

## BARTONIAN 'WHAT'S ON' WELCOME TO 2026 - P12-13

# Good to Talk Walk: *The Barton Project Changing Lives One Step at a Time*

What began as a simple idea from a local welder has grown into one of Barton's most uplifting community movements.

Good to Talk Walk, launched by Barton resident Gareth Morrison, is bringing people together every week to boost fitness, friendship and mental wellbeing—and its impact is being felt far beyond the footpaths of the Humber. NEIL KING wanted to find out more.

Gareth, who works full-time as a welder, knows first-hand how deeply mental health challenges and suicide can affect families and communities. Wanting to create something positive, he posted a tentative message on social media asking if anyone might like to join him for a walk. The response was overwhelming. From that moment, Good to Talk Walk was born.

### Walking for Wellbeing

The concept is beautifully simple. Turn up, take a steady walk, enjoy the fresh air, and chat with friendly faces. The group meets early on Sunday mornings - "getting the miles in", as Gareth puts it—taking advantage of Barton's beautiful routes and the revitalising Humber air.

Walks usually set off from a local café or pub, ensuring that nearby businesses also benefit. In fact, a post-walk breakfast has become a cherished tradition, with many walkers staying on to eat together. Participants range from young adults through to retirees, and from seasoned walkers to complete beginners. Dogs, families, couples



and solo wanderers all join in. Those who need support are never left behind—something Gareth is especially proud of.

"It's free, it's easy, and everyone is welcome," he says. "We've built a great community. People look after each other".

### Friendships, Support—and Life-Changing Moments

One of the most powerful impacts of the project has been its ability to fight loneliness. Several walkers

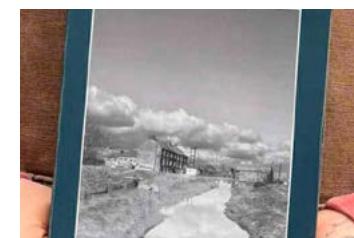
who joined feeling isolated have now formed strong friendships. Some participants even meet outside the walks to stay connected.

For Gareth, the most moving feedback has been from people who say the walks have transformed their mental health.

"Some have said it saved their life," he shares. "Others say it gives them a reason to get up in the morning. That means the world to me".



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### Growing Beyond Expectations

Despite its rapid rise, Gareth says he has faced "no challenges at all". Instead, the group has grown organically, buoyed by word-of-mouth and positive buzz on social media. Routes are carefully checked in advance, with Gareth walking them personally to ensure they're safe and accessible.

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mentioned above, provide a place to go to find more opportunities as well as helping find volunteers for groups to keep events running, and the 1st Goxhill and Barrow Scout Group which is our local group providing fun and activities for young people alongside learning.

We enjoy being able to represent Barton and see some of the great things that are going on and if you have an event or group that you would like us to attend please get in touch with the Town Council office.

*All the best for a great 2026*

**Cllr Ben Troop**

Mayor of Barton upon Humber



### A message from the Mayor

Last year was another busy year that just seemed to fly by but also a year that I believe has seen Barton thrive.

With a packed events calendar we are very lucky to have so many groups that help to plan and put these together making sure that there is always plenty to do in town.

All of this couldn't happen without the strong army of volunteers that give up their time too and we would like to thank everyone who has volunteered in any way across 2025 and would encourage that you can get in touch with the Barton Volunteers group (bartonvolunteers@the-ropewalk.

co.uk) if you want to explore any opportunities to get out there and support your community.

We are also conscious that this is also a time of the year when people can struggle with their mental health and remind everyone of the great local support there is in the area including the Samaritans who you can call on 116123 or groups like Andy's Man Club which has now set up in Barton. Please remember it's ok to not be ok and seeking help is always the best option.

As we look forward to 2026 we will be continuing to raise funds for our two chosen charities which are the Barton Volunteers group that, as

Carly and I would like to wish all in the town a very Happy New Year.



## 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

JANUARY 2026		
Planning	Monday January 26	6pm
Community	Monday January 26	6.30pm
<b>FEBRUARY 2026</b>		
Environment	Monday February 2	6pm
Full Council	Monday February 2	7pm
Planning	Monday February 16	6pm
<b>MARCH 2026</b>		
Full Council	Monday March 2	7pm
Planning	Monday March 9	6pm
Planning	Monday March 30	6pm

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Please keep up to date with meetings, town information, events and activities via the Town Council Website page [www.bartonuphumbertowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bartonuphumbertowncouncil.gov.uk) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BartonTownCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/BartonTownCouncil)

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## Planning Applications in Barton

Planning decisions are made by North Lincolnshire Council, but Barton Town Council is a "statutory consultee" so the Town Council Planning Committee reviews every planning application in the town and submits its view to North Lincolnshire Council. If the Town Council objects to a planning application, then the decision will be made by the full planning committee at North Lincolnshire Council, rather than a planning officer.

The Town Council Planning Committee meets every three weeks, and members of the public are very welcome to attend and have the opportunity to speak before the meeting.

Dates of meetings are published on the Town Council website and Facebook page.

Planning applications, and other planning information can be viewed on the North Lincolnshire Planning Portal at <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/planning-permission-applications-and-appeals/>. You can complete the field to view applications near you. If you click on the "search for a planning application" button, there are more search options - the ability to search by parish, so you can use the drop-down menus to filter to Barton only, and view pending or decided applications - or all of them. You can see all the comments made. For pending applications, you can also submit a

comment. You can keep up to date with local planning applications by visiting this page regularly.

If you see work going on, and suspect there may have been a breach of planning you can check the details on the portal and then report it at <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/report-a-suspected-breach-of-planning-control/>. It will then be investigated, and once that investigation is completed you should receive an update. Anonymous reports aren't accepted unless there is a serious health and safety breach.



Hello! My name is Abby and I recently became the Marketing and Events Officer at Barton Town Council.

After working as the Deputy Head Youth Worker at Barton Youth Club, I wanted to take on a new challenge, by becoming the Events and Marketing Officer, and add to the work that I do for the Town Council.

I have had previous Events and Marketing Experience from a range of roles in the arts and culture sector, and I have also enjoyed volunteering my time as a director and a trustee for two non-profit organisations in the arts sector. I am passionate about youth and creativity and spend most evenings working with young people in Barton and Broughton Youth Clubs.

I have also worked on several projects to support young people in a freelance capacity including as a youth engagement officer as well as facilitating a youth advisory panel. I love working creatively and look forward to continuing this in my new job role.

As part of my new job I will be creating social media posts, liaising with local businesses and community groups and organising the Town Council Events.

I have started posting both on the Barton Town Council Facebook Page as well as its new Instagram page and have been creating a range of posters for various events. I look forward to engaging with residents both digitally and in person as part of my role.

## Neighbourhood Plan adopted

I am delighted to announce that the Barton Upon Humber Neighbourhood Plan and Design Code was unanimously adopted by North Lincolnshire Council on December 4, following the successful Referendum held on November 20, 2025.

Applications for Planning Permission within the Barton upon Humber Designated Area must now be determined in accordance with this document and the rest of the Development Plan, unless material conditions indicate otherwise.

The Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the Development Plan for the Area alongside the most up to date Local Plan. Local Planning Authorities and Planning Inspectors considering planning applications or appeals must make their decisions in accordance with the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Veronica Pettifer**  
Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

**Assembly Rooms**  
The management of the Assembly Rooms transferred back to the Town Council from October 1, 2025.

There is much work to be completed, both inside and outside the building. These renovations include new windows for the whole building and decorating throughout. It is also hoped to further modernise the toilet areas.

Thanks go to CHAMP for managing this building for many years through some challenging times. The Assembly Rooms has a

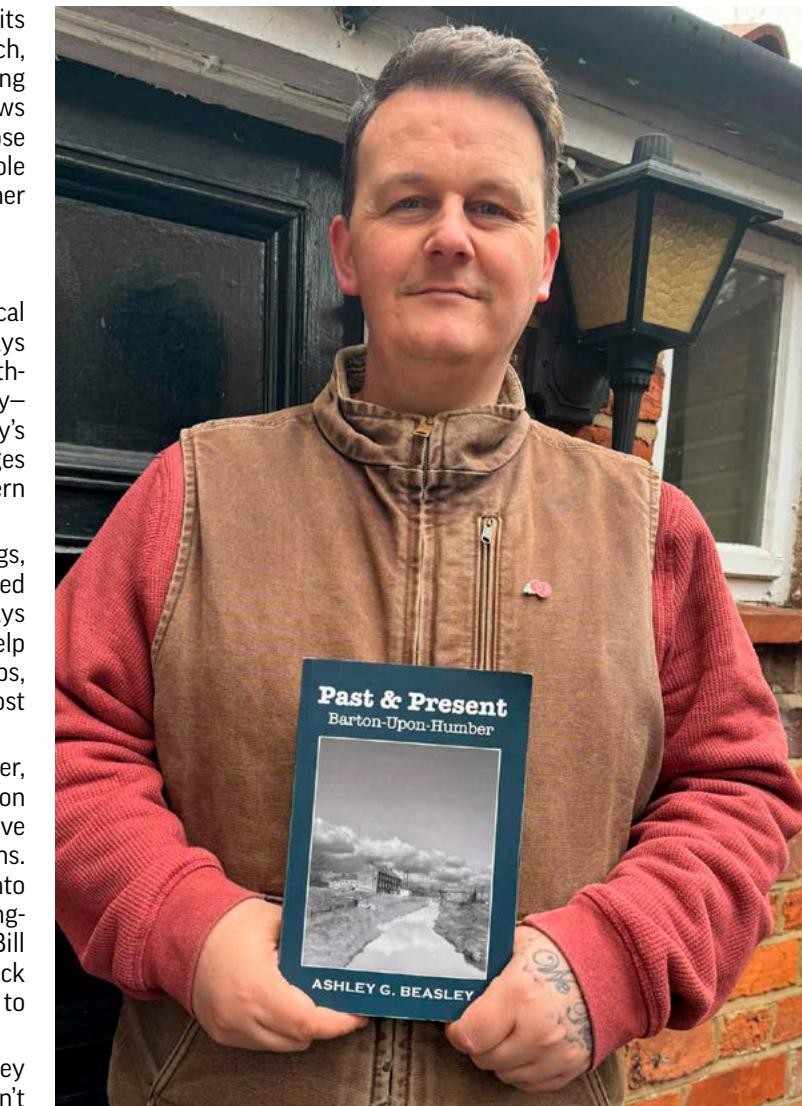
completed Feasibility Study and within this there are more plans to alter the inside of the downstairs office area and community area to future-proof the building for many years to come.

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Any enquiries and bookings must be made to the Town Council on [info@bartonuphumbertowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@bartonuphumbertowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Five Years, One Town, and a Thousand Memories: How Ashley Beasley Brought Barton's Past Back Into Focus.

# Past and Present



Barton-upon-Humber has always been a town with stories woven into its streets, but few people have captured its spirit quite like Ashley Beasley, the man behind the newly released book *Barton Past & Present*. What began as a simple curiosity blossomed into a five-year odyssey spanning archives, alleyways, forgotten yards, and decades of local history—culminating in a visual journey that is already resonating deeply with residents across generations. **NEIL KING** has been following the story.

### A Spark from History

The idea first took hold when Ashley came across a series of wartime images online—old photographs laid atop present-day houses. Some locations took days to identify; others required help from the late historian Brian Peeps, whose knowledge of Barton's lost topography was invaluable.

Behind the scenes, Ashley's father, Geoffrey, provided the foundation of the work with his own extensive collection of Barton photographs. From there, the project grew into a community effort, with long-standing residents such as Bill Cox, Mervin Dove, Nigel Pinchbeck and many others offering access to their personal archives.

Without this generosity, Ashley says, the book simply wouldn't exist. That question became the driving force behind hundreds of hours of detective work. Armed with batches of 10 old photographs at a time, Ashley would head out into town, hunting for exact camera angles, matching rooflines, doorways, and window placements—sometimes spending days resolving the location of a single shot.

### A Personal Battle Intertwined with a Town's Story

Midway through the project, Ashley's life took a dramatic turn. A diagnosis of stage 4 skin cancer halted everything.

"I put the book away for over a year," he said. "At that point, I didn't know if I'd ever finish it."

But in early 2025, still recovering and not yet back to full strength, he picked up the project again. The work became something more than a hobby—it became a lifeline. Entire streets, yards and rows of homes—such as Dewey's Yard, Ropery Road's lost houses, or Moody's Row—have disappeared completely.

"Getting back out there gave me focus. It took my mind off being ill and reminded me of what I still wanted to achieve."

The final version of the book, growing from a 20-page draft to 165 pages, represents not only Barton's survival through time but also Ashley's own.

"I wanted to see what it would look like today," he said. "It's the kind of building that, if it survived, would have been a jewel in our conservation area. To recreate it was emotional."

**Uniting a Community, One Photograph at a Time**

Since the book's release, Ashley has been overwhelmed by messages from residents—many from older

generations eager to share stories triggered by the images.

Through the Barton Memories Facebook group, he has received everything from personal recollections to requests from families wanting to see where their parents or grandparents once lived or worked.

"These stories are exactly why I made the book," he said. "History isn't just about buildings—it's about the people who walked through them."

This connection across generations, he believes, is key to preserving the town's identity.

**Preserving What Makes Barton Unique**

Ask Ashley what sets Barton apart, and he immediately points to the town's lineage of hard-working families and its proud industrial heritage: the Ropewalk, the malting kilns, the bustling Haven with its barges, shipbuilding and trade.

He also extends heartfelt thanks to the family and friends who supported him through his illness and the project: his mam Tracey, dad Geoffrey, brothers Carl and Jack, and close friend Mike Eyre. And he has donated copies of the book to Barton care homes, the local civic society, and even a local B&B, ensuring the town's history reaches as many people as possible.

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Favourite paths include the scenic stretch from the fishing ponds down to the Humber bank—a walk that regulars never tire of.

The project has grown in ways Gareth never imagined. Media interest is increasing, and more new faces join each week. The group even runs a monthly evening walk across the Humber Bridge on the last Thursday of each month, which has quickly become a highlight.

**Looking to the Future**  
Gareth hopes the idea spreads to neighbouring towns and villages—and perhaps even cities.

"I hope that the walks keep getting bigger," he says. "And that more people start their own. If we can help even one person each time, we've achieved something".

