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Great Coates In Bloom Strikes Gold



Great Coates In Bloom has had an extraordinary year, solidifying its status as an award-winning village with national recognition. Earlier in the year, members of the group travelled to Swansea, where they received the prestigious Silver Gilt award at the Community Rail Awards. This accolade, presented for their transformative work at Great Coates Railway Station, was a result of a nomination by East Midlands Railway and the Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership.

The group's success story continued to unfold in September when they attended the East Midlands in Bloom awards ceremony in Melton Mowbray. For the third consecutive year, Great Coates In Bloom earned a coveted Gold award, narrowly missing the top spot by a single point—a testament to the team's exceptional commitment and creativity.

The highlight of the year came later at the Britain in Bloom awards, held at the iconic Old Trafford in Manchester. Competing against seven other large villages from across the UK, the team secured yet another Gold award. Despite operating with limited funding and resources, Great Coates finished just one point behind the overall winner in their category, underscoring their remarkable determination and ingenuity.



These achievements are particularly noteworthy given that Great Coates In Bloom was established just six years ago. While many similar initiatives take decades to achieve such levels of recognition, the group's 16 dedicated volunteers have defied expectations, propelling Great Coates into the national spotlight. Their efforts have not only beautified their community but also placed the village firmly on the map as an inspiring example of grassroots transformation.

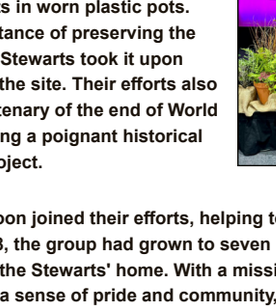
Reflecting on their accomplishments, the team ponders whether they can continue scaling even greater heights.



Their success was celebrated with a special civic reception at the Town Hall, where the Mayor of North East Lincolnshire, Councillor Steve Beasant, congratulated the group for their outstanding contributions. With a string of prestigious accolades and widespread community support, Great Coates In Bloom has demonstrated that passion and perseverance can yield extraordinary results, creating a legacy of pride and recognition for their village.

Where did it all begin ?

The origins of Great Coates in Bloom can be traced back to the heartfelt initiative of Mike and Dawn Stewart, who were moved by the neglected state of the village's War Memorial. The memorial, which had been relocated to the Nursery School building from the Village Reading Rooms, was in a state of disrepair, surrounded by just two wilted plants in worn plastic pots. Recognising the importance of preserving the memorial's dignity, the Stewarts took it upon themselves to care for the site. Their efforts also coincided with the centenary of the end of World War I (1918–2018), adding a poignant historical significance to their project.





The late Gerry Smith soon joined their efforts, helping to expand the scope of their vision. By July 15, 2018, the group had grown to seven members and held their first official meeting at the Stewarts' home. With a mission to enhance the village's appearance and foster a sense of pride and community, Great Coates in Bloom began its work in earnest.

The group's initial focus was on revitalising the Churchyard, particularly two Commonwealth War Graves that had fallen into poor condition. Alongside this, they cleaned up the area across from the Church, marking the first phase of their community enhancement efforts. Gerry Smith further contributed by crafting wooden planters, affectionately named "memory boxes," which villagers could purchase for £30. These planters quickly gained popularity and are now a defining feature of the village's streetscape. Additionally, a memorial bench was donated and installed near Holme Farm, complete with a commemorative plaque honouring villagers who lost their lives in World War II.





Over time, support for Great Coates in Bloom began to grow. The Village Council, Freshney Ward Councillors, Dalkia Wastenergy, and HSH Constellation Coldstores all provided crucial backing, enabling the group to undertake more ambitious projects. In 2019, they organised the first Scarecrow Weekend, an event designed to strengthen community bonds and celebrate the village's collective spirit. The initiative was met with enthusiasm, further cementing the group's role in bringing the community together.

The group's efforts also extended beyond traditional beautification projects. Partnering with East Midlands Railway and the Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership, they took on the task of maintaining and improving Great Coates Railway Station, further enhancing the village's appeal and accessibility.



Today, Great Coates in Bloom operates as an official committee under the Great Coates Village Council. With a core team of 17 members, supplemented by additional volunteers, the group continues its mission to enrich the village's environment and community life. From modest beginnings inspired by a single neglected memorial, Great Coates in Bloom has grown into a driving force for transformation, proving the power of grassroots action to create lasting impact.

Preparing For Success

In preparation for the judging days, Great Coates in Bloom's dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure the village looked its best. The route for the judges was thoughtfully designed to showcase the village's beauty, history, and community involvement within a strict 90-minute time limit.

The tour began at the Village Venue, where the judges were presented with a portfolio highlighting the group's work over the past year and beyond. This portfolio underscored that Great Coates in Bloom operates year-round, not just in the summer, demonstrating ongoing commitment to the community.



