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Link Road underway

Construction is now underway on Barton's new link road connecting the A1077 and Caistor Road that once complete will ease pressure on existing routes and reduce the number of HGVs travelling through the town.

It will also create better walking and cycling links between homes, schools, employment areas and shops, giving people more choice in how they travel around Barton.

The link road forms a major part of North Lincolnshire Council's £19.7m investment programme for the town, that will also see wider improvements to transport, active travel and the local environment.

Barton ward member Cllr Paul Vickers commented, "This is about much more than building a road. It is about creating a transport network that is fit for the future, improving connections between neighbourhoods, schools, businesses and community facilities.

"Taking traffic away from existing routes and making walking and cycling easier will help create a cleaner, greener and betterconnected Barton, while supporting the town's future growth."

Cllr Rob Waltham, leader of North Lincolnshire Council, added, "This investment will make a practical difference to residents' everyday lives – safer roads, fewer lorries through the town and easier connections to homes, schools, shops and jobs.

"We said we would invest in Barton's future and improve the way people move around the town. Work beginning on site shows we are delivering on that promise.

"This is about creating a betterconnected Barton, reducing congestion, improving journey reliability and providing safer, more attractive routes for people to get about town. We are also developing proposals to restrict HGV movements in line with the creation of the new road.

"Residents are now going to see these longplanned improvements becoming a reality."



Pictured at the start of Barton's Active Travel improvements are (rear) Cllrs Keith and Paul Vickers and (front) Cllr Chris Patterson, MP Martin Vickers and the Leader of North Lincs Council, Cllr Rob Waltham. Alongside them are Mike Sherrard (left) and Alan Clarke (right) representing contractors Esh.

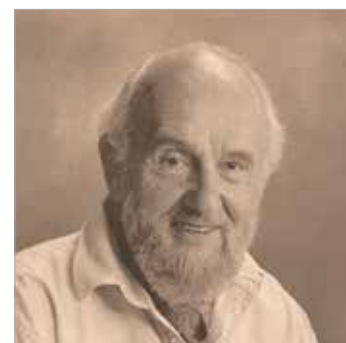
Work officially began on Tuesday, July 14, with the Jackson Civil Engineering Group securing the site and clearing vegetation ahead of the main construction phase. The contractor is also completing remaining planning requirements and working with utility providers on necessary diversions before construction of the new roundabout on the A1077 can begin.

Ahead of construction, archaeological investigations were carried out across the site, uncovering evidence

of historic activity. Finds included a gold coin, iron objects, flints and workedstone artefacts, burnt stone, pottery and masonry fragments, and animal bones – offering a fascinating glimpse into the area's past.

Completion of the link road is expected in summer 2027.

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Barton Upon
Humber Town
Council Meetings

All council meetings are held at the Assembly Rooms on Queen Street, and the public is always welcome to attend. We host a variety of meetings covering different council services and projects. Before each meeting begins, there is a designated time for members of the public to address the councillors. Afterwards, you are welcome to stay and listen as the councillors debate and make decisions.

Barton Upon Humber Town Council
forthcoming Committee Meeting dates

September 2026		
Planning Committee	Monday September 14	6.30pm
Full Council	Monday September 14	7pm
F&GP Committee	Monday September 21	6.30pm
October 2026		
Planning Committee	Monday October 5	6.30pm
EnvironmentCommittee	Monday October 5	7pm
Full Council	Monday October 12	7pm
Community Committee	Monday October 26	6pm
Planning Committee	Monday October 26	7pm

Barton upon Humber Town Council office opening hours 10am and 1pm
Barton upon Humber Town Council office endeavours to open Monday to Friday 10am – 1pm 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
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BEST KEPT SMALL TOWN 2026

Barton Town Council is proud to announce that Barton Upon Humber has been awarded 2nd place in the Best Kept Small Town category of the Campaign to Protect Rural England Competition this year.

The judges made special comments that Barton is a most attractive town with some excellent facilities and very good community planting.

Baysgarth Park, including the Chad Varah Garden, was described as a delightful area with an excellent playground. The Community Hub is situated at the southern end of the park and includes a library, a leisure centre and swimming pool.

Community planting is found across the town and although most of the planting was very good, especially the tiered planters, some plants used lacked sufficient height to create the desired impact. It was good to see the hard work of the Friends of Barton Parks, especially at the



Dam Road Park where the planters included both flowers, vegetables and salad crops.

Throughout the town, including gardens at the Wilderspin School and Dam Road Park which are maintained by volunteers, community planting is a strength and the town boasts a large number of smart black and gold planters, as well as lamppost baskets and hanging baskets. Some of the most interesting planting was

at Dam Road Park, where volunteers maintain a selection of large wooden planters.

The CPRE Centenary Award on Barrow Road, opposite the cemetery is a display consisting of a colourful, crescent-shaped flower bed with a barrow tipped up spilling out flowers, with a board at the rear promoting CPRE's 100 years.

There are also many attractive gardens across the town, with colourful displays at the front of properties. Particularly good examples were found along Horkstow Road and at 12 Holydyke, 2 Cornhill Drive, 9 Stephen Crescent, 8 Millfield's, 2, 12, 25 and 62 Forkedale and 12 Feyzin Drive.

There is an excellent provision of litter bins and commendably hardly any litter across the town.

Assembly Rooms: Refurbishment
Gets Underway

Barton Upon Humber Town Council has been awarded £9,280 from the North Lincolnshire Council Community Fund, covering 90% of the total project costs, to carry out essential repairs to the Assembly Rooms roof and address internal wall damage.



These vital works mark the beginning of an exciting refurbishment programme for this historic community building.

The Town Council has ambitious plans to transform the Assembly Rooms into an attractive, modern venue that can accommodate a wide range of events, making it an even more valuable asset for the local community.

Alongside the essential and cosmetic repairs, the Town Council is also delighted to announce a new partnership with The George Inn public house, who will exclusively operate the bar at the Assembly Rooms going forward.

The George Inn will provide a wide range of drinks, together with the excellent service and hospitality they are well known for.

Further updates regarding the Assembly Rooms will be shared in future editions of The Bartonian and on the Barton Town Council Facebook page.

Watch this space!

Sunday, 8th November
Remembrance
Parade



Barton's Remembrance Parade will take place on Sunday November 8, with the parade meeting at 10.15am on Queen Street, outside the Assembly Rooms.

The parade will proceed along: Queen Street, High Street, Burgate, Whitecross Street and Barrow Road to the War Memorial

A short service will take place at the War Memorial at 11am, followed by the wreath-laying ceremony and a service at St Mary's Church.

If you would like to join the parade or lay a wreath please contact Barton Town Council on 01652 633598 or email info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk.

Grant funding

Barton Town Council has been proactive in securing external grant funding to deliver improvements across the local community with little impact on council funds.

By successfully obtaining these grants, many projects can be completed with little or no impact on the Council's own budget, helping to protect the precept. This reduces the financial burden on local taxpayers while still enabling investment in facilities, services, and initiatives that enhance the quality of life for residents.

A £1700 Spring in Bloom grant awarded by North Lincolnshire Council is going to be used towards improving the flower bed near Lidl carpark on Ferriby Road. The contractor Mark Nettleton Home and Garden Services has started the ground work on this project. Look out for further updates in the next Bartonian.

Afternoon Tea in Historic
Baysgarth House



Experience a touch of elegance inside one of Barton's most treasured heritage buildings.

Our Afternoon Tea is served in the beautifully restored rooms of Baysgarth House, offering visitors a chance to enjoy classic hospitality in a truly historic setting.

Guests will be treated to a traditional selection including tea or coffee, a variety of sandwiches, sausage rolls, a fruit scone with clotted cream, and assorted sweet treats – all presented with vintage tableware to create a charming sense of occasion.

Cost: £18 per person
Deposit: Advance payment or a £20 deposit required at the time of booking

Dates:
• Friday 18 September
• Sunday 20 September
• Sittings: 1.30pm and 3.30pm

Afternoon Tea at Baysgarth House is a delightful way to enjoy Heritage Open Days while supporting the ongoing restoration of this much-loved building.

Thanks!

Barton Town Council would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Picnic in the Park such a fantastic success.

A big thank you to all the organisers, stallholders and entertainers for helping create such a wonderful day. It was fantastic to see the park packed with families enjoying everything the event had to offer.

Well done to everyone who took part in the races, jumps and, of course, the ever-popular Welly Wanging competition – especially in the heat! - None of this would have been possible without the fantastic support and organisation of Barton & District Athletics Club

A special thank you also goes to our incredible volunteers, who generously gave up their time to help the event run safely and smoothly, as well as staying behind to help with the clear-up. Your support is truly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to Agb-photography for capturing so many wonderful moments throughout the day. If you'd like to see photos from the event, head over to Ashley's page on Facebook and take a look!

Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a memorable community event. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Baysgarth House Restoration
Receives Generous Boost from
Lovelles Estate Agents

Friends of Baysgarth House is pleased to acknowledge a generous donation from Lovelle Estate Agents, who have stepped forward to support the ongoing Phase 2 restoration of the historic building.



