright Hall 7.30pm  
This curious folk custom in Europe and North America throughout the nineteenth century involved crowds making as much noise as possible by beating on pots and pans or anything that came to hand, creating what was known as rough music. This is another chance to hear Andrew Walker explain how these events enabled communities to regulate themselves and impart their own "rough justice".  
£4 non-members.

Saturday June 21 and Sunday 22  
Vintage Tractor Rally  
Humber Bridge Garden Centre 10am - 4pm  
Free



Saturday June 28 and Sunday June 29  
Barton Open Gardens  
Various locations 2pm - 5pm  
Private gardens large and small open to the public in aid of charity. Tickets available to purchase from June 14 at The Ropewalk.  
£4 per ticket

Sunday June 29  
Classic Car Day  
The Ropewalk 10am - 3pm  
Visit The Ropewalk's Classic Car Day to admire a large selection of classic cars and vintage cycles down The Ropewalk Promenade.  
Free

Sunday June 29  
Barton Street Boot  
Various locations 10am - 2pm  
Follow the map to find stalls of pre-loved items in front of people's houses and front gardens. Pick up a bargain whilst having a walk around the town.  
Free

Wednesday July 2  
Barton Bike Night  
5pm - 10pm  
Thousands of bikers and visitors will flock to the town centre to experience a great evening. From 5pm until late, Barton comes alive with motorcycles. Attractions include trade stands and vintage bikes. Enjoy live bands playing at pubs.  
Free

Saturday July 5  
Barton Market  
Market Place and Butchery 8.30am - 1.30pm  
Shop a wide range of fresh food, gifts, accessories, and lots more.  
Free

Saturday July 5  
Birds of Prey  
Humber Bridge Garden Centre 10am - 4pm  
Get up close and personal with these majestic creatures. Join us on Saturday, July 5 for an unforgettable experience. Witness the beauty of these birds of prey and learn about their natural habitats and behaviours.  
Free

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Sunday June 29 & Sunday August 17  
10AM - 2PM  
Sell your unwanted, good quality items from the comfort of your own garden or driveway!  
Scan the QR code below to sign up and be added to the map.  
£3 for one day or £5 to do both.

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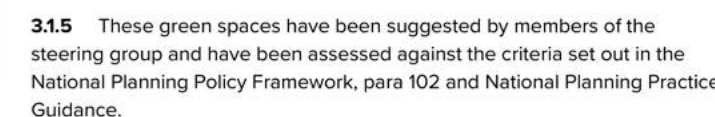
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Barton upon Humber Civic Society Lecture  
[www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk](http://www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk)

Discordant Noises - 'riding the stang' and 'skimmington rides'  
with Dr. Andrew Walker

Friday 20 June, 7.30pm  
Joseph Wright Hall, Wilderspin National School Museum  
Queen Street [DN18 5QP].  
Admission free for members/£4 for non-members