Planning the route was a meticulous process, aimed at featuring the village's historical landmarks, abundant flora, environmental initiatives, and community projects. Volunteers walked the route several times to ensure it met all the necessary criteria. Once finalised, they dedicated countless hours to make sure every floral display was at its peak, litter was removed from streets, gullies were weed-free, and every aspect of nature was respected and showcased.



Weekly litter-picking sessions keep the village tidy, but additional effort went into clearing weeds and debris before the judges arrived. Working in collaboration with Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Great Coates in Bloom focused on promoting biodiversity. Volunteers selected plants that attract pollinators like bees and butterflies and created habitats for hedgehogs, foxes, and insects. Bat, bird, and owl boxes were placed throughout the village to support wildlife



at different levels.

In addition to this, wildflower areas were established, and sustainable plants were introduced to encourage annual regrowth and reduce water consumption. Watering is a significant task, requiring up to three sessions each week during summer, each session lasting around two hours. Volunteers also ensured that grass was regularly cut, and all 164 planters across the village were monitored for pests and disease to maintain their health.

Community involvement is central to the judging criteria, so the route included stops at Great Coates Nursery School and Natasha Little Learners Childminding Service, both of whom collaborate closely with the group. The tour concluded back at the Village Venue, where representatives from various community organisations, including Cambridge Park Academy, East Midlands Railway, Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership, Whitgift School, CAST Musical Theatre, and the Women's Institute, shared how they partnered with Great Coates in Bloom.

This final gathering underscored the group's impact, highlighting how Great Coates in Bloom has not only beautified the village but also strengthened community ties, making the judging day a true celebration of the village's spirit and dedication.



12 Months of Great Coates In Bloom

August 2023



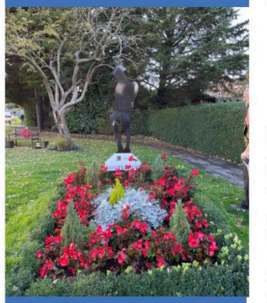
Summer flowers in full glory

September 2023



Nurse Appleyard, who lived in the village, remembered.

October 2023



Winter flowers planeted

November 2023



Remembrance display at St Nicolas Church

December 2023



The group supported the village nursery in a christmas winter wonderland

December 2023



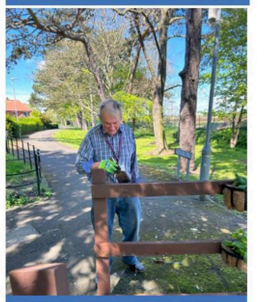
In Bloom members joined with the Council to bring joy to children on Christmas Eve

February 2024



Work to extend King Charles III Coronation Garden commences

March 2024



Making the most of the March weather painting fencing

April 2024



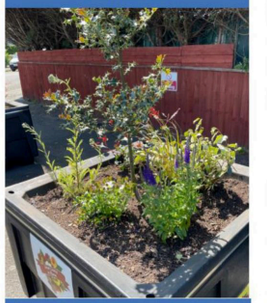
Bugsey & Brandi, aka at In Bloom Members, tour the village

May 2024



New Remembrance Bench to mark the 80th D Day Anniversary

June 2024



The first large planters with new sustainable plants

July 2024



Summer planting nearing completion

The East Midlands in Bloom judges are no strangers to Great Coates, with 2024 marking the fourth year of the village's participation in the prestigious competition. This year's judging panel included Richard Stephen, who first visited the village in 2020, accompanied by John Constable.

The awards ceremony took place in the historic town of Melton Mowbray, famously known as the home of pork pies. Representing Great Coates were group members Dawn and Mike Stewart, along with Carl Thomas, who attended the event held at St. Mary's Church. They joined hundreds of other entrants from across the region, eagerly awaiting the results.



When the time came to announce the winners in the Large Village category, Great Coates was one of seven entrants stepping forward. Anticipation filled the room as the judges began their commentary. John Constable praised the village for its "impressive displays of well-planted, colourful barrier baskets, boxes, and troughs." He specifically highlighted the standout Blackthorn Drive corner, describing it as "a real winner" with its vibrant mix of annuals and perennials.

Special recognition was also given to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden, described as "a picture in the morning sunshine, featuring mature plants and a diverse range of mixed planting that made it a feature in its own right." The village's efforts to preserve its heritage were commended, with thoughtful planting along the former cow byre. Constable also noted the well-maintained grass areas and the absence of litter, emphasising that "community spirit appears to be thriving." He praised the village's year-round activities and its well-regarded magazine as testaments to this unity.

Additionally, the group's collaboration with Cambridge Park Academy, Great Coates Nursery, and Natasha's Little Learners was celebrated. The nursery children even charmed the judges with two beautifully sung songs.