The team at Lovelle shared a sentiment that beautifully reflects the heart of this project:

"A house isn't simply bricks and mortar, it's about the people, memories and stories that bring it to life"

Their contribution arrives at an important moment, as work continues to secure and restore further areas of Baysgarth House for public use. Support from local businesses plays a vital role in helping us protect Barton's heritage and ensure the House can be enjoyed by future generations.

A huge thank you to the whole Lovelle team – pictured here outside their Barton office – for their generosity, community spirit and belief in this project. (LtoR Amanda, Rebecca, Sophie, Laura, Stephen, Thomas and Janis.)

Everyday Histories

Heritage Open Days are a once-a-year chance to discover some of Lincolnshire's heritage and culture for free!

Activities celebrate the local heritage of the county. Many are not usually publicly accessible or would normally charge a fee. The festival is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event and is also held in a further 48 countries across Europe.

Everyday Histories Is Heritage Lincolnshire's theme for this year's festival and offers a chance to discover history not just in grand buildings and landmark events, but in the familiar and the everyday – reminding us that everyone has a story, and every story matters.

Childhood memories are a big part of everyday histories - from street games and schooldays to home life and daily routines. These are the stories often over-looked but are the foundation of our shared history.

Two short talks are scheduled at the Wilderspin National School:

On the Buses - a life on Hull's buses at 1.30pm on Saturday, September 12 and **A Clean Sweep** - memories of the chimney sweep the following Saturday, again at 1.30pm. Each talk is free, includes refreshments and will last about an hour. Booking is not required.

Short tours include **All Dressed Up** at 1.30pm on Sunday, September 13 will explore how the school's volunteers research and make historical costumes for the museum displays – as well as the opportunity to share your own fashion memories of the past. **The Barton Infant & National School tour** is on Thursday

17 and Sunday, September 20 at 10.30am and 2pm. It's a 45 minute tour of Samuel Wilderspin's Model Infant School and the National School, "one of the most important schools in England". Booking is advisable (01652) 635172.

Helping Hand... 100 Years of Hesselwood Is a pop-up display, curated for the centenary of Hesselwood Orphanage in 2021. The orphanage eventually moved to a new site off Ferriby Road in Hessele close to the Humber Bridge Country Park. The display can be viewed Thursdays to Sundays, September 10 to 19 although on Saturdays September 12 and 19, the display can be viewed until 12 noon only.



On Friday, September 18 there's a guided walk along Waterside which featured earlier this year as part of the museum's **Humber Stories** project supported by the Humber Museums Partnership. To book a place call 01652 660380.

The Museum has extended its opening during the Heritage Open Days festival between September 11 to September 20, and admission is free. Refreshments are available throughout the week. The pop-up Chatty Café will be open between 11am and 2pm on both Saturdays, serving tea, coffee and cakes, making it an ideal stop during a museum visit or a walk around the town.

For full details or programme changes, visit wilderspainschool.org.uk.

The full Barton Heritage Open Days programme is listed on barton-upon-humber.org.uk and heritagelincolnshire.org.uk lists all of the Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days events.



News from the South Bank Players

The South Bank Players' Murder Mystery season is now well underway with shows already performed at the Barton Corn Exchange and The Haven Inn in June, The Snug Cafe, Grimsby in July, and Thornton Abbey Maize Maze in August.

There are still a few performances left, at Ulceby Church on Friday, September 25, South Ferriby's Nelthorpe Arms on Saturday, October 17, and Goxhill WI on Monday, November 9.

Contact the venues for tickets. The theme is **"Murder on the Farm"** and our audiences have enjoyed trying to work out whodunnit - some have even been dressing up for the occasion!

Once again the Players will be leading a heritage walk around Barton as part of Heritage Open Days. This will be at 6pm on Wednesday, September 16, starting from Baysgarth House Museum. The event is free, but ticketed, and tickets will be available through The Ropewalk. The route takes us

all the way down to The Ropewalk and back and the walk lasts around two hours. Along the way various characters from Barton's past will come out and tell their story. This will be our third year of running the walk and it has always proved very popular.

The Ghost Walk starts again on Halloween as usual. It is recommended to book tickets if you want to attend as it can get very busy. These will be available via www.splayers.co.uk nearer the time, and are being held at £5 per person for another season. Further walks will take place on Fridays November 27, January 22, February 26 and March 26.

Walks start at Baysgarth House Museum at 7.30pm and take about

90 minutes. We recommend warm clothes and suitable footwear! Friendly dogs on leads are welcome, as are children (there are no age restrictions, but there are a few things that might frighten little ones).

The South Bank Players always welcomes new members. The group meets on Sunday evenings at 7pm, upstairs in the Corn Exchange in Barton Market Place. Contact Jay Guy for more information on 07879 777267

Barton and District History Group

In 1421, a major dispute broke out between Geoffrey Hemingsby, Abbot of Bardney Abbey, and the people of Barton-upon-Humber.

The abbey, which controlled the parish, wanted to take a larger share of local church income, including altar charges, chapel offerings, and ritual fees. Local residents opposed this, arguing that the loss of income would make it difficult to maintain church services, support a vicar, and care for the town's churches, St Peter's and St Mary's.

The conflict was eventually resolved by Richard Duffield, an influential local resident who also served as Clerk of the Peace for Lindsey. Using his legal knowledge and regional authority, Duffield persuaded the abbot to negotiate and helped create a legally binding agreement.

Under the settlement, major tithes such as grain and wool still went to Bardney Abbey, but a protected share of local church income remained in Barton. This guaranteed funding for the parish clergy and ensured that local religious services could continue without interference from the monastery. The agreement

also protected the town from further financial pressure and became an important example of local revenue-sharing.

The effects of the settlement can still be seen in Barton's unusual landscape, where the large churches of St Peter's and St Mary's stand side by side. Before the agreement, St Mary's was only a chapel linked to St Peter's. By securing income for both churches, Duffield's settlement allowed St Mary's to become financially independent.

With local revenues staying in the town, both churches benefited from significant investment during the 15th century. Their congregations funded major building projects, including larger aisles, new clerestories, and additional altars. This financial independence also protected them during the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 1530s. While Bardney Abbey was dissolved and its property seized, St Peter's and St Mary's remained

secure, surviving as two of Barton-upon-Humber's most important historic landmarks.

The group's programme of events continues on September 30 with a presentation by **Andrew Robinson, The Railway Comes to Barton** on Humber: 1844 – 1914. On October 28 **Michael Oates will tell us about "A Geologist visits Thornton Abbey.**

The Annual General Meeting takes place on November 25, followed by a video "Paynes, Pinders and Public Order" and a quiz.

All the meetings are at St Mary's Church Hall and start at 7:30 P.M.

For any additional information, please contact Bartonanddistricthistorygroup@hotmail.com.

It's Panto Time! *Oh, Yes It Is!*

This year, Friends At Barton celebrate 10 incredible years of bringing magical, must-see shows to The Joseph Wright Hall in Barton.

A couple of years were missed with no shows due to the director being away working and of course the Covid years, but FAB is back with a bang this year, and with an old favourite, a Panto version of A Christmas Carol called BAH, HUMBUG!

A Christmas Carol was FAB's first ever show back in 2016 and since then FAB members have delighted local audiences with productions of The Snow Queen, Alice in Wonderland, Pinocchio, Mother Goose and of course, last year's colourful Circus themed Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

What better way to celebrate the last 10 years than with a return to the title that started FAB on its way, but this time with a Panto twist!

Local boy and West End actor Paul Tate created FAB with a simple but powerful mission: to produce high-quality local Community Theatre whilst raising money for both national and local charities.

Thanks to the amazing, loyal audiences the group has raised thousands of pounds along the way and they couldn't have done it without you. The audience is the final cast member to bring the show to life!

Join them for a side-splitting, song-filled, sparkle-soaked Pantomime.

The Panto has to be performed mid-November as Paul has to go off to do his professional

Panto, which this year is Robin Hood at The Spa Theatre in Scarborough, so not too far from home.

Grumpy old Scrooge is back! He's about to be visited by ghosts, giggles and a whole lot of festive chaos! Expect outrageous comedy, toe-tapping tunes, booing, cheering and plenty of chances to shout "Behind you!"

Packed with Pantomime magic, mayhem and a heart-warming message, this is a Christmas cracker for the whole family. Warm up your voices and come and see Dickens as you've never seen him before!

Friends At Barton would like to say a massive THANK-YOU to InternetTV and the Barton Lions for very kindly sponsoring the show this year. Community businesses supporting a community show. THAT's community spirit!!! It has enabled FAB to keep ticket prices low to ensure that more families can enjoy an early Christmas treat.

This year they will be giving back to the community by raising funds for Friends of Barton Parks and Baysgarth House Museum. Two very worthy causes that will benefit the town.

Ticket information and performance dates are on the poster and FAB can't wait to entertain you once more with a Dickens of a PHANTOMime! BOO!



HERITAGE WEEK OPEN DAYS

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September

11am – 3pm

Free light refreshments for all visitors.

Barton Masonic Centre
Masonic Hall
Brigg Road
BARTON UPON HUMBER
DN18 5DH

Curious about what Freemasonry is really about? Come along, have a look around, and ask us anything – everyone's welcome, no invitation needed.

lincolnshirefreemasons.org

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New Chapter for South Bank Singers

South Bank Singers, a Barton-based choir, is embarking on a new chapter under the leadership of Laurence Rugg after the sad passing of our conductor, Stan Kell.