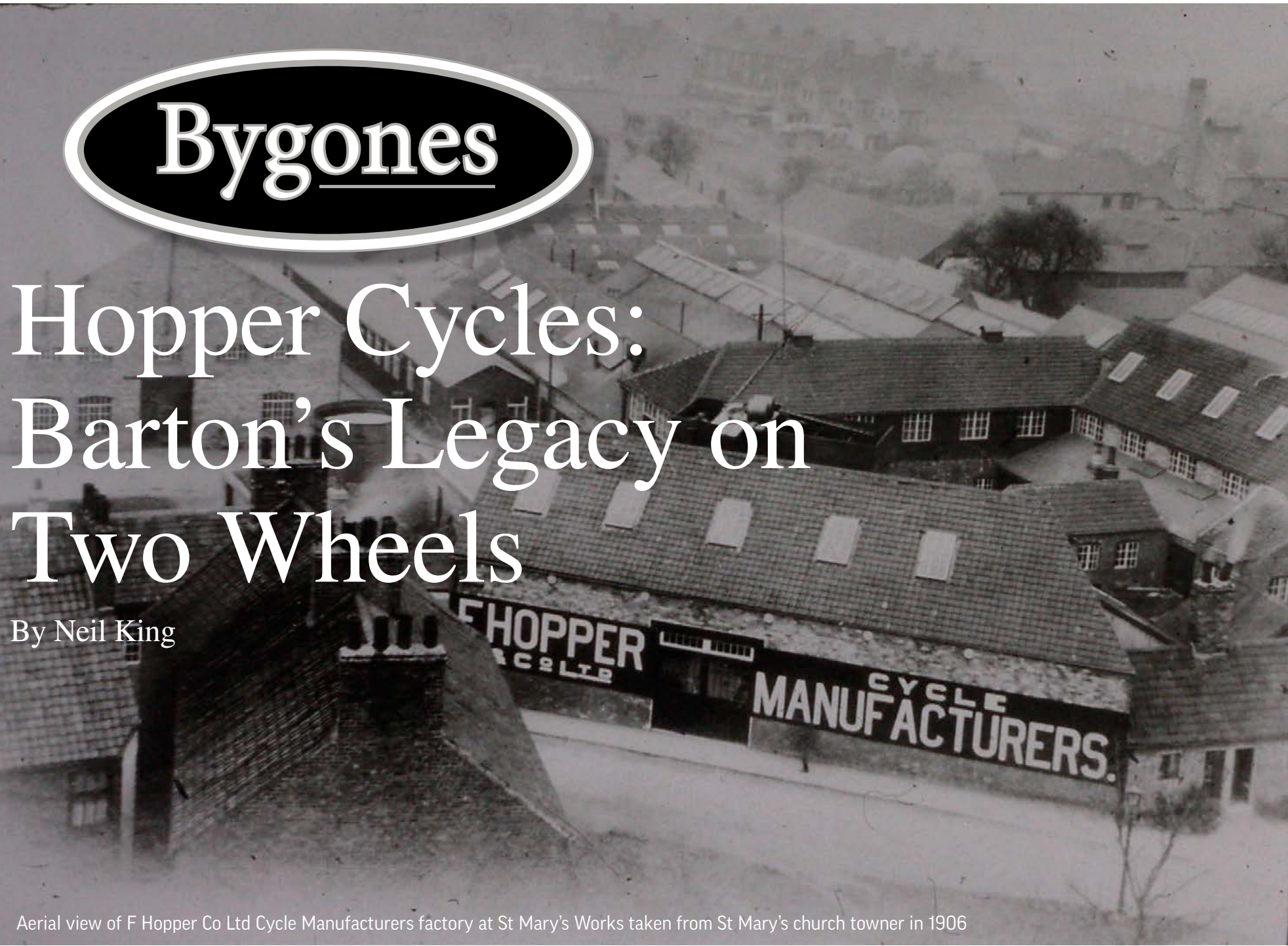






# Hopper Cycles: Barton’s Legacy on Two Wheels

By Neil King



Aerial view of F Hopper Co Ltd Cycle Manufacturers factory at St Mary's Works taken from St Mary's church tower in 1906

Barton upon Humber boasts a rich heritage in cycle manufacturing that spans more than a century. This legacy is primarily attributed to the endeavours of Fred Hopper and the subsequent evolution of his enterprise into the renowned Elswick-Hopper Cycle and Motor Company.



Postcard showing the Hoppers workers outside the Brigg Road workshop, office and showroom in 1902. Fred Hopper is on the extreme right (credit David Lee)

The journey from a modest whitesmith's workshop to a significant player in the global bicycle industry is a testament to innovation, resilience, and adaptability. Hopper was synonymous with quality bicycles, innovation, and community spirit for over a century, putting Barton on the map of British manufacturing.

### Beginnings: Fred Hopper's Vision

In 1880, a skilled whitesmith, Fred Hopper snr, established a workshop on Brigg Road in Barton. Initially focusing on general metalwork, Hopper's keen interest in the burgeoning field of bicycles led him to diversify his craft. By 1890, he began manufacturing his own design of the safety bicycle. This revolutionary development offered enhanced stability and safety compared to the earlier penny-farthing models. This innovation marked the inception of a cycling legacy in Barton.

### Early Growth and Challenges

The initial years saw Hopper's enterprise flourish, capitalising on the growing popularity of cycling both domestically and internationally. His bicycles, known for their quality and durability, gained traction in

various markets. However, the late 19th century witnessed a surge in cycle manufacturing, leading to intense competition. While many manufacturers diversified into motorcycles and automobiles, Hopper remained steadfast in refining bicycle production. His strategic location in Barton and skilled workforce enabled him to produce affordable bicycles, thus broadening their accessibility.