For Gareth personally, Good to Talk Walk has been as helpful to him as it has been to others. As someone who openly battles mental health challenges, leading the group gives him purpose, joy and a sense of community.

"Knowing I'm helping people and making life a bit happier for them—that's what I enjoy most".

Good to Talk Walk has become more than a Sunday stroll—it's a reminder of the power of community, compassion and connection. Sometimes, all it takes is a walk, a conversation, and someone willing to lead the way.

If you'd like to join in, search Good to Talk Walk on Facebook and look out for upcoming local walk dates.

**A Message from Ashley**  
Above all, Ashley wants people to explore the town with fresh eyes. **"Walk around Barton. Look at the details on buildings you pass every day. Visit the Haven, the boatyard, the older streets. Think of the people who built this town and walked these paths before us."**

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"Without them—and without the people of Barton—this book wouldn't exist."

## Barton Upon Humber Town Awards 2026

Barton Upon Humber Town Council's Town Awards for 2026 continue with the Wendy Witter Town Award for Organisations, along with the Young Person's award (for those under 18 years) and the Town Award. Details are shown below and will also be available on the Town Council's Facebook and website.

The Town Award is presented annually to a resident or organisation within the community for work or action of merit. This is a small thank you to someone who has helped our community or members of it, without expectation of reward or thanks. The winner will receive a silver cup to be held for one year, together with a certificate and keepsake with the Award being presented by the Mayor of Barton Upon Humber.

The nominated person or organisation must live in the town or work voluntarily within Barton Upon Humber to be eligible. They can not be a Town Councillor or Officer.

Last year's Town Award winner was Anthony Berridge who was nominated for "being a tireless, enthusiastic and dedicated campaigner for the retention and promotion of the Friends of the Barton Line".

The winner of the Wendy Witter Town Award for Organisations was awarded to the Barton Inclusive Football club for "going above and beyond teaching football to all on a voluntary basis, welcoming people

of all ages, abilities, disabilities and backgrounds" while the Young Person Award winner was Ellie Ariss who was nominated for "inspiring others with her positive attitude, team work and demonstrating outstanding commitment within both school and the local community".

Alternatively, please contact the Town Council office at The Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, Barton upon Humber, North Lincolnshire, DN18 5QP for a nomination form, email [info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk) or telephone 01652 633598. Details will also be available on the Town Council's Facebook and website.

**TO BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2026**

If you know someone who has

- Served within an organisation for many years,
- Acted over and above the call of duty,
- Helped the aged, or infirm,
- Guided and helped youth and children,
- Performed acts of courage, or,
- Contributed to our community or persons within it

Nominations must be in writing. You will appreciate that any person nominated may not be selected on this particular year but it is pleasing to know those, who through their endeavours, are being brought to the notice of the Town Council.

## TOWN AWARD NOMINATION FORM 2026

(Letter will be acceptable)

I would like to nominate for

- Town Award
- Young Person Town Award
- Wendy Witter Town Award for Organisations  
(please indicate which category)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

TEL

If the Nominee belongs to an Organisation, please state which:

REASON FOR NOMINATION. (Please use a separate sheet if insufficient space)

Nominators Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

## Christmas Festival

The Barton-upon-Humber Christmas Festival once again proved to be a success, drawing large crowds and creating a vibrant, festive atmosphere throughout the town centre, despite the wet weather.



The event showcased the very best of the town's community spirit and festivity with a range of traders, shops and performers making the day thoroughly enjoyable for all those that attended.

A huge thank you is given from the Town Council to the volunteers and Town Councillors who dedicated their time and effort, both prior to, and during the event. Without their help, the event wouldn't be the success that it was.

The Town Council wishes to acknowledge the contributions of all service providers and organisations involved in the event. Their support ensured the festival was safe, accessible, and enjoyable for all.

*Feedback from residents and visitors is welcomed to assist in planning for future events. Those wishing to volunteer or share suggestions are encouraged to contact the Town Council.*



Street entertainment added further charm to the day, with characters engaging with visitors to create a

## Barton Youth Club

### Supporting Young People and Building a Safer Community

Barton Upon Humber Town Council is proud to announce the continued success of Barton Youth Club, a vital initiative aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour and providing a safe, positive environment for young people aged 11 to 16 years.

The Youth Club offers a wide range of activities, including sports, games, and food sessions, designed to help young people develop new skills, build confidence, and enjoy healthy lifestyles. With trained staff on hand to provide one-to-one support and guidance, the club ensures that every young person feels welcome and included.

By giving young people a safe space to socialise and engage in constructive activities, Barton Youth Club plays a key role in



## New Model Shop Steams Into Barton

A new chapter in Barton-upon-Humber's independent retail scene has arrived with the opening of a specialist model shop that's already turning heads—quite literally, in the case of a few tall customers navigating the building's famously low ceilings.

The business, Model Market Limited, originally founded in Barrow-upon-Humber back in 2000, has spent the last two decades trading online and at model railway exhibitions. But owner Andy Rhodes says changing times in the industry made a move to a physical shop essential.

Control (DCC) and DCC sound technology that is transforming the hobby. That gap in the market helped inspire the Barton venture.

### A Specialist Shop with a Modern Twist

Inside the new store, customers will find an impressive range of products from leading names including Accrascale, Dapol, DCC Concepts, ESU, Heljan, Hornby, Lenz, PECO, Scalextric and many more. Model railways and slot cars are the main focus, with DCC equipment being the shop's standout speciality.

"Several of the major manufacturers now require retailers to have a bricks-and-mortar shop to stock their products," he explained. "If we wanted to move the business forward, opening a shop wasn't just a choice—it was a necessity".

Settling on Barton felt like a natural next step. With the town perfectly positioned within a triangle formed by Hull, Scunthorpe and Grimsby, and boasting good transport links, it offered a central base for enthusiasts across the region. "And now that I live in Barton," he added, "it really was the logical choice".

Shoppers can currently visit on Saturdays from 9am to 5pm, with new Thursday and Friday afternoon openings planned.

For anyone feeling unsure about where to start, his advice is simple: "Come and talk to us and have a look at our layout".

Modelling, he says, is whatever the hobbyist wants it to be—creative, technical, hands-on, or just plain fun. "Some people like to build kits, others scratch build, some focus on electrics and electronics, and some just like to play trains".

"I think the shop is a little different



to most in Barton," Andy said. "As well as serving local enthusiasts, we hope it'll bring visitors who'll explore the wider area too".

A working model railway layout inside the shop allows visitors to see DCC and DCC sound in action, and local hobby groups have already been in touch, asking about future exhibitions. Workshops and demonstrations are planned for the months ahead.

**Why Modelling Is Making a Comeback**

Digital technology has breathed new life into model railways. "DCC opens up so many new possibilities—especially sound," he explained. "It's no longer just about turning a knob. With computer and smartphone integration, the appeal has really widened, especially among younger people".

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With a mixture of nostalgia, innovation and community spirit, Barton's new model shop is set to become a key destination for railway modellers across the region—and perhaps a gateway for the next generation to discover the magic of miniature railways.