The choir aims to build on Stan's legacy of using music to bring people together while Laurence is keen to develop the range of music sung. As a four-part choir singing in harmony anyone who loves to sing will be made welcome.

The choir is proud to have a mix of singers from those who have never sung in a choir before and cannot read music, to more experienced singers. As a community choir the South Bank Singers is committed to bringing out the best in people by creating a friendly but professional environment where singers can develop and grow.

Two concerts are held every year, one before Christmas where quite a lot of Christmas carols are sung

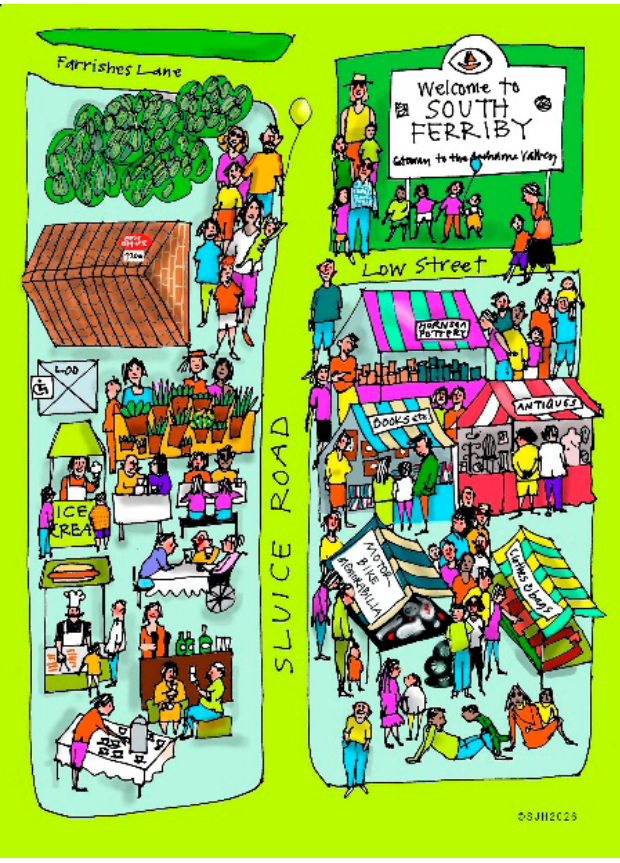
and a second around Easter time where items from well-known musicals, a range of contemporary music, and occasionally a classical piece is performed.

Do come and join us, we practise in the Trinity Methodist Church on Holydyke in Barton on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm to 9pm.

The first rehearsal after the summer break will be on Wednesday, September 9. Try something new this autumn!

Charity fund-raiser

Sara Haddon is hosting a charity fund-raising event in South Ferriby on Saturday, September 19, in aid of The Ropewalk and Myaware.



Sara has been a Patron of the Ropewalk for 25 years and Myaware is a medical charity for the neuromuscular condition 'Myasthenia Gravis' from which she is now suffering.

Sara explained, "I have had to 'give in' and accept that I need an electric wheelchair and I have decided to improve access by adding a new entrance to my home which in turn means reducing the size of my wardrobe. Friends offered to make charitable donations when I passed them clothes so, to take my mind off the wheelchair, I decided to have a clear out and set up a series of stalls in the front garden showcasing the best items which will go to auction if unsold. Bags and bags have also gone to Lindsey Hospice.

"In the farmyard there is going to be a modern take on the village fete aimed at showcasing South Ferriby businesses," she continued. "For example, the Hope and Anchor is manning a bar selling supermarket wine sponsored by villagers, and those round about. South Ferriby's Post Office and Convenience Store, run by Sumari and Nilesh, has kindly donated 200 samosas which in turn will be sold at the same bar. The event also marks the reopening of the Post Office after a longer than expected period of closure."

The event runs from 12 noon to 5pm in the farmyard, village shop and gardens around Farrishes Lane, Low Street and Sluice Road.

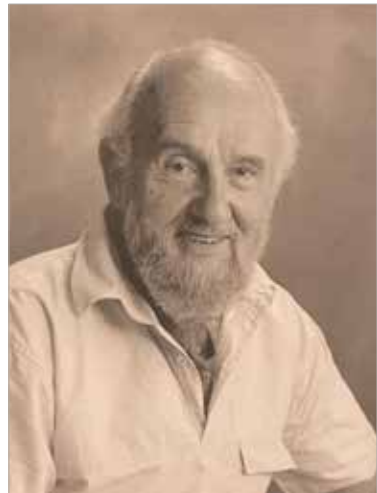
The Rex Russell Memorial Lecture, Barton Civic Society, Joseph Wright Hall, Friday 20 November, 2pm

Revolution and Resilience in Lincolnshire: Rex Russell's life in teaching

Many of our readers will know of Rex Russell, former local historian, teacher and artist, and long-time resident of Priestgate, Barton. Many will also have seen the exhibition on his life and work at Baysgarth House in 2017.

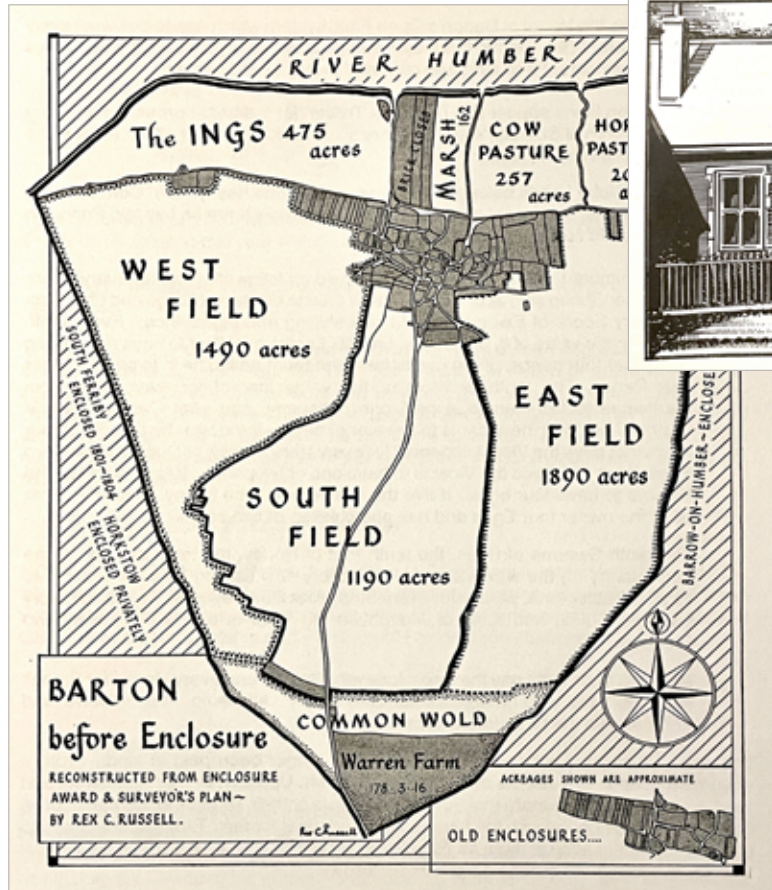
For those who don't know of Rex (who died in 2014 aged 98) he is Barton's – and Lincolnshire's – best-known historian. For many decades Rex worked with local history groups from Barton and other towns and villages throughout Lincolnshire, exploring and unveiling the histories of their local communities. His work fostered the study of local history throughout the county, enthralling hundreds of adult students, and together they published more than 80 books and articles. Rex's work was especially focused on how the great forces of economic and social change shaped the lives of Lincolnshire people in the Georgian and Victorian periods, and how local communities worked to alleviate or resist these new economic and social pressures.

The work done by Rex and his students covered a wide range of subjects often overlooked by mainstream history. He is probably best known for his work on the Parliamentary Land Enclosures in Lincolnshire in the late 1700s and 1800s, and the sweeping changes



this brought to people's lives, and to the landscape which we still live in today.

But Rex's work extended far beyond this to a wide range of subjects: social and religious movements like Methodism and Non-Conformism, the Temperance Movement, Friendly Societies and farmworkers mutual aid groups; and early schooling and education for children and for adults through local self-help groups such as Mechanics Institutes and community Reading Rooms. And along with his studies, Rex produced distinctive artwork and historic maps which made his publications immediately recognisable.



One of Rex's distinctive maps, this one showing Barton upon Humber before the land enclosures of 1793-96

This remarkable man shaped our knowledge of the history of Barton upon Humber and the surrounding areas. But what shaped Rex himself? Keith Miller, local historian and formerly of English Heritage, and a friend and former teaching colleague of Rex's, explores Rex's own history, and that of his wife and close

collaborator Eleanor (known to all as Froude).