### Formation of Elswick-Hopper Cycle and Motor Company

In 1910, a significant milestone was achieved when Fred Hopper acquired the assets of the Elswick Cycle Company, a Newcastle-based firm renowned for its high-quality bicycles since the 1880s. This acquisition led to the formation of the Elswick-Hopper Cycle and Motor Company in 1913. Despite initial financial challenges, the company persevered. By 1914, it was recognised as a wholesale manufacturer of cycles, motorcycles, and motorcars.

### Interwar Period: Expansion and Innovation

The interwar years marked a period of significant growth for Elswick-Hopper, under the leadership of Fred Hopper jnr from 1925. The

acquisition of Elswick's designs and patents allowed the production of distinguished bicycle models that appealed to domestic and international markets. Despite economic fluctuations, the company maintained a reputation for quality and innovation, continually adapting to the evolving demands of cyclists.

In 1937, Elswick Hopper was among the leading bicycle manufacturers in the UK, producing about 200,000 bicycles annually.

During World War 2, Elswick Hopper played a crucial role in supporting the war effort by manufacturing military bicycles for British troops. Many soldiers rode Hopper bicycles into battle, relying on them for mobility in challenging terrains. Some models were designed to be folded and carried, making them ideal for paratroopers.

### Post-War Developments and Diversification

The aftermath of World War 2 presented both challenges and opportunities. Elswick-Hopper ventured into motorised transport, experimenting with mopeds in the 1950s. The Lynx moped, introduced in 1960, featured a French VAP 49cc engine and demonstrated the company's commitment to



"Park View" Barrow Road also referred to in earlier postcards as Hopper's Row was built by Hopper in 1907. (credit David Lee)



On Marsh Lane the Elswick building under construction during 1911.

Brigg Road

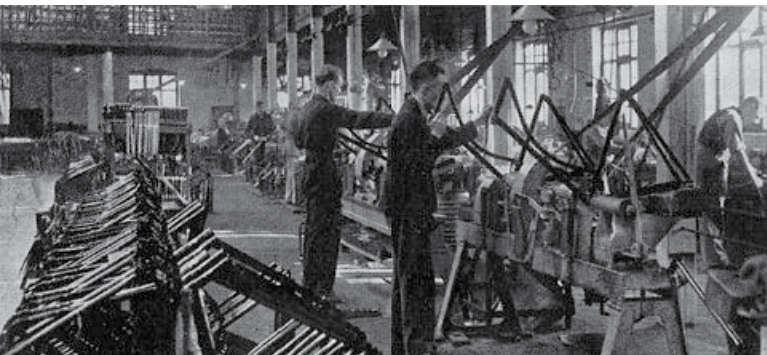


The completed office building on the corner of Brigg Road that was first occupied in 1905

cycle manufacturing in Barton upon Humber endures. Falcon Cycles, now based in Brigg and operating under Tandem Group Cycles, continues to produce bicycles under various brand names, including Elswick, maintaining the town's connection to its cycling heritage.

### Conclusion

The evolution of cycle manufacturing in Barton upon Humber demonstrates a story of innovation, adaptability, and resilience. From Fred Hopper's pioneering efforts in the late 19th century to the strategic expansions and challenges of the 20th century,



Hopper's factory



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Management houses built by Hopper around 1905 at the west end of Butts Road next to the Hull and Barton Manufacturing Co Ltd factor



The Hoppers workshop, office and showroom on the west side of Brigg Road in the early 1890s



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A Dog's Day Out in Barton

Barton is a haven for dog lovers, with a growing number of pubs, cafes, and restaurants extending a warm welcome to four-legged friends.

Beyond the dog-friendly dining options, Barton also offers a variety of activities for those looking to explore with their canine companions, plus plenty of grooming salons where you can pamper your dog following all those muddy walks!

Dog-Friendly Dining

Forget leaving your furry friend at home – in Barton, they're part of the family outing. Several establishments have embraced the dog-friendly ethos, providing water bowls, treats, and even dedicated dog menus.