Finally, the moment arrived: with an impressive score of 89 points, Great Coates was awarded its third consecutive Gold Award—a testament to the dedication and passion of its residents.

BEST RESIDENTIAL GARDEN

Huge congratulations to Amanda Riggall of 10 The Avenue who received a Silver Gilt certificate.

Judges complimented her on a well structured garden with a wide range of trees and shrubs supported by colourful annuals, perennials within an interesting design. The plant selection automatically gives a wide range of foliage textures and spectrum of colours which had been well thought out. The garden had a number of different focal points providing a different perspective to be enjoyed whilst the lawn areas were very green and lush. Overall the plants were noted to be healthy with little evidence of pests or disease and no weeds were visible. Congratulations to Amanda Riggall.

JUDGES AWARD

A special Judges award was given to Natasha's Little Learners for her contribution tot he scarecrow competition and village bloom entry. Not only did the children create a fantastic scarecrow display the children help at The Venue in the Village, maintaining and learning about horticulture together with helping to water some of the planters through the village.

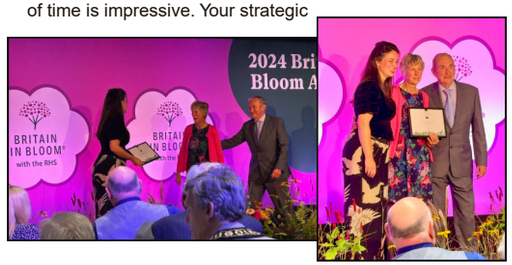
On August 6th, Britain in Bloom judges, Roger Burnett and Ian Beaney, visited Great Coates, but it would be a long ten-week wait before the results were revealed. When four members of the Great Coates in Bloom team finally made their way to Manchester for the awards ceremony, excitement and nerves filled the air. Just being nominated and part of this celebrated competition was a huge accomplishment for the group, who knew they had successfully placed Great Coates on the national map. This year's ceremony was especially meaningful as it marked the 60th anniversary of the Britain in Bloom competition.



As the team entered the Manchester Suite at Old Trafford, the magnitude of the event became clear. Hundreds of participants from across the UK filled the room, television cameras buzzed for the BBC's One Show, and the excitement was tangible. Following a welcoming drinks reception, the guests were invited to sit down for a formal three-course meal. Afterwards, the awards presentations began.

Great Coates was in the second category called to the stage, competing alongside seven other villages: Cannington in the Southwest, Cullybackey in Ulster, Floral Forest in Guernsey, Holywell in Northumbria, Lauder in Scotland, Robertstown in Yorkshire, and Saundersfoot in Wales. Anticipation built as each village awaited the announcement. The awards were presented by Frances Tophill, a well-known broadcaster, writer, and horticulturist. As Great Coates' leaders, Mike and Dawn Stewart, were called to the stage by host James Alexander-Sinclair, tension filled the room.

James opened by acknowledging Great Coates as a remarkable first-year entrant. He praised the village's transformation through strategic use of planters and floral displays, saying, "To have come so far in such a short period of time is impressive. Your strategic planters and floral features have truly reshaped the village."



He continued, "The Bloom team's year-round programming engages many members of the community, enhancing village life and celebrating the local area's rural heritage and natural beauty. I particularly liked the regiment of 'Tommies' around the village, which watch over it in a unique way." He highlighted the impressive collaboration between the North East Lincolnshire Council, the Village Council, and community members, noting that the "infectious enthusiasm" of the Bloom team members was key to their success.

On the horticultural front, he praised the village's attention to detail in choosing vibrant, high-quality plantings that had shown no sign of pests or disease, saying, "The well-maintained barrier baskets and containers brought colour and life to strategic points in the village." He then commended their commitment to cleanliness, sharing that "the village was spotless, with no sign of antisocial behaviour—clear evidence of the successful collaboration between community members and local councils."

James concluded by saying, "Great Coates has created a vibrant, caring village atmosphere that feels like a breath of fresh air in today's society." And then, in a thrilling moment, he announced that Great Coates had achieved the top award: GOLD. Cheers erupted across the room as Dawn and Mike accepted the certificate from Frances Tophill—a moment of pride and joy for the entire team.