Keith will trace the story from Rex's birth in 1916 in an east London workhouse during a First World War Zeppelin raid, to growing up during the Great Depression of the 1920s and '30s, and his political awakening

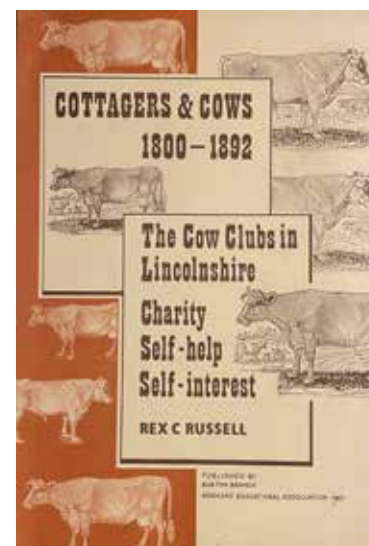


Rex's drawings of Queen Street School. It was Rex who discovered the link between the educational pioneer Samuel Wilderspin and this school, which ultimately led to saving the school from demolition and the creation of today's Wilderspin and National School Museum.

in response to the rise of fascism in Europe, his marriage to Froude and their time as land-workers in East Yorkshire, and then WW2 service in the Navy in Scotland, study at Durham University and the period of 1950s post-war reconstruction and rapid social and economic change in the following decades, when Rex devoted himself full-time to social history and teaching, continuing well beyond official retirement age.

Drawing on Rex's many publications, and on new material from Rex's family archives and his many publications, the talk will look at how Rex's values, ideals and artistic talents were reflected in his life's work, and at how the themes he explored are still very much with us today.

Lecture is held at Joseph Wright Hall. Free to members. £4 for non-members.



One of Rex's many books on local self-help groups in the 19th century



with illustrations reflecting David's words. These are now on sale price £8 from Amie (07434021577 and also see her on Barton Market), Barton Rotary (pamandjongreen@btinternet.com), Muse Publishing (07803504794) The Ropewalk and Barton Post Office. All net proceeds will help support Rotary charities.



form, and if he attended a meeting, gathering, family event or was just buying stamps at the Post Office, he would often regale those present with his thoughts.

The title of Bizarre Crocus captures David's love of spring bulbs and his unusual, outgoing spirit of poetic readings. It was also the name given to the most famous distinctive ceramic pattern designed by Clarice Cliff, appropriate to a man who made

life colourful. The book's title and the contents epitomise David, his character, and his nature. Bartonians will also remember the life of Wendy Witter MBE, David's wife. Whilst David worked for British Steel, after that a private company in Darlington for nine years and latterly set up Witter Steels, Wendy was working tirelessly in the community. Surviving her husband by two years, Wendy will be well remembered for her many years as a Barton Town Councillor serving as Mayor for three terms.

So, as a couple, David and Wendy are commemorated in Bizarre Crocus, pictured together, their lives celebrated in poetry. Amie Witter-Smith of Witter Farms was determined that her grandfather's words should not be forgotten. So, with her graphic designer, Amy Turner, she has made available a wonderful representative collection of David's work and along

No rain, no cakes but a good show!

Well, I got that totally wrong. Spectacularly wrong you could say.

In the July edition I reported there were no real complaints about the weather on the plots unlike previous years. As I submitted that article for publication, we started the longest driest period for Barton on record. We had just 1mm rain from June 16 until August 15 with July being our first rain free month.

It will take months of good steady rainfall, to make up for all this, but it looks unlikely that we will get this either. Although the autumn is predicted to be wetter and stormier than usual due to the impact of El Nino, it will be falling on parched ground increasing the risk of run off rather than soaking in. Next year is predicted to be the hottest on record, due again to El Nino, whose impact is increased due to man-made climate change.

People are already discussing how we should be changing what we grow to suit the changing climate, with Radio Humber's Doug Stewart, our Flower and Fruit Judge at the Show, suggesting chickpeas would be a good crop as well as deep rooted veg.

Despite the lack of rain, the 74th Horticultural Show was a success. It was clear that some classes had suffered from the drought, with very

few onion or pea exhibits, but there were some impressive displays from flower growers.

One major disappointment was the lack of entries in the Cookery. Unlike last year, when the judge found it difficult to complete her task in time due to the number of cakes, scones and loaves of bread, this year there were either one exhibit or none at all, in all the cookery classes, with far fewer jams and chutneys as well. Perhaps it was too hot in the kitchen to cook? Whatever the reason Cookery was a poor show.

So come on Barton bakers – put Saturday, August 14 2027 in your diary now for the 75th Horticultural Show!

Meanwhile on the plots we are starting to look forward to next year as well as harvesting the remains of this year's crops, encouraging those pumpkins, squash and second attempt at runner beans planted in July, and preparing the land for next year.

Plenty of compost or manure to help water retention will be the key in drought conditions, with green manure to prevent soil nutrients being washed out in autumn storms.



Under-16s presentation

As ever, if you would like to get on the waiting list for a plot, please do get in touch.

Neil Jacques
secretarybartonallotments@hotmail.com

Barton Short Mat Bowls is looking for new members

The season starts again on September 15 and if anyone is interested in having a go "roll up" on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm.

Equipment can be provided, plus first session is free. The cost is £3 per session and includes free tea and coffee. All are welcome to come along and give it a go. More information can be found on the Facebook page Barton Town Short Mat Bowls Club or by contacting 07701212660.



business sponsors.

The club has welcomed several new members, and their enthusiasm has added fresh energy to the Monday and Thursday rollups. Several members have represented the club at gala days hosted by neighbouring clubs, enjoying friendly competition and strengthening links within the local bowls community.

With progress on the green, new faces joining, and a busy social calendar, Barton Brigg Road Bowls Club continues to thrive—promising even more to look forward to in the months ahead. To join our friendly club contact the Secretary at: secretary.bartonbowlsclub@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

Wildlife needs YOUR HELP during a drought.

Skip the BBQ.
Pack a picnic instead.

Leave nothing behind.
Glass bottles, jars and tins can all increase the risk of fire.

Avoid parking on dry grass.
A hot exhaust can spark wildfires.

Dispose of cigarettes responsibly.

Wildlife needs space.
Stick to paths, observe signs, watch from a distance.

If you spot a wildfire...

Move somewhere safe.
Call 999 immediately.

Wildlife needs your help during a drought!

It been so very hot! As temperatures have continued to soar over the past weeks our native wildlife and people are struggling. Here the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust gives ideas with simple things we can all do to help.

- A dish of water with pebbles or marbles put out in the garden or on a window sill can provide a little drink for the bees and birds.
- If you have space for a bigger vessel of water or pond (with a rocks or ladder for escape) hedgehogs and other mammals will really appreciate the drink.
- Also it's important for us all to stay safe. Bodies of water can look appealing for a paddle or swim but low water levels can expose hidden hazards under the surface or even the shallow warmer water can be a risk to health with natural but toxic algal blooms.
- As we have all seen on the news the dry ground is a major fire risk so, whilst enjoying the sunshine please remember to be responsible in the heat and the dry weather.

Barton Park Bowls Club

The long hot and dry summer this year has made bowling a tough challenge for many a club as we approach the final months of a busy season.

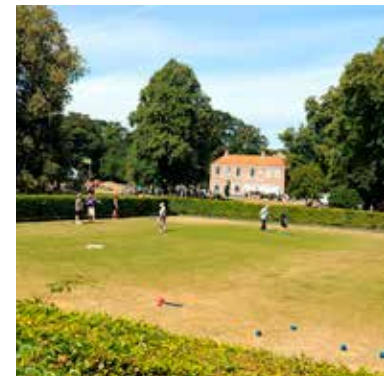
The constant sun and lack of rain has made most "greens" brown and quite hard, making bowling much more tricky, with also one or two hydration breaks needed among the suncream and sweat.

Centenary celebrations continued at the Club with a wonderful well attended garden party hosted by a club member with excellent food and drinks enjoyed by all with excellent food and drink.

Picnic in the Park on August 2 proved very popular with bowls games on the green for adults and kiddies, with one or two future bowling stars on view as well as gaining a few more

new club members. Our annual Barbecue was at the Cricket Club in late August with a large birthday cake enjoyed among the sausages and burgers.

September 12 is our Captain's Day with a supersize buffet, and fun on the green with Bob's obstacle course. On the playing front Trips teams are doing well with promotion well in reach and the Tuesday afternoon team has a good chance of winning the Tuesday League.



For further information contact Ian Papworth at bartonparkbowls@gmail.com

Friends of Barton Parks

Summer Parks Update

It's been a busy and rewarding few months across Barton's parks, with volunteers, partners and local councillors all helping us improve and expand the green spaces our community enjoys.

New Fruit Tree Beds in Baysgarth Park

Friends of Barton Parks is delighted to have been awarded £1,940 from North Lincolnshire Council's In Bloom Community Grant Scheme to deliver a series of green improvements across the town.

The funding will support three linked projects designed to brighten Barton's public spaces, encourage wildlife, and involve residents of all ages in hands-on gardening.

The first project will introduce new planters filled with climbing plants and soft fruit to help screen several on-street bins in the town centre. This simple but creative approach will soften hard landscaping, add seasonal colour, and make these busy areas more attractive for shoppers and visitors.

In Baysgarth Park, volunteers will be transforming a boggy, underused patch of ground into a lush planting area filled with moisture-loving species. The new bed will improve biodiversity, enhance the park's appearance, and create a feature that can be enjoyed year-round.



The grant will also fund raised beds for the Barton Junior Gardeners, giving young people space to grow climbing flowers, soft fruit, and espalier fruit trees. This will expand the group's learning area and support their growing confidence as the next generation of community gardeners.

Installed by Mark Nettleton Home & Landscape Gardening, the beds are ready for planting and will give the young gardeners more space to grow soft fruit, apples and herbs for future harvests.