The George Inn is a popular choice, having recently featured on BBC Radio 4 receiving well-deserved praise for its very special Dog's Menu! Similarly, The Humber Bridge Garden Centre offers a cosy atmosphere and a delicious range of meals, cakes and light bites, making it the perfect spot for a post-walk treat. It even has a jar of complimentary dog biscuits on the counter.

The Humber Hideaway Café located in Water's Edge happily welcomes dogs and is the perfect



spot to stop and refuel after a long walk around the Country Park or along the river.

Wonderful Walks

Barton's dog-friendly charm extends well beyond its eateries, with some fantastic walks for all energy levels. A walk along the Humber provides stunning views of the estuary and plenty of opportunities for dogs to enjoy a good run, whereas Barton's beautifully maintained parks are great for a gentler stroll. Many of

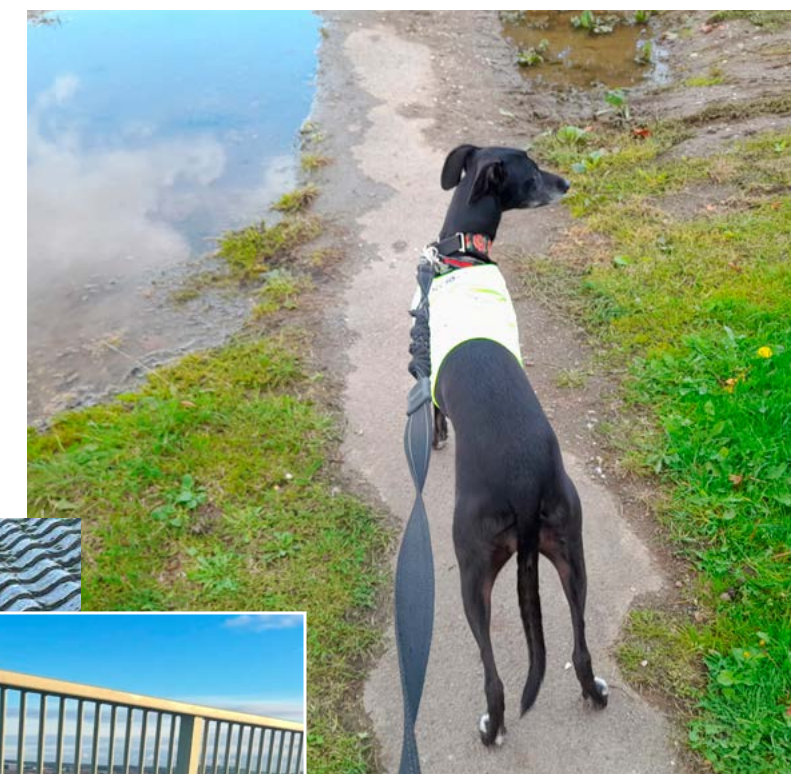
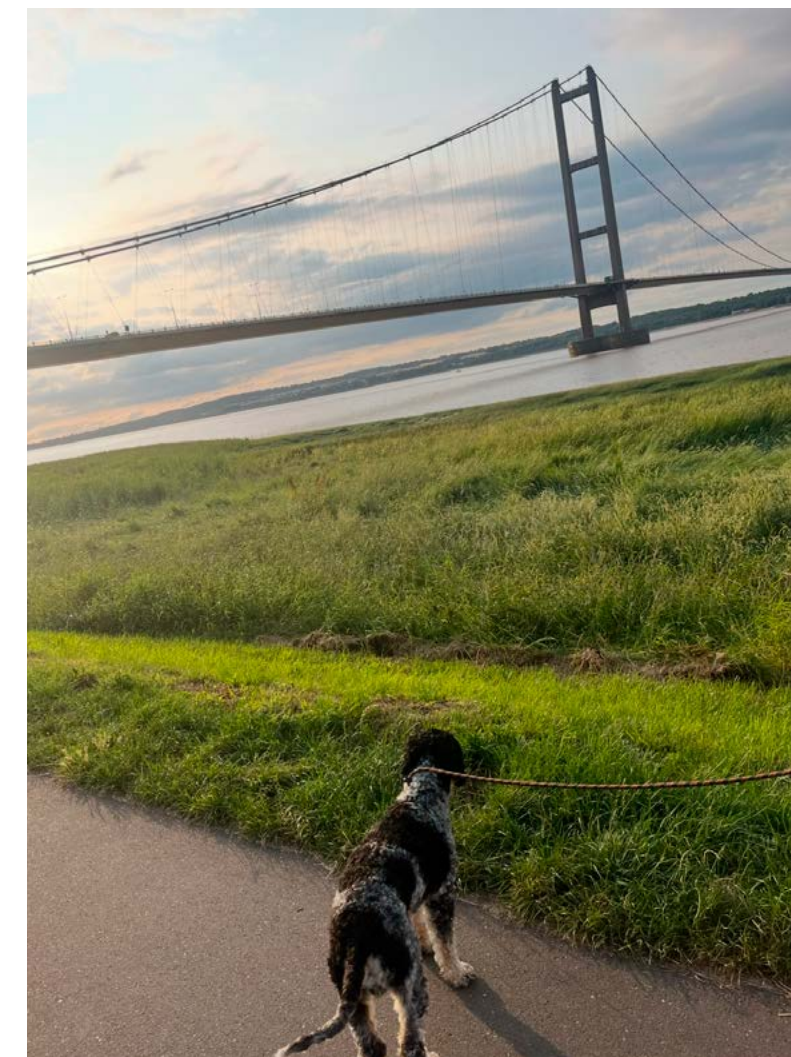
these green areas are maintained by Barton Volunteers, please be considerate when visiting and ensure that dog waste is disposed of appropriately.