1930s LNER steam locomotives. They'll eventually form the centrepiece of a new model railway layout—once I can find the time and a house with enough space!"

Ultimately, he hopes customers feel welcomed the moment they step through the door. Many have already commented on the shop's character and unique quirks.

Opening the shop was not without obstacles. Located in a Grade II listed building, the premises required planning approval for a change of use from its previous life as a restaurant. "Beyond that, it was the usual challenges—time and money".

Looking ahead, he hopes to expand both the product range and the retail space by incorporating another ground-floor room. Competing with online giants is difficult, he admits, but the internet is not for everyone and sometimes in person service and advice is preferred.

**A Passion for the Past—and the Future**

While he enjoys all aspects of the hobby, his personal passion lies with

## Wartime Schooldays

Children from Barton St Peter's School got a taste of 1940's life at the Wilderspin School Museum this term as part of their wartime topic during this VE/VJ Anniversary year.

The Museum has a permanent 1940's Classroom popular with visitors and school groups. The children become evacuees for the day, experience wartime lessons and discover what was expected of children on the Home Front helping with the war effort.

Barton St Peter's School also had the opportunity of seeing the public Air Raid Shelter at Applegate House on Holydyke to appreciate the impact of the Second World War on people's everyday lives and handle artefacts from the time.





## Barton Lions

Members of the Barton Lions Club would like to thank the town's wonderful community for all of their support during 2025.

The Club had the great pleasure of delivering a variety of events for the community to enjoy with support from other groups including Friends of the Barton Line, Barton Rotary Club, Barrow Meridian Rotary Club, InternetTY, Barton Town Council, North Lincolnshire Council, Wren Kitchens and Bedrooms and Barton Corn Exchange. By working together we do make a difference.



Thank You!

### Santa Sleigh

Barton Lions Club and Barton Rotary Club joined together again this year to bring Santa and his Sleigh to visit our communities in Barton. Local company InternetTY joined us for the second year and its commitment in supplying a van, driver, helpers, insurance and importantly a tracker to enable people to track the sleigh's progress, ensured we could bring a little bit of magic to the children and many adults in the town.



### Volunteers

We need new members to continue to put on events in the town. The Annual Beer Festival, Picnic in the Park, Fireworks and Santa Sleigh take lots of organisation behind the scenes. Can you spare some time to help? We meet on the second Monday of each month for two hours. If you can, please message



us on our Facebook page at Barton upon Humber Lions CIO.

### Caring for the Environment

We continue to off-set our carbon footprint for the events we hold working closely with North Lincolnshire Council's Environmental Officers, and have planted trees at the Water's Edge and Far Ing National Nature Reserves.

We have also helped to plant Top Field with a variety of trees to create a new copse as well as planting many bulbs in a variety of areas across the town and in the parks.

We continue in our role as Station Adopters to keep Barton railway station tidy and welcoming with colourful planters and improving the unused goods platform.

# Get ready, get set, GROW!

Welcome to the new growing year. Now's the time many start to look forward to the new growing season and make plans for planting.



Mike and Jean Corlyon with Cllr Neil Jacques and staff and children at Field View Nursery.

This is certainly the case at Field View Nursery where staff and children can't wait to get stuck into their new raised bed. Built by members of Barton Allotment Society, Jean and Mike Corlyon, the new raised bed is designed to be the right height for the youngsters and is ready for them to plant their potatoes for the Allotment Society's annual potato growing competition.

Initially the competition was just for Primary Schools, but it has recently been expanded to include nurseries, and out-of-school activities such as the Scouts, and is proving increasingly popular.

Last year's Barton Mayor, Cllr Neil Jacques, raised funds to support

initiatives to get young people interested in gardening, and this initiative by the Allotment Society is a perfect fit. His Mayoral fund was able to provide enough for the materials and top soil supplied by Barton Building Supplies, and the right sized tools for the youngsters. There is still funding available for similar projects, so please get in touch with the Town Council for more details.

Meanwhile on the allotments, the heavy rain (169 mm in November making it the second wettest November since 2002) has delayed preparations for the new season a little. Even if you can't get outside, January is the time to start onion and shallots sets in an unheated greenhouse, and sow broad beans, early carrots, leeks and lettuce undercover.

Whatever you grow, enjoy the coming season.

Neil Jacques.

secretarybartonallotments@hotmail.com

## Barton Community Band

Barton Community Band had a busy Christmas season with many appearances, including at the Barton Christmas Festival (where we played in the doorway of the Corn Exchange Club due to the awful weather!), the Streetlife Museum in Hull, Hutesons Memorial Service in Immingham, and Barton Evangelical Church's Carol Service.

The training band has also entertained shoppers at the CoOp, and the December Barton Market, and both bands played carols at Tesco just before Christmas.

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A mixture of old favourites and new music was played, with a number of solos, including from some of our youngsters. The band is now taking bookings for 2026 and already have a few events in the diary as well as rehearsing for the Brass Band Regional Contest in Durham in March.

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Contact secretary.

bartoncommunityband@gmail.com for more information, or to enquire about booking the band for your event.

## Westfield House

Westfield House, on Westfield Road (recently known as Nightingale House) is one of Barton's most impressive Victorian houses, built by James B. Tombleson, brick and tile maker, and farmer.

The house's new owners, Helen and David Clague were faced with a major restoration/conservation scheme, which they have carried out with great care and understanding, well-deserving the Good Mark awarded by Barton Civic Society.

James Tombleson owned West Field Brick Yard, one of the largest of many along the Humber bank.

Following closure, it eventually became Westfield Lakes Hotel, caravan site and fishing ponds and latterly, Humber Bridge Country Hotel now, sadly, derelict.

Other impressive houses built in Barton by brick yard owners, include "Tentercroft" at 34A Westfield Road, "Brantwood" at 16 Westfield Road, "Ness House" at 1 Westfield Road (later the Waverley Hotel and now known as Westbridge House) and "Yuba House" at 5 Dam Road.

Together with the former clay pits, these are a reminder of Barton's importance as one of the country's major centres for brick and tile production.

## Barton Area Food Bank



The Food Bank is now looking forward to yet another challenging year.

There was a considerable rise in client numbers towards the end of 2025 but we met all the demand thanks to so many companies, organisations, schools, churches and individuals who are so generous.

At the end of 2025, our Store Manager, Penny Phillips retired after almost 15 years.

Penny was the Co-Founder of the Food Bank and will be greatly missed. We owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude.

After many years of reluctantly using plastic bags we are hoping to make the transition to used small cardboard trays packed in our store and then repacked into clients' bags at distribution sessions. These trays should last for a while before being recycled.

Another innovation has been

## Cash Access UK seeks new agreement

Cash Access UK's two year agreement with sub-postmistress Mairi Wingate, to manage a Banking Hub in Barton expired in November.

Recognising the success of the outreach at the Hub, was Claire Adryck the Regional Manager of Cash Access UK. Mairi hopes to receive new terms for the Hub that will continue under the same management in 2026 and until then the Hub will continue to serve the town's customers.

Thanks are due in general to everyone who has contributed throughout 2025 in so many ways. Some are anonymous or leave no address, but please be assured that we are so grateful.

Speaking on the day, Town Mayor Cllr Ben Troop, complimented the Hub on its huge success and hoped there will be a successful new agreement shortly.