All three projects will be planted and maintained by the Barton Volunteer Gardeners, who continue to work closely with North Lincolnshire Council, Barton Town Council, and local partners to keep Barton's green spaces thriving.

Friends of Barton Parks was delighted to receive the Community Grant cheque from North Lincolnshire councillors Christine Patterson, and Paul Vickers, as well as Council Leader Rob Waltham.



Liz Bennet from Friends of Barton Parks met the councillors beside the newly planted green and silver bed next to the public toilets that becomes waterlogged when it rains to accept the cheque.

All the plants chosen thrive in partial shade and moisture, making it an ideal spot. Volunteers have been keeping everything watered with a daily can or two until the weather improves.

Junior Gardeners at the Allotment Show



and families enjoyed a brilliant drop-in day of cycling confidence building.

Have you spotted us in the blue token boxes at Tesco?



Friends of Barton Parks are in the running for £1,500, and this funding would make a huge difference – helping us finish the final stages of the Baysgarth Park Tree Trail.

If you're popping in for your shopping, please drop your blue token in our slot. Every single one helps us bring the trail to life for families, schools and visitors.

Barton Civic Society Award – A Summer of Success for Baysgarth Park

Friends of Barton Parks was delighted to be named joint recipients of a Barton Civic Society Award, alongside North Lincolnshire Council, for the renovation of the children's play area at Baysgarth Park. The award recognises the hard work, partnership and persistence that went into transforming the space into a bright, welcoming and much-loved part of the park.

The timing of the official opening in April couldn't have been better. With the fantastic summer weather we've enjoyed this year, the play area has been busy from morning to evening, becoming a daily hub for families, grandparents, childminders and very enthusiastic grown-ups. It's been wonderful to see the space used exactly as we hoped – full of life, laughter and community spirit.

The award was presented by Barton Civic Society Chair Rod

North, with NLC Officer Andy Tate receiving it on behalf of the council. Representing the Friends group were Cllr Ben Troop, Cllr Paul Vickers, and Mark Nettleton, whose hands-on involvement and steady commitment have been central to the project's success.

For the Friends, this recognition is more than a certificate – it's a celebration of everyone who has volunteered time, secured funding, planted, painted, dug, watered, and championed the park over the past year. The play area has already proved its value to the community, and the award highlights what can be achieved when volunteers, councillors and officers work together with a shared purpose.

Dam Road Beds – Sunflowers and Summer Growing



Barton Volunteers were amazed by the success of the huge sunflowers in the Dam Road beds this year – towering over everything despite the lack of rain. The herbs have also done well, but unfortunately the rest of the vegetables haven't fared quite as successfully.

There was a reasonable crop of carrots and beetroot, but little else managed to thrive in the dry conditions.

The beds will now be prepared for autumn planting, with onions and garlic going in next to ensure a strong start for the cooler season.

Friends of Barton Parks & Barton Gardening Volunteers
Join the volunteers – call 01652 660380 for more details.

Green Flag Awards



Two of Barton's parks have once again been recognised as being among the country's best after earning prestigious Green Flag Awards, the national mark of wellmanaged, welcoming and safe green spaces.

Baysgarth Park is now a long-time recipient of the award and was joined for the second year running by the Bridge View Park.

Baysgarth Park continues to attract families and visitors yearround with its landscaped gardens, play facilities, historic setting and close links to Baysgarth House Museum while the Bridge View Park is one of North Lincolnshire's most popular destinations, offering panoramic estuary views, walking routes, picnic spots and open green space beneath one of the world's most iconic bridges.

Cllr Paul Vickers, chair of the Friends of Barton Parks, welcomed the news, thanking volunteers for their vital contribution and celebrating the quality of green spaces the town has to offer while Cllr Rob Waltham leader of North Lincolnshire Council, said the recognition reflects years of investment and the dedication of staff, volunteers and local communities.

Cllr Rob Waltham commented, "For Barton to have two Green Flag parks for the second year is something the town can be incredibly proud of," he said. "These awards don't happen by accident. They highlight the hard work of our parks teams and the commitment of volunteers who help care for these special places. Whether people want somewhere to walk, play, exercise or simply enjoy time outdoors, these parks make Barton an even better place to live and visit."

The awards, marking the 30th anniversary of the Green Flag scheme, celebrate the work of council teams and the volunteers who help care for these muchloved community spaces. Many parks, like those in Barton, benefit from active Friends groups who support improvements, planting, litter picking and future planning.

The Green Flag Award, run by Keep Britain Tidy, sets the benchmark for highquality parks across the UK and beyond – and this milestone year highlights the outstanding places and dedicated communities that help them flourish.

A new programme is helping local people explore Barton's history, heritage and creativity – and there is much more happening than many residents may realise.

Cultural Futures:

Bringing Barton's Stories to Life

NEIL KING has been finding out what's happening.

If you have wondered what Viking history, The Beatles' Yellow Submarine, Barton's old shops, Humber folklore and childhood games have in common, the answer is Cultural Futures.

Cultural Futures is a three-year programme supporting arts, culture and heritage across North Lincolnshire. Supported by North Lincolnshire Council and The National Lottery Heritage Fund, it provides grants and opportunities for local communities, artists and organisations to develop projects that celebrate the places, stories and heritage of the area.

And Barton-upon-Humber has been a major beneficiary. According to the programme information, projects in Barton have received 40% of the total Cultural Futures allocation for North Lincolnshire.

A Viking journey through the Humber landscape

One project is marking the 50th anniversary of the Viking Way.

Rooted Arts' A Passing Tale brings artists, communities and heritage together along the route. It includes artist residencies, creative workshops and the creation of a digital archive recording stories and experiences associated with the Viking Way.

Workshops have already taken place at Water's Edge and Far Ings, giving local people the opportunity to explore the landscape, history and stories of the area with professional artists.

Remembering Barton's shopping history

Another project is looking much closer to home – at the shops and shopping habits that have shaped Barton.

Led by The Ropewalk, Barton Shops & Shopping is collecting memories, photographs, objects and oral

histories relating to the town's retail heritage. The material will eventually form a digital archive and will also be brought to life through workshops, displays and exhibitions.

The first opportunity to see some of the results will come in September 2026, when a pop-up exhibition will appear in Barton shop windows from September 11 to 20. A larger exhibition is planned for March 2027.

For anyone who remembers Barton before the high street changed, this could be a particularly fascinating chance to see the town's commercial past brought back to life.



Barton's connection with Yellow Submarine

Barton also has a remarkable connection with one of the most famous animated films ever made.

The Ted Lewis Centre is leading a project celebrating Barton-born artist and animator Ted Lewis, who worked as an Animation Clean-Up Supervisor on The Beatles' Yellow Submarine. The project is researching his work and collecting oral histories, archive

material and memories to tell the story of his contribution to the film.

The project has received £4,300 through Cultural Futures and will culminate in a live Beatles tribute event celebrating Ted Lewis's birthday in January 2027. Exhibitions featuring artwork, animation techniques and archive material will also help visitors discover more about his creative legacy and Barton's unexpected connection to global pop culture.

Monsters, myths and Humber folklore

If Vikings and The Beatles aren't enough, another project is delving into the stranger side of local history.

Legends of the Humber: Creatures, Coast & Curiosity, led by STEAMPunx Lincs, explores the folklore, landscapes and environment of the Humber through storytelling, art, poetry and imaginary creatures.

Local people are being encouraged to explore the stories associated with the Humber and create their own interpretations. The resulting work will form a cabinet-of-curiosities-style exhibition.

Some of the creative workshops are taking place at Far Ings, linking local people with the landscape on their doorstep.

Rediscovering the art of play

A fifth project is looking at something that everyone has experienced – childhood and play.

The Art of Play: Past, Present and Reimagined, at Wilderspin National School Museum, is being led by artist Annabel McCourt. The project explores childhood, play and how the ways in which children play have changed over the years.

It includes an artist residency, workshops and creative activities, with exhibitions planned for 2027.

What exactly is Cultural Futures?

At its heart, Cultural Futures is about more than simply funding arts projects.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for groups wanting to develop arts and heritage projects in North Lincolnshire. These might include workshops, exhibitions, performances, festivals or storytelling events. Projects can involve people of all ages and backgrounds and are intended to bring communities together, build pride in local places and encourage people to discover something new about where they live.

The programme has five broad aims: to encourage ambitious and



innovative work; celebrate local places and heritage; develop the cultural sector; grow skills in arts, heritage and creative industries; and create lasting impact through continued community involvement and future investment.

Why does it matter to Barton?

For a town like Barton, the value of Cultural Futures is not simply the money being invested.

It provides an opportunity to capture memories before they disappear, uncover stories that may have been forgotten, celebrate people who have made an impact beyond the town, and encourage residents to look at familiar places in new ways.

From Viking routes and Humber folklore to Barton shops, childhood memories and a local animator's contribution to Yellow Submarine, these projects demonstrate just how much history and creativity there is on Barton's doorstep.

And perhaps the most important part is that local people are not simply being asked to come and watch.

They are being invited to contribute their memories, stories, ideas and creativity – helping to shape the way Barton's heritage is recorded and understood for future generations.