Pampered Pooches

If your dog needs a little pampering after all that walking and lurching, Barton has plenty of places to take your dog for a freshen up!

Becky's Dog Grooming, situated in the retail units at The Humber Bridge Garden Centre, offers a range of grooming services including nail trims, visor trims, foot trims and ultrasonic teeth cleaning. There are many other groomers in Barton including Barking Boulevard, Lucy's Dog Grooming, Barton Barkers and Ruff to Woof, all offering varied services.

Don't forget to stop by The Pet Shop on Market Lane to stock up on all your dog essentials such as food, accessories, treats and toys. You can also visit Barton Market on the first Saturday of every month to stock up on dog supplies from The Blue Whippet and Buddy's Bites.



Barton's commitment to welcoming dogs makes it a delightful destination for dog owners. With its combination of dog-friendly venues, scenic walks, and local pet services, the town offers a truly paw-some experience for both humans and their canine companions.

For more information about dog-friendly venues in Barton, visit the Barton Tourism Partnership website by scanning the QR code below, using your smartphone's camera.



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## Barton Area Group Spring / Summer Events

Come and join us and learn more about our local area and the wildlife in it. You do not have to be a member of the Trust to attend any of our events and its free! For any information, please contact Vernon Chapman or Maureen Douglass as below. Look forward to seeing you!

**Saturday Field Trips** – Meet at Ness End Farm all 9.00am start unless stated.

For full day trips bring a packed lunch and expect a return time of about 5pm. For half day trips expect a return time of 1pm. You will need suitable clothing and footwear (boots or wellies, warm clothes and waterproofs may be needed, especially in the colder months). For further information, contact the trip leader who will be happy to help.

To get to Ness End Farm from Barton-upon-Humber, travel west along Far Ings Road, go past the brown signs for Far Ings visitor centre and past the turning for the hotel. The road narrows and after 300 yards Ness End Farm car park is on your right (satnav post code DN18 5RG).

**Saturday May 17 (Full day)**  
**Frampton Marsh**  
RSPB Frampton Marsh provides close views of the abundant birdlife of The Wash. The reserve is internationally important for vast flocks of wintering wildfowl as well as migrating and breeding waders.  
Leader: Simon Wellock (01652 634507)

**Saturday June 14 (Full day)**  
**Woodhall Spa / Chambers Farm Wood**  
Morning: Woodhall Spa Airfield is a landscape of sandy soils with acid grassland, heathland with some marsh areas and open water. As a nature reserve it will become a haven for wildlife as well as a place where visitors can share in the unique and peaceful atmosphere of this former airfield. Afternoon: Chambers Wood Farm including the Butterfly Garden  
Leader: Simon Wellock (01652 634507)  
Free

**Saturday July 5 (Full day)**  
**Bempton Cliffs**  
Bempton Cliffs, on the spectacular Yorkshire coast, is home to one of the UK's top wildlife spectacles. Around half a million seabirds gather here between March and August to raise a family on the towering chalk cliffs that overlook the North Sea.  
Leader: Alex Cawley (07722 555302)  
Free