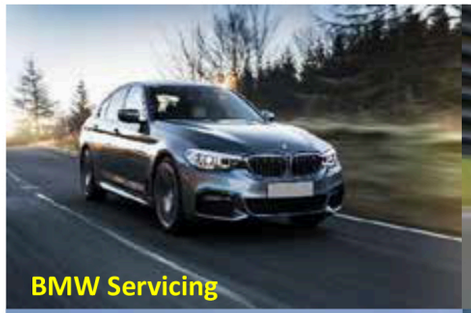


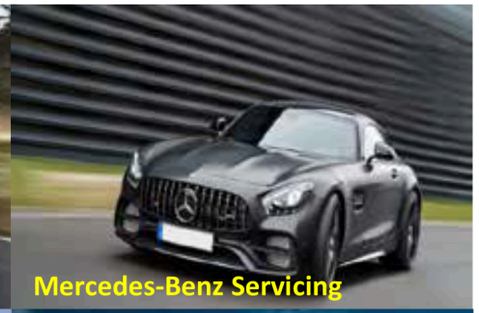
Once each village had received their awards, a further suspenseful announcement awaited. The category winner would be revealed, and, after a brief pause, Cullybackey was named the winner, with Great Coates coming in a close second by just one point.

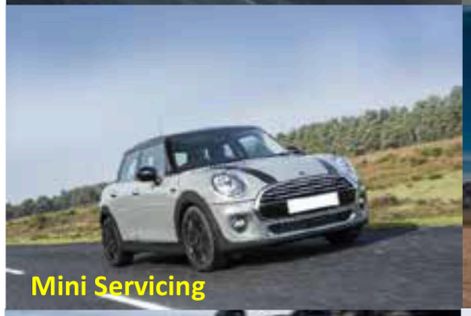
Reflecting on the achievement, the Great Coates in Bloom team felt the true impact of their hard work. Winning the Gold award was a testament to their dedication, creativity, and community spirit. The competition underscored how much pride and commitment the community had poured into making Great Coates the beautiful, vibrant village it is today.

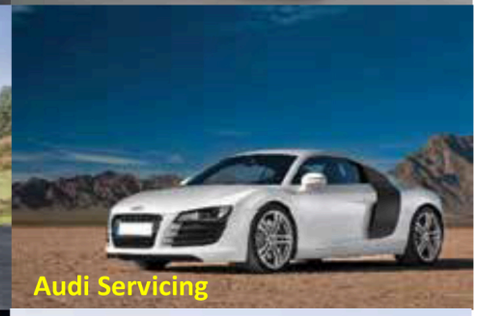
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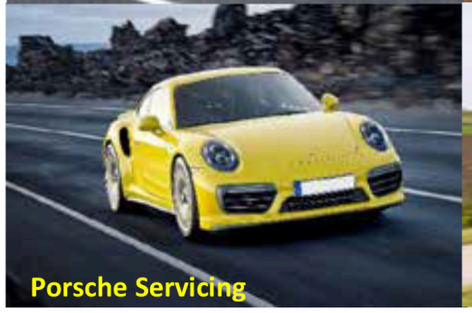
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Gifts and chocolates for the children and festive nibbles and tipples for the grown-ups!*

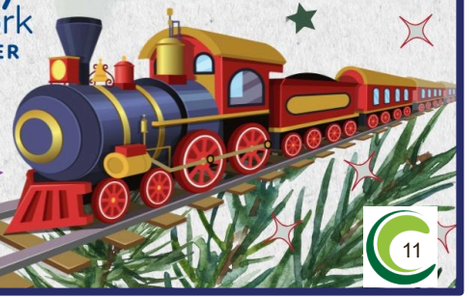
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THE CHRISTMAS OF CLUMSY CLAUSE

It was the day before Christmas, and Santa's workshop was a whirlwind of activity. Elves were hammering, wrapping, and polishing toys at lightning speed. The reindeer were munching on energy-packed carrots, and Mrs. Claus was packing Santa's snack bag (with extra cookies, of course).



But something was... off.

"Where's Santa?" an elf named Tinsel asked.

"He's in the practice room again," groaned Jingle, the head elf.

You see, Santa had a little problem. Despite centuries of experience, he was *terribly clumsy*. Just last week, he tripped over a roll of wrapping paper and landed in a pile of marshmallow fluff. He looked like a snowman for hours! Mrs. Claus had suggested he practice his delivery skills to avoid any mishaps on Christmas Eve.

In the practice room, Santa was surrounded by chimneys of all shapes and sizes. "This year," he said to himself, "no falls, no stuck chimneys, and absolutely no spilled milk on the sleigh."

He grabbed a sack of pretend presents and climbed a ladder to the first chimney. "Easy does it," he muttered. But as he slid down, his big belly got wedged.

"Ho, ho, uh-oh!"

The elves rushed in with a bottle of butter and a giant push, popping Santa out like a cork from a bottle. He landed with a *THUD!* in a pile of fake snow.

"Maybe try the smaller sack next time," Jingle suggested, trying not to laugh.

After a few more attempts—and a few more crashes—Santa finally called it a day. "Practice makes perfect," he said, dusting off his coat.

By nightfall, the sleigh was loaded, the reindeer were ready, and Santa had a fresh mug of hot cocoa for the road. "Wish me luck!" he called.