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WHAT'S ON: September - November 2026

Saturday September 5 and every Saturday after

Parkrun
Baysgarth Park 9am
A weekly 5k in the beautiful surroundings of Baysgarth Park. Walk, jog or run – everyone is welcome.
FREE

Saturday September 5

Barton Market
Market Place and Butchery 8.30am – 1.30pm
Browse fresh produce, gifts, crafts and local traders at this popular monthly market.
FREE

Wednesday September 16

Corncrakes by Simon Wellock
Far Ings National Nature Reserve 7pm
Evening Talk at the Far Ings Visitor Centre. Short AGM at 7 pm followed by a talk on "Corncrakes" by Simon Wellock
FREE

Thursday September 17

Petunia
Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk 8pm
Petunia is more than just an entertainer, he's a modern musical enigma. Imagine Hank Williams on acid, if David Lynch and Nick Cave had a hillbilly baby that yodelled, or Tom Waits met Elvis Presley at Woody Guthrie's hobo junction. These are just a few ways of describing the man known simply as Petunia.
He's an adventure seeker, a poker player, and a mysterious stranger. He's been referred to as "The Saviour of Country Music", and a man who exists in a different era, bringing the past forth as something new to be celebrated and not forgotten.
£15

Friday September 18

Domesday Book
Joseph Wright Hall 7.30pm
Join Barton Civic Society as Neil Wilkyn explores the Domesday Book and Barton's entries from 1086, revealing fascinating insights into the town, its landscape, people and everyday life almost 1,000 years ago.
FREE

Sunday September 6 and every Sunday after

Sunday Services Barton Evangelical Church
Morning Worship (in the main hall at Castledyke Primary School) at 10.30am Evening Worship (in our Church building) at 6.00pm
We look forward to seeing you then. Check our Facebook page and Church website for information about our other services and activities

Wednesday September 9 and every Wednesday after

Coffee Morning
Community Room, Trinity Methodist Church 10.30am – 12pm
A relaxed weekly gathering with refreshments, conversation and a rotating activity such as a quiz, game or guest speaker.
Free – donations appreciated.
Living Later Life Well session (60+). Booking required unless stated. Contact Jo on 07821 900623 or jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com

September 10- 20

Heritage Open Days
Various venues
A celebration of Barton's heritage with exhibitions, guided walks, talks, open buildings and events as part of National Heritage Open Days. Full programme of events in the centre pages.
FREE

Wednesday September 16

Corncrakes: A talk by Simon Wellock
7pm start 2 hours
Short AGM at 7 pm followed by a talk on Corncrakes by Simon Wellock
Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)
FREE - Refreshments provided – donation accepted for speakers

Saturday September 19

Flamborough birdwatching trip
Full day
The Flamborough headland, jutting out into the North sea, is a renowned and raucous bird migration hotspot, especially in spring and autumn, with rarities attracting birdwatchers from all over the country. The grassy clifftops and gullies host a wide variety of chalkland plants, butterflies, and songbirds.
We will be doing a 2 to 3 mile walk around Flamborough head.
Alex Cawley (07722 555302)
Free except for parking costs.

Saturday September 19

Barton Junior Gardeners
Meet at Baysgarth House 10.30am – 12.30pm
A fun, hands-on gardening session for children aged 8–12, exploring nature, learning new skills and helping to care for Baysgarth Park's green spaces.
£2

Saturday September 26

Silver Circle Band
Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk 8pm
Known locally for their high-energy rock/pop/indie shows, Barton's own The Silver Circle Band will present a special one-off acoustic performance exclusively at Ropery Hall. In a more intimate setting, the band will be exploring soaring harmonies and rich, layered arrangements, reimagining songs by Fleetwood Mac, The Eagles, Paul Simon, Peter Gabriel and other much-loved classics. Expect a relaxed, atmospheric evening inspired by the spirit of MTV Unplugged.
£15

Saturday October 3

Barton Market
Market Place and Butchery 8.30am – 1.30pm
Browse fresh produce, gifts, crafts and local traders at this popular monthly market.
FREE

Friday October 16

Enclosures
Joseph Wright Hall 2pm
Join the Barton Civic Society for an informative and fascinating lecture exploring the Enclosure Movement in Lincolnshire. Andrew Robinson will examine the important research and writing carried out by Rex Russell, including publications on enclosure produced by Rex and local W.E.A. groups. The lecture will provide background to the Enclosure Movement, looking at both private and Parliamentary enclosures, before focusing specifically on the enclosures of Barrow-upon-Humber and Barton-upon-Humber. It will also explore the lasting effects of enclosure and how these historic changes can still be seen in the modern-day landscape.
Free to members. £4 for non-members

Saturday October 17

Scarborough birdwatching trip
Full day
October is a premier time for autumn birdwatching in Scarborough, offering coastal migration, sea-watching, and winter arrivals along the Yorkshire coast. Key spots include Long Nab, Scarborough Harbour, and Scalby Mills.
Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)
Free except for parking costs.

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£2

Wednesday October 21

Vanishing Viper - A talk by Kevin James
7.30pm start, 2 hours
Talk on "Vanishing Viper" by Kevin James (warden Woodhall Spa reserve)
Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)
FREE - Refreshments provided – donation accepted for speakers

Thursday October 22

Animal Farm
Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk 7.30pm
More than 80 years since the publication of Orwell's barnyard masterpiece about the abuse of power and the power to corrupt, Olivier award winner, Guy Masterson's epic, often comic yet deeply moving solo adaptation is perhaps more relevant than ever before as Napoleon leads the animals down the oft-trodden path of totalitarianism. It couldn't really happen again... could it?
£15

Sunday November 1

Barton & District AC Deepdale Dash
Starting at Baysgarth School 9.30am
The 16th running of this premier and popular North Lincolnshire 10K Road Race will take place on Sunday, November 2.
Contact Barton & District AC for more information

Wednesday November 5

Barton Lions Bonfire Night Fireworks Display
Baysgarth Park From 5.30pm
Celebrate Guy Fawkes Night at the annual Barton Lions Bonfire Night event held at Baysgarth Park.
See Barton Lions Facebook for further details.

Saturday November 7

Barton Market
Market Place and Butchery 8.30am – 1.30pm
Browse fresh produce, gifts, crafts and local traders at this popular monthly market.
FREE



BARNSTORMERS COMEDY

Friday October 23

Barnstormers
Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk 8pm
Three Comedians, one Compare. An evening of fast paced comedy from the national comedy club circuit.
£12

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust - Barton Area Group Summer/Autumn 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 6pm.
- **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).



Shops & Shopping: Barton High Street Through Time

Ever wandered down the High Street and wondered what came before the shop you're looking at now? Before the fruit and veg, the gifts, the treats and the takeaways... what stories lived behind these doors?



For Heritage Open Days, take a self-guided stroll through Barton upon Humber's bustling High Street and discover the hidden history of its shopfronts. Each participating window will display a photograph showing what once stood on that very spot – from long forgotten trades to familiar favourites of decades past.

It's a gentle wander, rich with nostalgia, curiosity and community pride. And the added bonus? You might just pick up something tasty for tea from one of our brilliant independent shops while you're there.

Explore, reminisce, support local – all in one simple walk.



WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

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St Peter's Church



Open to the public

Saturday 19 (10am – 2pm) & Sunday 20, September, (12pm-4pm)

With history dating back more than 1000 years, this is a wonderful opportunity to discover the Saxon tower and medieval features of St Peter's Church.

Enjoy informative displays and a chance to chat with knowledgeable volunteers who bring the church's past to life.

Admission is free with kind thanks to English Heritage.

Booking is not required.



Crafts

Saturday 19 September

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Sunday 20, September, 2pm

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Enjoy a unique behind-the-scenes glimpse into the tradition of bell ringing while taking in the magnificent sound as it echoes across the town.

Admission is free with kind thanks to English Heritage.

Booking is not required.

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Step inside a hidden piece of Barton's wartime history. Barton Volunteers, together with staff and residents of Achieve Together, invite you to explore a rare surviving air raid shelter in the grounds of this former clinic.

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On the Buses at Wilderspin



Wilderspin National School & Joseph Wright Hall
Saturday September 12, 1.30pm

Colin Cooper reminisces about bus conductors, trolleybuses and the Bus Station in Hull.

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Behind the Pages of The Bartonian

Have you ever wondered what goes into producing The Bartonian?

Neil King gives a behind-the-scenes insight into how The Bartonian ends up in your letterbox.

Every edition that lands on your doorstep is the result of weeks of planning, writing, editing, designing and delivering – entirely by volunteers who are passionate about keeping Barton informed.

More than 30 years of local news

The Bartonian began life in the early 1990s as a free community newsletter produced by Barton upon Humber Town Council. Its aim was simple: to keep residents informed about local news, community organisations, events and council services.

Over the past three decades it has recorded thousands of local stories, celebrating the people, businesses, schools, charities and organisations that make Barton such a special place to live. Today it is much more than a newspaper – it has become part of the town's history.

A major milestone came in 2021 when the Barton Tourism Partnership took responsibility for producing and distributing The Bartonian. The publication was redesigned, adopting a fresher, more magazine-style approach while retaining its community focus.

Finding the stories

Unlike professional newspapers, we don't have a newsroom or paid reporters. Instead, our stories come from the community.