**Wednesday Wanders** meet at Ness End Farm for a 7.00pm start unless stated.  
2 hour local evening walk.

**Wednesday May 14 (2 hours)**  
**Bird song and bird identification**  
An evening walk around Far Ings Nature reserve identifying birds by song.  
Leader: Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)  
Free

**Wednesday June 18 (2 hours)**  
**Wild flower walk and identification**  
An evening walk around Far Ings Nature reserve looking at Wildflowers with the warden.  
Leader: Simon Wellock (01652 634507)  
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# Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance (LNAA) completes busiest March on record

LNAA were called to 153 emergencies in March 2025, compared to 123 in 2024 and 139 – the highest previously recorded – in 2023. The crews attended 34 RTCs, 74 medical incidents, 24 accidental injuries and three assaults throughout the month.

The crew were called to a motorcyclist in Mablethorpe who had come off his bike. The doctor and paramedic were by his side within 15 minutes, landing as close as possible to the patient. He was taken to hospital in the helicopter.

Another mission at night following reports of a patient who had been stabbed. The crew treated the patient on scene before loading into the helicopter to go to hospital.

LNAA Head of Operations, Laura Evans said, "The skill level of our crews and the speed of our helicopter means that we are well-equipped to respond to all kinds of incidents across Lincs & Notts.

"Our fantastic doctors, paramedics and pilots continuously strive to be the best they can so that they consistently deliver world-class care to patients. Being able to respond to this number of incidents and get to patients so

that care can be delivered is all thanks to everyone who supports LNAA. We simply couldn't be there without them."

The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance responds to an average of four missions a day, 356 days of the

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## Do something amazing with your time - Volunteer with Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance

Every day, volunteers step up with unwavering commitment to support Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance. Their dedication helps raise vital funds, spread awareness, and provide essential support that allows LNAA's team of pilots, doctors and paramedics deliver life-saving care.

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your time – it's about joining a network of passionate people who care about making a difference. Whether it's giving a few hours a week, helping at events, or contributing on an occasional basis, we have a role for you.

For more info visit : Volunteer For Us | Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance [volunteering@ambucopter.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@ambucopter.org.uk)

# Foster Care Fortnight

Mark Friday 16 May in your calendars, as the date of the Twilight Walk. Beginning at Church Square, Scunthorpe, arrival at 5.45pm, the Twilight Walk goes to Central Park and back, ending back at Church Square, which will be lit up orange in celebration of Foster Care Fortnight.

This year's Foster Care Fortnight starts runs from Monday 12 May to Sunday 25 May. This is an annual campaign set up by The Fostering Network to raise the profile of fostering and show how foster care transforms lives.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the Twilight Walk, join the fostering team, bring along friends and family and dress head to toe in orange, or fancy dress!

Across the fortnight you can join in to display the true meaning of #ThePowerofRelationships - because at the heart of every fostering journey are the connections that make all the difference.

Additionally, to the Twilight Walk, the fostering team are going to be at community events across the fortnight where you can meet the team and ask any questions you may have about fostering, supported lodgings and how you can get involved:

- Wednesday 14 May, Baysgarth Hub, Barton upon Humber, 10am-2pm.
- Friday 16 May, Twilight Walk, Church Square, Scunthorpe, 5.45pm arrival.
- Saturday 17 May, Scunthorpe Parkrun, Central Park & Barton

- Parkrun, Baysgarth Park, 9am start.
- Sunday 18 May, The Ropewalk Gardening Day, Barton upon Humber, 10am - 3pm.
- Monday 19 May, Scunthorpe Central Library, Scunthorpe, 10am-2pm.
- Wednesday 21 May, Online Information Evening, 6:30pm-8pm. Register by scanning the QR code and visiting the North Lincolnshire Council website.
- Saturday 24 May, Scunthorpe Parkrun, Central Park & Barton Parkrun, Baysgarth Park, 9am start.

Further details about Foster Care Fortnight and how you can get involved are available by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.northlincs.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/fostering)

For the latest updates, you can also follow the North Lincolnshire Council social media pages.

To find out more about Fostering in North Lincolnshire, visit our North Lincolnshire Council website, email [fostering@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@northlincs.gov.uk) or call 01724 297024.