Pictured are (far left) Mairi Wingate and (far right) Claire Adryck while behind the Hub's counter are cashiers (left to right) Carolyn Clarke and Melanie Goddard serving customer Amie Witter-Smith.

## Another panto hit for FAB!



A million thank-yous to everyone who supports Friends At Barton and its annual productions at The Joseph Wright Hall in Barton writes Paul Tate.

The latest production, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, was another huge success and year on year the audience numbers rise. This year, with your help, FAB managed to raise £1,342 for its chosen charities which will be split between Jen's Special Place that helps children to process and express their bereavement grief in a safe environment and Barton-upon-Humber Men in Sheds which was set up to reduce isolation and

## Castledyke Primary School Retirements

Our awesome Mrs Scheich and Mrs Shepherd have retired!

They have both been at Castledyke Primary School for many years and have helped and supported many children through their school years.

They are a huge part of our Castledyke community and will be greatly missed by the children, their families and all their colleagues.

I am sure you will take this opportunity to join me in thanking Mrs Scheich and Mrs Shepherd for their service and dedication to the families of Castledyke Primary School past and present.

Enjoy your retirement both of you. It is thoroughly deserved!

We will miss you!

Mrs C Young  
Head of School





# The Ropewalk driving Tourism economic growth



In Barton-upon-Humber, The Ropewalk has become more than a cultural destination – it is a proven economic engine.

The latest Annual Museum Survey for 2024/2025 confirms what stakeholders have long suspected – investment in The Ropewalk delivers measurable returns for the local economy.

Over the past year, 96,038 visitors passed through its doors and their spending in Barton's shops, cafés, and services generated an impressive £2.15 million for the local economy. This figure is not only six times higher than the national median for heritage and arts centres (£346,782), but also nearly four times greater than the area median (£585,179).

The Ropewalk is outperforming its peers by a significant margin, demonstrating Barton's unique ability to attract visitors and leverage culture into prosperity.

The benefits extend beyond visitor spending. The Ropewalk's role as an employer contributed to the economy. Its procurement of goods and services also added to the total. These figures highlight a cultural venue that sustains jobs, supports local suppliers, and strengthens Barton's economic resilience.

For stakeholders, the message is clear: The Ropewalk is not simply preserving heritage or showcasing creativity – it is a high-performing asset that multiplies investment into tangible community and economic outcomes. Every pound directed toward The Ropewalk amplifies Barton's competitiveness, attracts visitors, and sustains local businesses.

Yet despite these impressive figures, The Ropewalk – like many hospitality and tourism organisations – is facing extremely difficult economic pressures in the current year. The charity must make challenging decisions to maintain its current level of activity, opening hours, and events. Visitors consistently tell us how much they value The Ropewalk, and we hope this continues.

If you are able to support us – whether through a donation, visiting more often for coffee and cake, purchasing gifts from the Craft Gallery, or attending a performance – you will be helping to keep this cultural quarter-mile open for all to enjoy.

Liz Bennet  
CEO, The Ropewalk

## Volunteering spotlight on Ropery Hall

As we step into a new year, many people begin to think about giving some of their time to the local community.

Volunteering not only supports local groups and organisations, it also enriches the lives of the volunteers themselves—offering new experiences, the chance to meet people, and opportunities to learn fresh skills.

Every volunteering role is unique, and while it can feel a little daunting at first, here's a glimpse of what a typical session at Ropery Hall looks like:

Roles: Volunteers usually take on two main functions—serving behind the bar or working front of house, welcoming guests, checking tickets, and helping audience members to their seats.

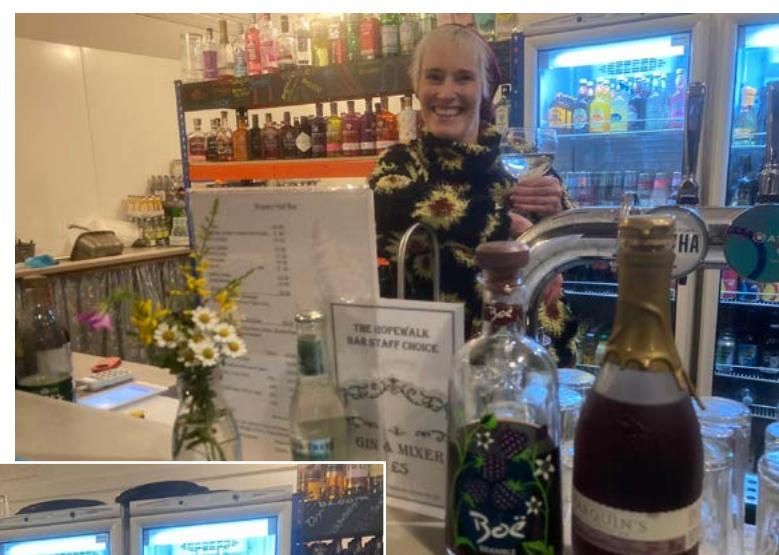
Arrival: A typical evening begins at 6.50pm ahead of an 8pm show.

During the show: Once the audience is settled, volunteers sit together at the back of the hall and enjoy the performance.

Flexibility: The rota system allows volunteers to choose which shows they'd like to support—whether that's a comedy night, a theatre performance, or a live music evening.

You can volunteer as little as once in a four-month season, or every week if you'd like to be more involved. Either way, it's a fantastic way to meet new people and immerse yourself in the arts right here in Barton.

Volunteering at Ropery Hall is more than just helping out—it's about being part of the vibrant cultural heartbeat of our town.



Volunteers Helen Dukes (above) and Dennis Vessey (left) helping out behind the bar at Ropery Hall.

To find out more or to get involved, email [events@the-ropewalk.co.uk](mailto:events@the-ropewalk.co.uk) to request details.

# Why now is the perfect time to rediscover Barton's Charity Shops

If you haven't visited Barton's charity shops lately, you might be surprised by what you're missing.

From stylish clothing and unique homeware to books, toys, and one-of-a-kind treasures, our local charity shops are bursting with great finds – and every purchase helps support people, animals, and services right here in our community.

When someone buys even a small item, that money goes straight back into helping local people, it really does make a difference.

**A Warm Welcome Every Time**  
One thing Barton's charity shops never run short of is friendly faces. Volunteers greet customers by name, offer styling tips, help find items, and provide the kind of personalised, neighbourly experience you won't find in big retailers.

**Good for the Planet and Your Wardrobe**  
Shopping second-hand is one of the easiest ways to support the environment. By choosing pre-loved over new, Barton residents help reduce waste and give quality items a new life.

**Your Money Stays in Barton**  
One of the best reasons to shop locally is knowing your purchase makes a direct difference. Barton's charity shops help fund vital services including hospice care, animal rescue, family support programmes, and community events.

**With sustainability becoming more important to families, charity shopping offers a simple, enjoyable way to make a positive impact.**

**Pop In and Have a Look, You Might Be Surprised!**

Whether you're looking for a specific item or just fancy a browse, Barton's charity shops are ready to welcome you. With affordable prices, friendly volunteers, and stock changing daily, a quick visit could lead to your next favourite outfit, a perfect household find, or a great book for cosy evenings.