Our editorial team – Liz Bennet, Jane Tuplin, Carol Clark and Neil King – plans each edition to provide a balanced mix of local news, community events, heritage, business, charities and council information.

We keep an eye on local Facebook groups and community discussions to discover what people are talking about. We also rely on local organisations, clubs, businesses and residents to let us know what's happening. If nobody tells us, there's a good chance we'll never hear about it.

Some stories are commissioned, while others arrive in our inbox from contributors. We also carry out interviews, write original features and investigate issues that matter to local people.



From draft to print

Once the articles have been written, everything is passed to Jane for editing – rather like handing in your homework!

She checks facts, names, grammar, spelling and style, while making sure each article is as clear and readable as possible. Space is always limited, so difficult decisions sometimes have to be made about which stories appear in each edition.

After that all the text is returned to editor Liz Bennet who by that time will have already planned out the pages with the adverts that, in effect, make the Bartonian self-sufficient.

It is then left to Liz to plot where the stories and accompanying photographs will be placed in the Bartonian. Adverts and copy are then sent over to Lee Collins of CD Designs to get it print-ready who will send Liz a draft proof of the publication which is then checked by Carol Thornton on behalf of Barton Town Council to ensure it complies with the legal requirements that apply to council publications before being sent to printer Sharmans who, within 24 hours of receiving the Bartonian, have printed it and sent it back to Barton for distribution.

And just as one edition goes to print, planning for the next one begins.

Delivered by volunteers

Perhaps the most remarkable part of the whole process happens once the newspapers arrive back from the printer.

Around 40 volunteer distributors, coordinated by Neil Jacques, deliver The Bartonian to virtually every home in Barton upon Humber. Whatever the weather, they ensure thousands of copies reach every home across the town. Without this dedicated team, The Bartonian simply couldn't exist.

How it's paid for

Everyone involved in producing The Bartonian gives their time voluntarily. However, printing and production still cost money.

Advertising from local businesses pays for almost all of those costs. Barton Town Council helps co-ordinate advertising, while members of the editorial team also work with local businesses to secure adverts and occasional advertorial features.

We don't make large profits – in fact, some years we make a small surplus and other years a small loss. A handful of extra adverts can make all the difference in keeping your community newspaper financially sustainable.

More than just a newspaper

Our ambition is for The Bartonian to be much more than a newspaper.

We aim to:

- answer the questions local people are asking;
- hold public bodies to account while giving them the opportunity to explain their decisions;
- support local businesses and charities;
- celebrate the people who make Barton special;
- promote clubs, organisations and community events;
- preserve the town's history for future generations; and
- provide trusted local news in an age of misinformation.

Every edition is produced by local people, for local people.

If you have a story, photographs, an event to publicise, or simply an idea for something we should investigate, we'd love to hear from you.

After all, The Bartonian is your newspaper.



Trevor Millum

A Life of Words, Wit, and Community

The cultural life of Barton has lost one of its most distinctive voices with the passing of Trevor Millum – writer, teacher, performer, trustee, and long-standing champion of creativity in the region.

Trevor's contribution to the creative life of Barton and the wider region cannot be overstated. A writer of remarkable range, his first book Images of Woman: Visual Communication in Advertising explored the portrayal of women in magazine advertising. Over the years he published poetry, short stories, educational works, and non-fiction – including Traffic Island and Other Stories (1984), Mixing It and Other Stories (1989), Nimbus for the Nervous (1990), The Mouse and the Muse (1991), and Warning: Too Much Schooling Can Damage Your Health (1988).

More recently, Trevor delighted audiences with A Stegosaurus is for Life and Other Animal Poems, showcasing his trademark humour, imagination, and gentle mischief. He also published Son of the Secret Gardener, a beautifully researched family history about his grandfather, who inspired The Secret Garden through his work at Maytham Hall.

Alongside his writing, Trevor taught in schools across the world, led national English teaching initiatives, ran conferences, and – in his own words – “kept his garden sort of under control.” His creativity spilled into every corner of community life: from Barton Arts cabaret nights in the late 1990s, to poetry trains, literature events, and the much-loved Three Voices, which eventually found a regular home here at The Ropewalk.

Trevor was a steadfast supporter of The Ropewalk, and we were honoured when he agreed to become a trustee following our successful transition to charity status in 2021. His insight, humour, and gentle wisdom enriched every meeting, every event, and every conversation. His belief in the value of local arts and culture was unwavering.

One of his most enduring contributions was Three Voices, the poetry and performance trio that travelled through various venues before finding a regular home in The Ropewalk's bar. Trevor's readings were always a highlight – warm, witty, and delivered with a twinkle that suggested he was enjoying himself as much as the audience.

Trevor's influence on Barton's creative community was profound. He encouraged, inspired, entertained, and supported countless people over the years.

His absence will be felt deeply, but his legacy – of words, laughter, and generosity – will continue to shape the cultural life of the town for years to come. He will be greatly missed – as a writer, a performer, a trustee, and above all, as a friend.

Liz Bennet

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A New Chapter for Keigar Homes:

Welcoming You to Our New Head Office

Keigar Homes has opened the doors to its new head office on Barton's Holydyke, marking an exciting new chapter for the family-run housebuilder as it continues to grow across North Lincolnshire and the surrounding areas.

The new premises provide a modern, professional and welcoming environment for the Keigar Homes team, while reflecting the company's continued commitment to investing in its people, its business and the communities in which it builds.

A key feature of the new head office is The Signature Suite, a brand-new dedicated marketing and options area designed to make choosing the finishing touches for a new Keigar home an even more enjoyable experience. From kitchens and bathrooms to flooring, fixtures and fittings, customers can see and discuss their choices with the Keigar Homes team, helping them create

a home that truly feels like their own. Created with the customer experience at its heart, it makes what can be an overwhelming part of buying a new home feel much simpler, more personal and more exciting.

The move to the new head office provides the business with the space and facilities it needs to support its continued growth, while bringing teams together in a modern working environment. It also provides a dedicated base from which Keigar Homes can continue to manage its growing portfolio of developments and support customers throughout their homebuying journey.



Founded in 1994, Keigar Homes has grown from its early beginnings into one of the region's established independent housebuilders. With developments across North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire, the company has built a strong reputation for creating high-quality new homes, with a focus on design, energy efficiency and attention to detail. The new head office gives the company the foundations needed for the next stage of its growth.

The opening is particularly significant at a time when Keigar Homes is embarking on some of its largest developments to date. From new communities at Falkland Way in Barton-upon-Humber to developments across the wider region, the business continues to look ahead and invest in its future.

While the surroundings may be new, the values behind Keigar Homes remain the same – a family-run business focused on building

quality homes, supporting local communities and creating places that people are proud to call home.

The new head office, together with The Signature Suite, marks the beginning of another exciting chapter for Keigar Homes – putting customers at the heart of the experience and creating plenty of opportunities for the future.

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The Barton Man Who Made the Beatles

Yellow Submarine was probably the first adult animated full length feature film, created for United Artists over 11 months in 1967. Barton's Ted Lewis was then primarily a graphic artist, yet while he was writing his iconic novel. Get Carter, he was also selected to manage animation of Yellow Submarine.

In pre-Pixar days, each cartoon character moved through a series of line drawings, but there were more than 60 artists drawing for Yellow Submarine so it was necessary that these should be reproduced correctly. It was Ted's job to make sure that they did and, with only one other colleague, is said to have checked between 300,000 and 400,000 images. Artists drew creatively but the Art Director of Yellow Submarine could not animate. Ted Lewis could. He is shown there, unassuming at the back of the rest of the crew. Can you spot him at no 11?

"I can draw the Beatles better than anyone" Ted is reputed to have boasted, just as everyone else including The Beatles had left at the end of production. He'd been left there with only one other person but with the publicity material to be created.

Cultural Futures of North Lincolnshire has now funded The

Ted Lewis Centre to celebrate Ted's huge contribution to graphic art and to remind everyone what a groundbreaking film Yellow Submarine was. And naturally, what an innovator Ted remained all his creative life – novelist, artist and jazz musician.

Coincidentally, artist Harry Hodgson's rubber duck collage representation of Yellow Submarine was featured in Ropewalk's Humber to the Wash Open Exhibition recently.

"We owe the category, British Noir or Britnoir to Ted Lewis, a true artistic polymath" commented Harry

"We just had to buy it for the project" said Tim Bartlett of The Ted Lewis Centre, as he photographed the charity's CEO Monty Martin considering its purchase.

The 2027 celebration of what would have been Ted Lewis's birthday will be on January 15 at the Corn Exchange Club in Barton and will

feature graphics, a surprise guest performer and live music from the film. Details will be in next edition of the Bartonian.



We acknowledge the rights of Warner Brothers and the Estate of Heinz Edleman to the reproduction of Yellow Submarine material

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Potato picking holidays in years gone by

ABOVE: Captioned Lincolnshire Potato Pickers, this photograph shows a group of men, women, and children gathered around a large mound of freshly harvested potatoes.

LEFT: Although not the potato harvest this photograph shows how the sugar beet was harvested in the early parts of the 20th century.