"Good luck, Santa!" the elves cheered, though they were a bit nervous.

Santa's journey started smoothly. The stars twinkled, the reindeer flew gracefully, and Santa's first stop went off without a hitch. He left presents under the tree, munched a cookie, and was back in the sleigh in no time.

But things took a turn at the second house.



As Santa climbed out of the sleigh, his boot caught on the edge, and he tumbled into a snowbank. "No big deal," he said, brushing himself off. But as he reached for the sack of toys, he realised he had grabbed the wrong one. Instead of dolls and race cars, he was holding a sack of *Mrs. Claus's laundry!*

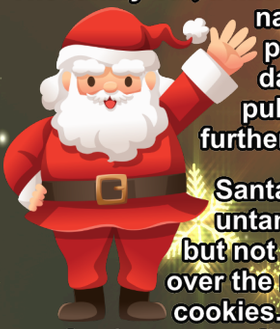
"Oh no!" Santa groaned, holding up a pair of red polka-dot pyjamas.

Back to the sleigh he went, muttering, "This will be the year they call me *Clumsy Claus*!"

The real trouble came at the third house. Santa tiptoed to the chimney and slid down, determined to stick the landing. But when he reached the bottom, he tripped over a toy train someone had left out, somersaulting into the Christmas tree. Ornaments shattered, tinsel flew, and the angel on top landed on Santa's head.

"Ho, ho, help!" he whispered, tangled in blinking lights.

The family cat, a mischievous tabby named Whiskers, pounced at the dangling tinsel, pulling Santa further into the chaos.



Santa finally untangled himself, but not before knocking over the milk and cookies. "I'm going to need extra cocoa after this," he muttered, leaving a slightly crumpled note of apology under the tree.

By the time Santa reached his final stop, he was exhausted, covered in soot, and missing one boot (which had somehow ended up in a fish pond). He collapsed into his sleigh, sighing, "Well, at least it's done."

When he arrived back at the North Pole, the elves and Mrs. Claus were waiting.



"How did it go?" Mrs. Claus asked.

Santa hesitated. "Let's just say… it was memorable."

The elves stared as Santa stepped out of the sleigh with one bare foot and tinsel stuck to his hat. Then, one by one, they began to chuckle. Mrs. Claus tried to hide her grin, but soon she was laughing too. Even Santa couldn't help but join in.

"Well," he said, "Christmas is about joy, isn't it? And if a few laughs are part of the package, then I'd say this was a perfect Christmas."

And from that year on, Santa's silly mishaps became legendary at the North Pole. The elves even made a new rule: always pack a spare boot.

As for Santa, he learned to embrace his clumsiness. After all, Christmas wouldn't be the same without a little chaos—and a whole lot of laughter.

Spending time with our Four Legged Besties



I'm sure many of you, like myself, have been spending extra time with your four legged friend during the lock down, spoilt with glorious weather it's been a great enabler to reach our daily exercise quota.

Here in Great Coates we're fortunate to be blessed with some beautiful countryside, featuring picturesque and easily accessible fields around the village, who wouldn't want to take Fido for a run and a frolic amongst nature ….
So why is it that far too many dog walkers are failing to collect and take away their dog's mess ? Without fail on my twice daily walks around the fields I can count around a dozen piles of abandoned canine excrement along our pathways ! Lying there proud and gleaming and stinking in the blazing sunlight for all to see, step in and skid through not to mention the attraction that dog faeces have on their canine brothers and sisters ! What happened to respect for our environment, respect for other walkers and respect for the wildlife that lives within close proximity of the village ! I'm totally baffled at this apparent lack of consideration or effort to make a difference ! Just because it's not on a public footpath outside someone's house doesn't make it acceptable, in fact it's nothing short of disgusting and irresponsible ! If you're lucky enough to own a dog then please be responsible and accountable by taking away your beloved's little deposits.

If the moral shaming hasn't struck a cord then perhaps a few health facts and legislation might ! According to the Environmental Protection Agency, dog faeces is as toxic to the environment as chemical and oil spills. Still many pet parents think leaving their dog's duty behind is harmless with excuses ranging from

"It's totally natural "

"Wild dogs don't pick up and bag their poop, so why should I ? "

" It's like fertilizer,
I'm helping the grass to grow "

" My dog is healthy, there's no germs in his poop "

Sound familiar ? Hopefully not ! These are just a few examples of the lame excuses pet parents use to justify not picking up their pooch's poop. In fact, each and every one of those excuses is false ! It's estimated that at least 40% of dog owners leave their pet's poop where it lands, never giving it a second thought. There are an estimated 9 million dogs producing more than 1,000 tonnes of mess every day in the UK alone, that's a lot of poo being left behind ! And If the yuck factor isn't enough to convince you to grab and bag maybe the serious effects your dog's doo on our environment will !