**So next time you're in town, drop into Barton's charity shops - shop local, shop sustainably, and discover something special while supporting the heart of our community.**



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Chapel Lane, 01652 634580

**British Red Cross Furniture and Electrical Shop**  
42 Chapel Lane, 01652 634903

**Sally Anna's**  
94 High Street, 01652 633030

**British Red Cross Shop**  
19 Market Place, 01652 636158

**Petsville Community Shop**  
102 High Street, 01652 409788

# Celebrated Printmaker supports Baysgarth House development



Barton is set to welcome home one of its most distinguished artistic sons, as renowned printmaker Colin Blanchard prepares for a special exhibition at Baysgarth House when it reopens in late 2026.

In a gesture that blends creativity with community spirit, Colin has announced he will produce a unique linocut print to raise funds for the restoration and future of Baysgarth.

Colin, who has long held Barton close to his heart, expressed his delight at the energy surrounding the ongoing plans for Baysgarth House and is delighted to be involved.

## A Print with Barton at its Heart

The centrepiece of Colin's fundraiser will be a striking black-and-white linocut, measuring approximately 55 x 50 cm, titled "Mr Stubbs hears a Boom". The work draws inspiration from Barton's reed beds and its historic connection to George Stubbs, the celebrated 18th-century painter who worked for the Nelthorpe family then owners of Baysgarth House.

The print imagines Stubbs himself wandering the brickyard ponds, pausing in astonishment at the resonant call of a booming bittern—a bird of deep personal significance to Colin and symbolic of Barton's natural heritage. In Colin's words, "There he is top right, hat in hand and ear cocked. Could've happened!"



# What's On Jan 2026

## Saturday January 10 and every Saturday after

### Parkrun

Baysgarth Park 9am

Take part in a weekly parkrun event in the beautiful surroundings of Baysgarth Park.

Free

## Wednesday January 14 and every Wednesday after

### Coffee Morning

Community Room, Trinity Methodist Church 10.30am - 12pm

Our weekly Coffee Morning is a chance to meet new friends, enjoy a chat and a cuppa, followed by a game/quiz/guest speaker.

Free - Donations appreciated.

All Living Later Life Well sessions are for people aged 60+. All activities require booking in advance unless stated - for more information, contact Jo on 07821 900623 or email jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com

## Friday January 16

### Celebrate the birthday of Ted Lewis

Corn Exchange Club 7pm

Celebrate the birthday of Ted Lewis with a performance of the specially commissioned Get Carter Revisited by The Wendy Kirkland Band and Narrative.

£15. Visit the Ted Lewis Centre Facebook page for further information.

## Saturday January 17

### Painting Class – Robin in Snow

Water's Edge 10am

This beginner-friendly session is open to all abilities, whether you're picking up a brush for the first time or looking to refine your technique. Guided step-by-step, you'll create a charming winter scene featuring a bright robin against a snowy backdrop.

£44.04

## Saturday January 17

### Birdwatching on the Humber Bank

1pm

Birdwatching on the Humber bank at South Ferriby followed by a visit to Bonby looking for birds of prey. Contact Vernon Chapman on 07939 347373 for more information.

Free

# Exhibition

The Final Chapter is a posthumous celebration of the work of artist David Smith. David was a former Barton resident and a tutor of Fine Art at Grimsby and Hull Schools of Art and Design.

Smith's observational work was meticulous and painstaking in its precision. Many of the paintings and drawings featured were completed in the final two years of his life, before his death in 2022. It documents a lifetime's work - paintings, drawings, etchings and sculpture made by a man who was passionate and obsessive about his work and a transformational source of skills, knowledge and encouragement for the many students he taught.

David H Smith: The Final Chapter  
The Ropewalk, Maltkiln Road.  
January 10 - March 22 2026

# What's On Jan 2026

## Wednesday January 21

### Live Music and Lunch

Trinity Methodist Church 10.30am - 12.30pm

Join us for an hour of live music followed by sandwiches, sausage rolls and homemade cakes. We're joined by Mishra, a global folk duo who draw together roots in UK traditional music with performances on banjo, low whistle, guitar, tabla and percussion.

£5 suggested donation, includes lunch.

All Living Later Life Well sessions are for people aged 60+. All activities require booking in advance unless stated - for more information, contact Jo on 07821 900623 or email jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com

£25

## Wednesday January 21

### Talk at Far Ings National Nature Reserve

7.30pm

Talk with Matthew Capper on rewilding of the Doddington estate in Lincolnshire. Free, with donations accepted for speaker and refreshments.

Free

## Saturday January 24

### Hal Cruttenden - Can Dish It Out but Can't Take It

Ropewalk Hall

4pm and 8pm

Hal is back with a brand-new show that promises to stick it to "The Man", as long as "The Man" doesn't stick it back to him. With his trademark hard-hitting "take no prisoners" comedy he will be hilariously pontificating on subjects like middle aged dating, social media and the insanity of modern politics.

£20adv/£22otd

## Sunday January 25

### Make your own Plant Pot – Jesmonite Craft Workshop

Water's Edge 1pm - 4pm

In this three-hour workshop you will be taught step by step, with demonstrations of how to create a Jesmonite Plant Pot - dimensions 12cm height, 15cm width, 10cm depth - using Terrazzo, Marbling, Block Colour & Drip techniques. Visit Water's Edge Facebook for booking details.

£50

## Sunday January 25

### Bearded Birders Big Bird Watch

Far Ings National Nature Reserve

10.30am - 12.30pm

Join the Bearded Birders for a guided walk around Far Ings learning bird identification skills and nature watching field craft. Binoculars provided. Advance booking required - visit the website for more information.

Free

## Wednesday January 28

### Scams Awareness Talk

Trinity Methodist Church 10.30am - 12pm

Rachael Edwards, Investigation Officer for Humberside Police, will be delivering a presentation on scams and fraud awareness, giving out information and talking with people about how to protect yourself from scams.

Free - donations gratefully accepted.

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£4 for non-members of the Barton Civic Society

## Saturday February 21

### Field trip to Cress Marsh, Stallingborough

Meet at Ness End Farm 9am

Cress Marsh is an area of wet grasslands.

There is a large lagoon which feeds seven more water-filled 'cells' via pipework infrastructure.

The hide overlooks the lagoon. Contact Simon Wellock on 01652 634507 for more information.

Free

## Saturday February 21

### Willow Bird Weaving with Alison Walling

The Ropewalk 10.30am - 4.30pm

Learn to make your own chicken or pheasant to roost at home or in your garden. These characterful random weave sculptures are a good introduction to working with willow. Suitable for beginners. Call 01652 660380 to book.

£75

## Saturday February 28

### Painting Class – Snowdrops

Water's Edge 10.30am

This beginner-friendly session is open to all abilities, whether you're picking up a brush for the first time or looking to refine your technique. Guided step-by-step, you'll create a charming winter scene featuring the first snow drops poking their head out - a timeless image of hope and nature in the colder months.

£44.04

## Saturday March 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 March 7

### James Harding-Morris: Discover the Wildlife Found Only in Britain

Ropewalk Hall 7.30pm

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£8adv/£10otd

## A Barton connection to Mr Burton

Actor Harry Lawtey was feted for his appearance as the young actor Richard Burton in the autobiographical film, Mr Burton, that tells of the relationships between the young Burton and his mentor Philip Burton.