There was a time in Lincolnshire when autumn carried a very particular kind of anticipation – not for halfterm or Halloween, but for the moment when the school doors would close for a few days and children would head out to the fields with their mothers. **The potato harvest was calling.**

People who grew up here still talk about those days - the mornings began in that familiar Lincolnshire half-light, the sky pale and misty, the air cool enough to nip at fingers and noses. Children tugged on wellies and old jumpers, often handed down through siblings, and set off down lanes edged with hedgerows just beginning to turn.

In the fields rows stretched out in long, earthy lines, and the smell of freshly turned soil hung thick in the air. Mothers worked steadily and children followed their lead, bending and picking, sometimes with serious concentration, sometimes with bursts of laughter when they unearthed a potato shaped like a heart or a crooked nose.

It was hard work, but it didn't feel lonely. There was a rhythm to it all, snippets of gossip, shared jokes, the clatter of buckets, the rustle of sacks. For many families, these days were a rare chance to work side by side, mothers and children together, contributing to the harvest. Today, the idea of schools closing for potato picking feels like a relic from another world although these "potato picking holidays" were a fixture of rural life well into the mid-20th century. For those who took part the potato picking holidays remain a cherished chapter of days spent in the fields with their mothers

RIGHT: Fresh-faced youngsters along with their mothers show off the potato harvest.

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AFVBC

What a busy few weeks it's been for Barton Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club (AFVBC).

Starting with the Barton Carnival when the group got to try its new Club Gazebo. There was a small team of helpers for the day and connections were made with other Forces organisations as well as reaching some new Veterans.

Later in June Barton AFVBC was at the North Lincs Armed Forces Day at Normanby Park which was a great event and with a small team of members there was a full day meeting and greeting with other organisations who we can share our "Support network and experience" with.

On Sunday, July 5 Barton AFVBC celebrated its 5th Anniversary at Barton Cricket Club, which has been the HQ for the whole five years. Pasha Munro was the guest speaker and Dereck Hardman, the Founder of AFVBCs also said a few words.

Town Mayor Cllr Christine Patterson and husband Bob joined the celebrations along with some of the businesses who have helped over the years.

Sarah Kirby-Algar (Co-founder) made the cake for the 5th year and it went down very well along with live music provided by our own Veteran Rocker Jim Parry and fresh hot butties provided by a former Army Chef, Lee and wife Ashley Philipson. A great day was had by all.





If you are a serving member of the Armed Forces or a Veteran and interested in what we are about, you can contact us by email bartonuponhumberafvbc@gmail.com or call/message on 07725 191857 Russell Kirby (Co Founder)



Barton Lions

More hands mean we can do more



It's been a busy summer for Barton upon Humber Lions, and there's plenty more happening behind the scenes as autumn approaches.

Preparations are already underway to stage another spectacular **fireworks display on November 5 in the top field of Baysgarth park** (behind the Leisure Centre). Gates open at 5.30pm and the main display is scheduled for 6.45pm. Entry will remain at £5 for each adult and accompanied children get free entry. Typically there is a large crowd, but everyone gets a good view as in the interests of safety and spectacle the show is controlled by a professional company. The team provide us with a magnificent synchronised display at dramatic heights. Walking to the event is recommend as there is little on-site parking. **Work has also begun getting Santa's Sleigh ready for the festive season.** Both take a huge amount of planning and volunteer time, but seeing the community enjoying these events makes it worthwhile.

Alongside the big events, it's business as usual with the Lions continuing to support local people, groups and good causes through donations and practical help.

You may have spotted Lions members out watering plants around Barton. We've continued this work throughout the summer and have put significant effort into improving the railway station area. Colin is doing a sterling job leading the team there, and there's more to come - look out for future Lions signage and even more plants and flowers.

But to keep doing all of this, Barton Lions needs more members.

You don't need special skills or lots of spare time. Whether you can help at an event, lend a hand with a practical job, bring new ideas or simply spare a few hours occasionally, you can make a difference.

Barton Lions plan to be at the Monthly Market, so come and see us for a friendly chat and find out what being a Lion is really about.

Most importantly, if you're interested in joining the group or simply want to find out how you can help, visit: bartonlions.org.uk/getinvolved

More members mean more helping hands, more ideas and more Barton Lions can do for its community.

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Fr Limnyuy Gamsi Parish Priest.

The Barton Beat

The Barton Beat: Working Together to Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Local police are urging Barton residents to report illegal riding, suspicious activity and anti-social behaviour.

Barton's Neighbourhood Policing Team is continuing to work with residents to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the town, and is asking local people to help by reporting concerns and sharing information.

Illegal mopeds and motorbikes

Residents may have seen reports on social media about three mopeds or motorbikes recently being seized after being ridden illegally and recklessly around Barton.

Illegal and irresponsible riding can cause considerable disruption and concern in the community. It is also important to remember that riding a motorbike or moped without a valid driving licence is illegal. Uninsured off-road motorbikes and high-speed electric motorbikes must not be ridden on public roads, pavements or in parks.

The police have powers to deal with vehicles being used in an anti-social manner, including seizure in appropriate circumstances.

If you know of a moped or motorbike being ridden illegally in your neighbourhood, the Neighbourhood Policing Team would like to hear from you. Information about where the vehicle is being kept, where it is regularly ridden and when incidents occur can help officers identify those responsible and target their activity.

E-scooters: know the rules

The police are also aware that e-scooters are being ridden around Barton.

Although it is legal to buy and privately own an e-scooter, privately owned e-scooters cannot legally be ridden on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes.

They can only be used on private land where the public does not have access, and with the permission of the landowner.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team has a range of powers to deal with illegally used e-scooters. Depending on the circumstances, this can include warnings, seizure and prosecution, particularly where there are issues involving driving licences, insurance or careless, dangerous or anti-social riding.

Residents should be aware that a seized e-scooter may not be returned and that prosecution can potentially result in a fine and penalty points.

Police powers over anti-social vehicles

Police also have powers under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 to seize vehicles being used in a way that causes alarm, distress or annoyance, subject to the circumstances and legal requirements.

These powers can be particularly relevant where vehicles are being used repeatedly for anti-social behaviour.

Worried about something? You can report it

Residents sometimes know what is happening in their neighbourhood but may be reluctant to report it because they do not want to become involved directly.

For young people, Fearless, the dedicated youth service of the independent charity Crimestoppers, provides a way of giving information about crime anonymously.

Information can be submitted online or by calling 0800 555 111.

Fearless says that it does not require identifying information from those reporting concerns, allowing people to pass on information without having to identify themselves.

Keep an eye out for overnight suspicious activity

The local Neighbourhood Policing Team is also aware of reports of groups of young people in the area during overnight hours apparently trying car door handles and checking properties for insecure vehicles.

There are several simple steps householders can take to reduce the risk of becoming a victim:

- Always lock your vehicle, even when it is parked on your own driveway.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle or keep them out of sight.
- Never leave keys, wallets, bags or electronic devices inside your car.
- Make sure doors, windows, garages and sheds are properly locked.
- Consider security lighting, CCTV or a video doorbell as additional deterrents.

If you have CCTV, a doorbell camera or dashcam and capture footage of someone acting suspiciously or trying vehicle door handles during the night, the police are asking residents to report it and share the footage.

Even apparently minor pieces of information can help officers build a picture of what is happening and identify those responsible.

Stay informed about what is happening locally

Residents can also sign up to My Community Alert, a community messaging system providing real-time information about incidents and issues that could affect people in their neighbourhood.

You can choose whether to receive messages by text, voicemail or email, how frequently you receive them and the types of issues you are interested in. Alerts can cover subjects ranging from collisions and road closures to missing people and local crime.

For Barton residents, it is another useful way of keeping informed about what is happening locally.

Working together

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour isn't simply a matter for the police. Residents can play an important role by reporting concerns, securing their property and sharing information that could help officers identify those responsible.

If you see something that doesn't look right, don't assume somebody else will report it. A small piece of information could be exactly what is needed to help the police understand what is happening and take action.

My Community Alert: www.mycommunityalert.co.uk

Fearless/Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Barton Evangelical Church

A warm welcome to any and all of the Church's activities.

Sunday Morning Worship in Castledyke Primary School 10.30am - 11.45am with Junior Church for Primary School aged children and a creche available.

Evening Worship in the Church building 6pm - 7pm

Tuesday in the Church building during term time

Monthly Ladies Bible Study 10.30am - 11.30am

Tuesday and Thursday (in homes in Barton and Barrow during term time) Prayer and Bible Study groups 7.30/7.45pm - 9pm

Wednesday In the Church building during term time

Weekly youth work - Adventurers for children aged 6 - 11 years 6pm - 7pm

Transformed for children aged 11 - 15 years 6pm - 7pm

Thursday in the Church building every fortnight

Cake, Craft And Company [CCC] 9.45am - 11.30pm Bring your own craft or just come for a natter!

Once a month we have a craft session for you to enjoy.

Saturday in the Church building. We are open for Barton Market. Come in and have a sit down and a cuppa!

Please get in touch via our Church website [www.bartonec.org.uk] or the Church Facebook page.

Sunday October 18 SHOE BOX SUNDAY

A warm welcome to our yearly service where we donate a shoe box packed with Christmas gifts for children or adults to support the work of Blythwood.

If you would like to pack and donate shoe box then bring it along on October 18.

Please go online to find information at www.blythwood.org. for more information about what to include etc or get in touch via our Church website [www.bartonec.org.uk] or the Church Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 18 at 10.30am.

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