Why should you clean up after your dog ?

Besides the unpleasant smell and the mess on pram wheels, wheelchairs, shoes and clothing there are serious health risks linked to dog faeces



Picking up dog waste is much more than just keeping your garden and common areas (and shoes) clean.
... It's estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million faecal coliform bacteria which can cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness and serious kidney disorders in humans ! Coli, salmonella, giardia… are all bacteria that pose a serious health hazard to humans, not to mention the risk of roundworm, tapeworm, and hookworm. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures



Dog waste is a significant environmental pollutant !

As canine excrement lays in the grass and decays, toxic bacteria seeps into the soil, contaminating our waterways! Its toxicity will further harm your lawn, causing burns and unsightly discolouring.

Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. Research tells us that dog fouling is the issue the public are most concerned about. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it's dangerous !



Whilst the vast majority of dog owners are caring, responsible individuals there are still too many who do not clean up after their pets ! Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse. Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was introduced by NELC in 2019 relating to dog fouling and dog control.

What happens if the Public Space Protection Order is breached ?

If a dog poos on land where the PSPO applies the person in charge of the dog at the time is duty bound to pick up the excrement and dispose of it in the nearest provided bin or their own domestic waste bin. If the person in charge of the dog fails to follow the order they are deemed to be committing a criminal offence and will be issued with a £100 fixed penalty. If you fail to pay the fixed penalty it is likely you will prosecuted in the magistrates' court and fined up to £1000

What land does this apply to?

Any place the public or any section the public can access on pavement or otherwise.
Does this apply to land that is not owned by North East Lincolnshire Council ?
Yes, you must clean up after your dog on privately owned land which is used by the public (or a section of the public).

Are public rights or way covered ?

Yes, public rights of way is land which is open air and the public are allowed access.

Please act responsibly and take it home, just because no one can see you doesn't make it okay !!



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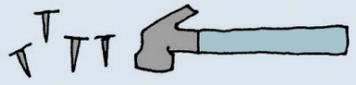
Make a deluxe hedgehog house