# Goxhill and Barrow Scout Group

As I'm writing this newsletter, all our young people have just finished for the Easter holidays.

In the last few months Birtwhistle Landscaping has been working hard upgrading the outdoor facilities at our hut in New Holland. This was phase one of our development project and we now have a new underground tubular experience, a new adventure Trim Trail and air rifle range and a refurbished outdoor fire pit shelter. Many thanks to North Lincolnshire Council, Tesco, Lincolnshire Co-op and our local Parish and Town Councils who all helped with the funding.

We are now looking towards moving to the next phase of our project and refurbishing the meeting hut itself. Watch this space for further news in the coming months.

So what have our young people been doing?

Beavers worked towards International and World Challenge badges as well as the Science badge which involved some really cool experiments. They also took part in a sleep over at the Deep, sleeping with the sharks and fish which was awesome.

Cubs are working on their navigation skills and putting them into practice to earn the Navigator badge and then learning new knots for their Pioneering badge.

Scouts are developing their knotting and lashing skills, building Viking catapults and various structures to earn their Pioneering badge. They also cooked a curry on Trangia stoves and baked soda bread. They are currently learning knife, axe and saw skills and whittling a spoon.

Explorers continued repairing and rebuilding the wooden canoe, engaged in disability awareness by putting up a tent as a blind / deaf / wheelchair user etc.

We are always looking for new Warranted Leaders to come and join us (we would particularly like to see some more younger adults in our team). If you're interested, please contact me on my email:

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## MEET YOUR BARTON-UPON-HUMBER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM



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Monday - 12 noon to 8pm  
Wednesday - 10am to 6pm  
Thursday - 10am to 6pm  
Saturday - 9am to 5pm



# The Barton Beat

Working with the community of Barton to drive down crime.

Personnel at Barton Neighbourhood Police Station are always here to listen, help and aid the members of the public in any way we can. We need you, as residents, to report issues to the police so they can allocate their resources to tackle our issues

If we don't know, we can't help!

Because you told us about the following incident, we have been able to start addressing it: **Youths kicking residents' doors in Barton.**

This is more than "knock-a-door-run," where youths as young as 11 years old vigorously kick doors, often causing damage. The occupants can be elderly, and this behaviour leaves them fearing for their safety. We're currently working to identify a cohort of youths responsible for several recent occurrences near St Mary's Church by reviewing CCTV, speaking to witnesses, and, if necessary, liaising with local schools to identify the youths. Anyone identified will be investigated for Harassment and Public Order offences.

### Top reported crimes

Most commonly reported crimes in Barton during February 2025

Violence and sexual offences	24
Burglary	4
Other theft	4
Other crime	4

### Can you help us?

The Barton Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) is also asking local residents to participate in a five-minute 'Humber Talking' survey to help identify the key issues in our community. Even if you've completed the survey before, issues

in the community change. The more responses we receive, the better understanding we have of what matters to you and where to focus our attention. Please complete the survey and forward it to your friends, family, or any clubs/groups/organisations you may be part of. Within the survey, you can also provide confidential information on local drug dealing, criminality or anti-social behaviour. If you would like to take part in the survey, please follow this link, where the Barton Neighbourhood Team will view your responses:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BME3ig11BE>

### Community Alert Service

The Community Alert Service keeps you updated on crime and police activity in your area. The bulletins help you avoid scammers and offer advice on staying safe.

You can sign up for the local "My Community Alert" emails by contacting us at the Barton Police Station or speaking to one of the neighbourhood teams.

This will then give you direct access to your area's email alerts.

If you witness Anti-Social Behaviour or any Criminal activity, please ring it in to Humberside Police on 101,