But hands up who knows about the connection between Harry and our town. Although born in Oxfordshire where his father who served in the RAF was posted, Harry considers Barton to be home as both his parents, who were childhood sweethearts, come from the town and many of his extended family still live here.

To augment what he describes as his northern roots Harry is a keen supporter of Hull City!

If you want to see Harry in the film Mr Burton it will be screened at Ropewalk Hall on January 21 at 2pm at the start of Ropewalk's winter film programme.

## Save the Date - 2026 events

May 17 The Ropewalk Gardening Day

June 6/7 Barton Lions Beer Festival

June 13 /14 Barton Carnival

June 28 Classic Car Day at The Ropewalk

July 1 Barton Bike Night

July 12 Performance in the Park - Three Musketeers by Illyria

July 26 Wildlife Day at Waters Edge

August 2 Barton Town Council Picnic in the Park

August 23 Performance in the Park - The History of Britain by The Pantaloons

August 30 Performance in the Park – Peter Rabbit by Quantum Theatre

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## ROPERY HALL FILM PROGRAMME SPRING 2026



21 Jan 2pm	Mr Burton (12a)
7.30pm	The Ballad of Wallis Island (12a)
28 Jan 2pm	Calendar Girls (12)
7.30pm	F1: The Movie (12A)
4 Feb 2pm	The Life of Chuck (15)
7.30pm	The Life of Chuck (15)
11 Feb 2pm	Four Letters of Love (12)
7.30pm	Spinal Tap II (15)
18 Feb 2pm	The Colour Purple (15)
7.30pm	The Phoenician Scheme (15)
25 Feb 2pm	Sense & Sensibility (U)
7.30pm	The Colour Room (PG)
4 Mar 2pm	Billy Elliot (15)
7.30pm	Lee (15)
11 Mar 2pm	The Friend (15)
7.30pm	The Friend (15)
18 Mar 2pm	Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG)
7.30pm	Eleanor the Great (PG)
25 Mar 2pm	Anemone (15)
7.30pm	Anemone (15)
1 Apr 2pm	The Choral (12a)



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# My Hopper family

My name is Susan Young and I have been interested in researching my family history for more than 25 years. I remember, in the 1950 and '60s, coming to Barton Market Place and having to wait in the car, with my younger sister and mum, whilst dad went into a shop to visit a relative of his.

Dad was the son of Herbert Alfred Eastoe and Georgiana nee Hopper. The shop was MAYBE a vegetable shop, and I think it was owned by a brother or half-brother, possibly elderly.

I would love to know if anyone can remember any details about it. Also, it has been suggested to me that there are probably both Eastoe and Hopper blood relatives still living in Barton.

My grandfather Herbert Eastoe had moved to Caistor with his wife from Norwich, he was born in Litcham in Norfolk and after the death of his father in a threshing machine accident when he was a child he was brought up by his grandmother.



A few years after moving to Caistor his wife died leaving him with 10 or more children. He then married the girl next door, (Hansons Terrace which he had built) Georgiana Hopper, who was 16 years his junior, and they went on to have another large family. That started our connection to the Hopper family who had come from Hull to live in Caistor. My Eastoe grandparents followed the Hoppers to Barton, eventually living in Scunthorpe.

I have recently been informed about the extent of Great Uncle Fred's cycle business and seen the exhibition at Baysgarth House Stables Café. I wish my dad had been able to see it, all he knew was that his mum's brother made cycles.

I am now going through my Ancestry research again, looking at all the census returns and anything I can find. In 1911 the whole of Fred's family were working in the cycle industry along with many of their neighbours, in fact as many as 800.

If I have any more cousins out there, I would love to hear from you.

E-mail: susanyoung46@hotmail.co.uk

# A Blast for Ted Lewis's 85th Birthday



The Get Carter Theme, composed by multi award winning Roy Budd has been a worldwide icon for tension and lyricism in action and crime films.

In 2020, Ted Lewis Centre commissioned two Ronnie Scott's Club players to revisit the theme and bring it up to date for their Jazz Band. Wendy Kirkland and Pat Sprakes worked hard to produce a fine and evocative piece of work during Lockdown, and it received its premier at Hull Jazz Festival the following year. The music was given accolades from the audience, including David Porter who was the longtime festival organiser and Tony Klinger, son of Get Carter's Producer, Michael.

Since 2021 this important production has been on tour to numerous venues, accompanied with a colourful commentary throughout, describing and explaining the scenes which the music so skilfully conjures up.

The Centre, which is a charity in charge of its Accredited Visitor Attraction and Museum on Ferriby Road, Barton, felt it was about time the event was brought to Barton, and what better occasion than to celebrate on what would have been Ted Lewis's 85th birthday on January 15.



Doors at The Club, which Ted Lewis portrayed in his novel, The Rabbit, open at 7pm and the performance starts at 7.30pm

The celebrated Wendy Kirkland Band has now been booked to appear at the Corn Exchange Club in Barton's Market Place on January 16 2026 to present this important work and celebrate the town's great artist, novelist and pianist. Tickets are only £15 and may be obtained by clicking onto the link on the home page of The Ted Lewis website: [www.tedlewiscentre.com](http://www.tedlewiscentre.com).



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# Barton's Pubs Need You!

## Even During Dry January

With Dry January in full swing, many Barton residents are cutting back on alcohol to start the year on a healthy note. But while people focus on wellbeing, the town's pubs are hoping locals will remember that they offer much more than a pint - and still need support during one of the quietest months of the year.

For Barton's landlords and staff, January can be a struggle. After a busy festive season, footfall drops significantly, putting pressure on the pubs that help give the town its character and community spirit.

But the message from pub owners is simple, you can still enjoy the pub - even without alcohol.

### Great Food, Cosy Spaces and a Warm Welcome

Many of Barton's pubs serve expanded food menus, winter warmers, and special non-alcoholic drinks to make sure everyone can join in.

With crackling fires, friendly staff, and comfy spaces perfect for a catch-up, Barton's pubs provide a welcoming place to relax during the winter months.

#### Supporting Local Jobs and Local Businesses

Barton's pubs employ dozens of local people - from chefs and bartenders to musicians and maintenance staff. When residents visit, even for a meal or a non-alcoholic drink, they help keep those jobs secure.



### A Hub for Community Events

From quiz nights to live music, book clubs to charity raffles, Barton's pubs offer social events that bring people together - no alcohol required.

Many will continue hosting activities throughout January, giving residents a chance to connect, unwind, and support local venues at the same time. Whether you're taking part in Dry January, cutting back a bit, or simply looking for a cosy spot on a cold evening, Barton's pubs have something to offer. A soft drink, a coffee, a mocktail, or a hearty pub meal all help keep the town's favourite venues thriving.

So, this month, let's support the places that support our community all year round.

Pop in, say hello, and help keep Barton's pubs at the heart of our town - dry or not, you're always welcome.