Wildlife Watch

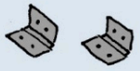
You will need

Birch is ideal

- 20mm FSC plywood boards cut to the sizes shown
- Hammer and nails



- 2 metal hinges



- Soil

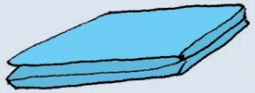


- Dry leaves



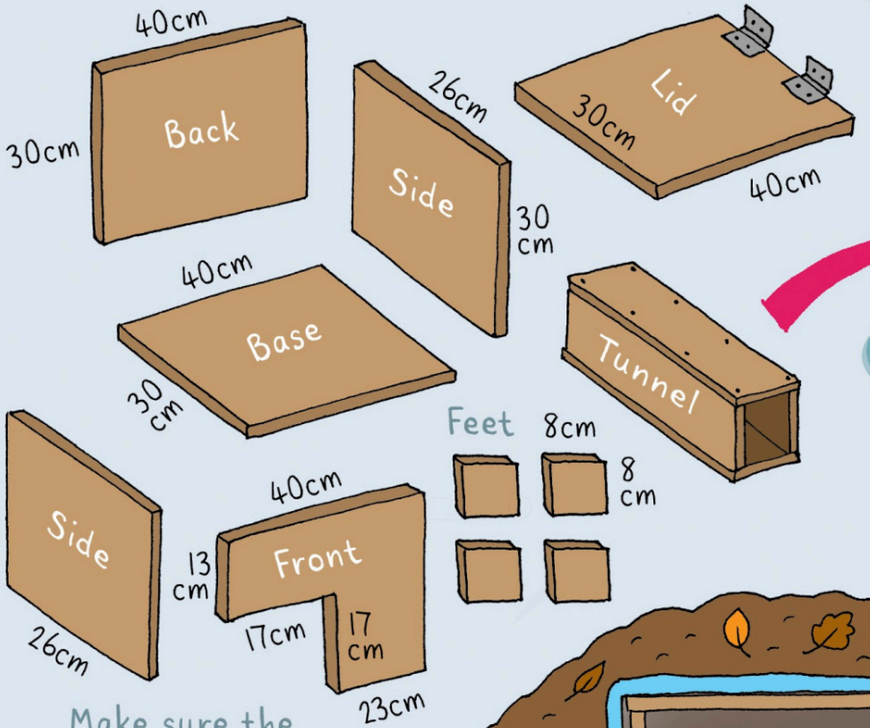
- Straw or dry grass

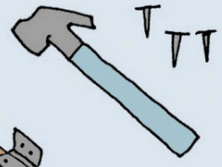
- Polythene sheeting

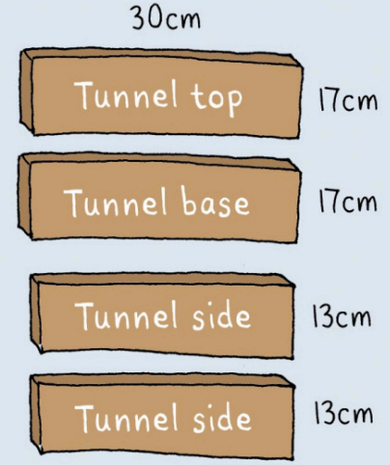


Do not creosote or treat the wood

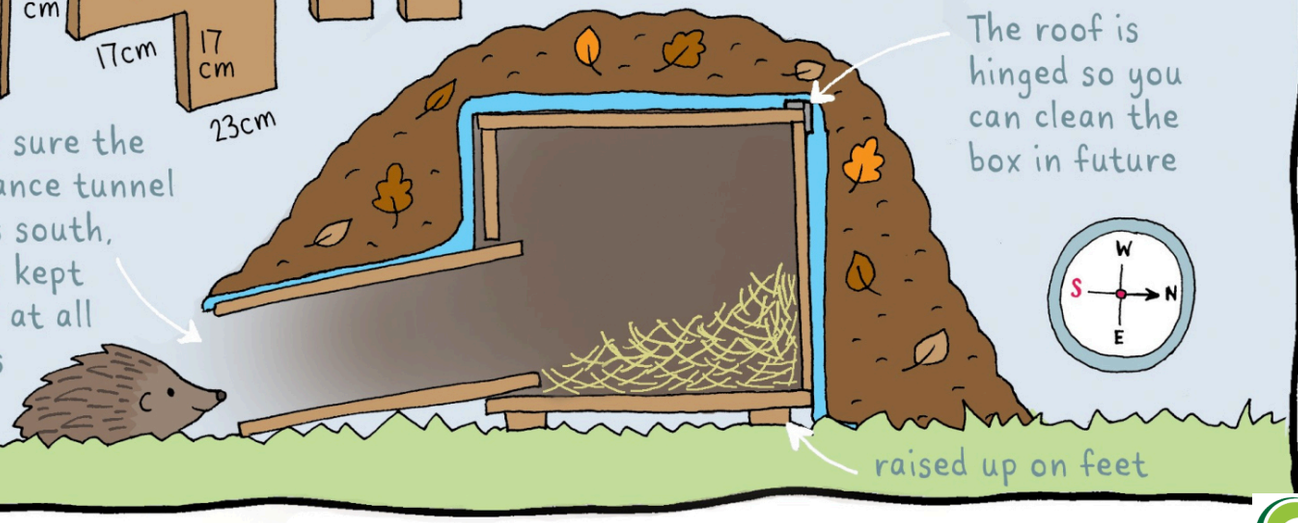
1. Construct the hedgehog house from the following diagram and dimensions.







2. Put the newspaper and straw or dry grass inside, cover the house with polythene sheeting, then pack soil and dead leaves around the outside.



corinne welch, 2015

HALLOWEEN



CAST MUSICAL THEATRE ONCE AGAIN EXCELLED IN PRODUCING TWO FANTASTIC SHOWS OVER THE HALLOWEEN WEEKEND TO FOUR SELL OUT AUDIENCES AT THE VENUE IN THE VILLAGE.

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On the Sunday, the spooky fun continued aimed at children, as the amateur actors performed the spook-tacular "Beyond the Grave Rave," an interactive Halloween party where Disney's most infamous villains come to life for a night of dancing, games, and eerie fun! As the moon rose and the enchanted fog roled in, young guests were invited into a magical world where Maleficent, Ursula, Captain Hook, and other notorious baddies took center stage. But this was not your typical fright night! As the villains were in a party mood and had a night full of thrilling activities that had the kids laughing, dancing, and casting their own spells of fun.

Starting off wth a wickedly cool dance party, where the villains showed off their best moves and taught the young guests some groovy, villain-inspired dances. In between the beats, partygoers joined in on themed games like "Maleficent's Maze," "Ursula's Treasure Hunt," and "Captain Hook's Ring Toss," each offering spooky prizes and plenty of laughs. As the night unfolded, the kids crafted their own villainous accessories, posed for photos with their favourite Disney villains and participated in a thrilling costume contest judged by the villains themselves.

Hello once again from Great Coates W.I.

We had a successful ‘Sunflower Challenge’ after a bad start. The weather was against us at first then suddenly they all started growing. The tallest was 8ft 8in, (which was mine again….I’m not cheating, honestly!),second place (Janet Piper) was 8ft ½ in and third place (Lesley Jacklin) was 8ft, so very close indeed! Certificates were awarded and prizes given out during the meeting in October.