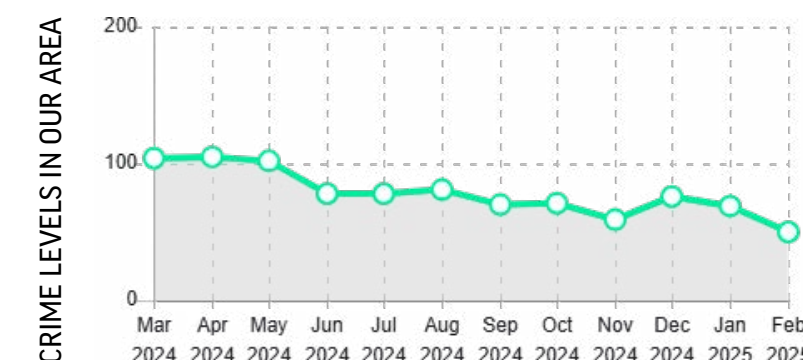
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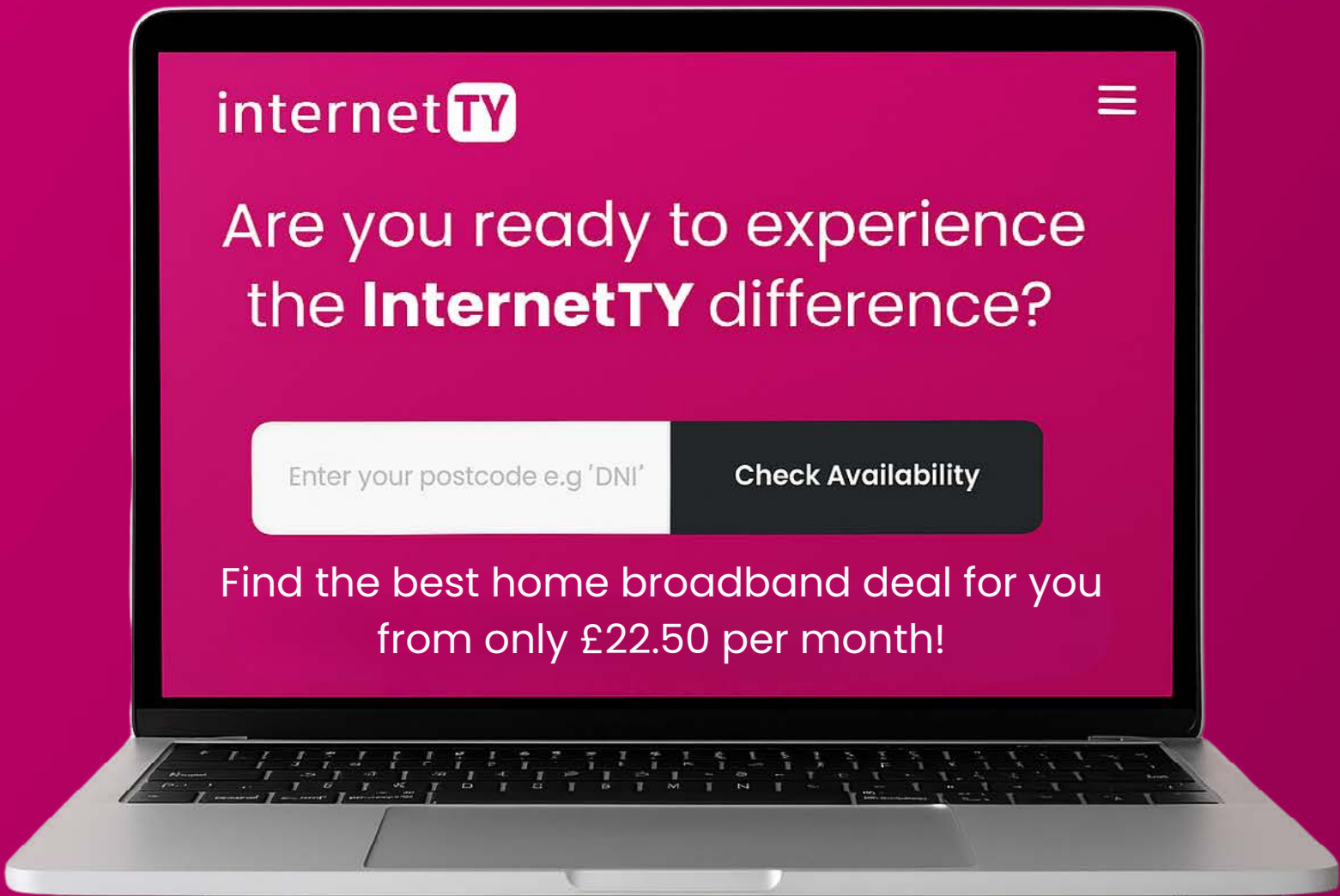


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