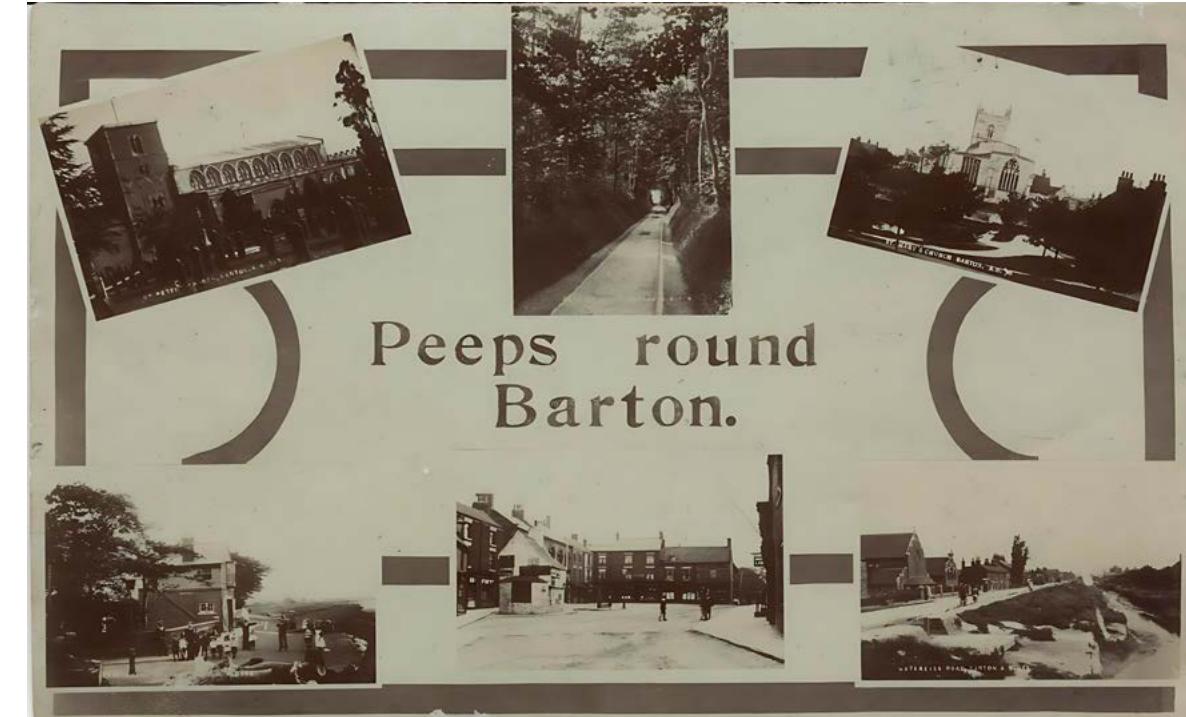
# The Barton and District History Group

The Barton and District History Group hosted the second part of "Doc John's Barton" a presentation by Paul Mann for our October event which was well received by its membership.

The Group's AGM took place on November 26 followed by a book signing session with Ashley G. Beasley's "Past & Present" on offer. This was followed by a nostalgic presentation by Andrew Robinson, paying tribute to the late Nigel Land and the late Brian Peeps. Both Nigel and Brian had been valued members of our group and had amazed our membership with stories and photos of Barton from long ago.

Andrew showed us lots of photos highlighting the images of the Hopper's cycle works that Nigel had produced and also images of the cycles, currently on display in Baysgarth Stables Café.

"Peeps around Barton" was the text on a postcard that was displayed by Andrew. It was very apt to the rest of the presentation. Brian had indeed acquired many photos of our area from times gone by. Memories were stirred and questions asked during the presentation.



later, on May 27, Richard Clark will have "Humberside Landscapes" as his subject.

Details of the excursion planned for June 24 will be announced early in the year.

For any additional information, please contact [Bartonanddistricthistorygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:Bartonanddistricthistorygroup@hotmail.com)

## Road to Passchendaele

On October 15 last year, some members from the Barton Armed Forces and Veterans' Breakfast Club made their way to the town of Ypres, Belgium to visit the surrounding Battlefields of the Great War writes Steve Shorter, trip organiser and the Club's in-house historian.



*"Lest We Forget"*



# The Barton Beat

Working Together for a Safer Barton

As we step into a new year, the Barton Neighbourhood Policing Team would like to thank our wonderful community for their continued support. Barton is a town built on strong connections, and every day we see how much safer and stronger those connections make us. As your local neighbourhood officers, we're here to listen, help, and support you in any way we can—and we're inviting you to work with us in driving down crime across our town.

## Stay Informed with "My Community Alert"

Keeping up to date with what's happening in your neighbourhood has never been easier. By signing up for My Community Alert, you can receive direct email updates about crime, safety information, and community news in your area. To join, simply pop into the Barton Police Station or speak to a member of the neighbourhood team during one of its patrols.

## Calling Local Businesses and Community Groups

As part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen relationships across Barton, we're updating our contact system—and we'd love to connect with more local organisations.

Whether you run or volunteer at a café, takeaway, restaurant, museum, support group, cultural or religious centre, sports facility, or represent a minority group, please get in touch. Having a point of contact helps us share crime prevention advice, arrange visits, and ensure we can quickly reach the right people should an issue arise.

We welcome all residents—come along, share your views, and help shape our priorities.

## Thank You, Barton

From all of us at the Barton Neighbourhood Policing Team: thank you for your support over the past year. We may be a small team, but with your watchful eyes and willingness to report concerns, we can continue making Barton a safer, happier place to live.

Together, we can create a safer Barton—one connection at a time.

## We Need Your Eyes and Ears

Policing Barton is truly a team effort. While we patrol daily and work closely with partner agencies, we rely heavily on our residents to tell us what's happening in their streets.

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

Happy New Year—and let's make the next one even safer, together.

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THE BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

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Tell us what you know – you can tell the Barton NPT what's happening in the community; the more you tell us, the more we can do!

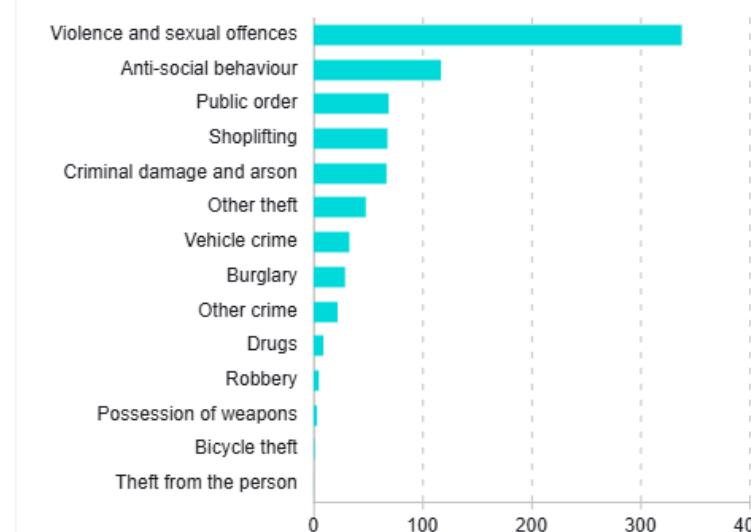
- Tell the Barton Neighbourhood Team what matters to you.
- Do you know who's committing local crime?
- Do you know who's selling drugs locally?
- What addresses smell of cannabis? Could there be a cannabis grow?

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