Our September meeting saw us welcoming Michelle Donner from the Oasis Hub South. Our group supports this food bank with weekly donations and on the night, Michelle left with a good supply. She also requested toiletries in order to make up Christmas parcels for teenage girls, our next meeting saw a table creaking under the number of donated toiletries. At our next meeting we are hoping to donate toiletries for the men at the hub.



Also, in September we supported the ‘MacMillan Coffee Morning’ by helping to serve the cakes and were on hand to help with the refreshments.



Once again, our knitted poppies became part of the ‘Remembrance’ display at St Nicolas Church and a special W.I. wreath was presented during the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

At the moment members are busy knitting squares. Why, you may ask? Well, come along to the Christmas Tree festival at St Nicolas’ Church on 14th / 15th December to find out!

Our December meeting will be a fun affair, a faith supper, Christmas music and an activity……not to mention ‘Secret Santa’!

Throughout the year we have welcomed several new members. They always receive an excellent, warm welcome. We have been a W.I. in Great Coates for 106 years so we must be doing something right. You are always welcome. Second Thursday in every month, 7.30pm at the village hall.

Wishing you a ‘Merry Christmas and a happy New Year’ from us all at Great Coates W.I.



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Time Capsule

The Great Coates in Bloom initiative has successfully placed a time capsule into the tower of St. Nicolas Church, to be opened 50 years from now. Crafted from stainless steel and designed to be watertight, the capsule aims to preserve a snapshot of life in Great Coates as it is today. In doing so, it offers a unique opportunity for future generations to reflect on how much the world, especially in terms of technology, has evolved over five decades.





The capsule contains a rich collection of memorabilia, including the village magazine, current coins and banknotes, a cheque, printed photographs, and several memory sticks holding parish council files, hundreds of photographs, and documentation from the church and the Women's Institute. Contributions from the children of Great Coates Nursery School add a personal and poignant touch, potentially allowing some of these children—now grown—to revisit their early years when the capsule is opened in 2074.

This initiative beautifully connects the past, present, and future, offering a meaningful way for the village to preserve its history and heritage for generations to come.





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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Now in its third year, the highly anticipated Great Coates Village Nursery Christmas Fair took place on 30th November 2024, delighting all who attended. Once again, the dedicated staff and children rose to the occasion, exceeding expectations and creating a truly memorable event. The enchanting Christmas Wonderland was a highlight, showcasing imaginative displays crafted by the nursery's talented children. Visitors were thrilled to encounter Santa Claus and his lively elf, Eddie, midway through the journey, culminating in a magical snowfall that added a perfect festive touch.

The fair attracted a large crowd, featuring an array of craft stalls, the beautiful Christmas melodies of Tom Cook, and an exciting flash mob performance. The atmosphere was filled with joy and laughter, as hundreds of attendees embraced the festive spirit and left with unforgettable memories.

The celebrations didn't end there. On the Friday evening before the fair, the nursery children delighted their families with a heartwarming Christmas show. Their performances captured the essence of the season, spreading happiness and further enhancing the village's holiday spirit. This remarkable weekend reaffirmed the nursery's place at the heart of the community and set the tone for a joyous holiday season.





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Great Coates Village Council

Lest We Forget

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, November 10, 2024, the Great Coates community gathered at the village War Memorial for a poignant and solemn service to honour the memory of those who sacrificed their lives in the World Wars. The ceremony, led with heartfelt sincerity by Reverend Elsie Butler, drew a significant number of residents, reflecting the deep respect and gratitude the village holds for its fallen heroes.



The service began with reflections and prayers, setting a contemplative tone for the occasion. A moving two-minute silence was observed with profound respect, offering an opportunity for attendees to remember the brave men and women of Great Coates who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defence of freedom and peace. The stillness during the silence was a powerful testament to the shared reverence of all present.

Wreaths were laid at the memorial by a wide range of local organisations and individuals, each representing a unique part of the Great Coates community. These included the Great Coates Nursery School, Grimsby Branch of the Royal Anglian and Royal Lincolnshire Association, Great Coates Village Council, Independent Councillors for North East Lincolnshire, St. Nicholas Church, Great Coates In Bloom, Freshney Forward, and the Women's Institute. Each wreath was a symbol of remembrance and gratitude, honouring the legacy of the village's servicemen and women.

The service not only commemorated those lost in conflict but also underscored the unity and resilience of the Great Coates community. Residents of all ages, from the very young to the elderly, came together to pay their respects, demonstrating that the spirit of remembrance remains strong across generations.

The event concluded with a benediction and the singing of hymns, creating a sense of shared hope and commitment to the values for which so many gave their lives. This annual tradition continues to be a cornerstone of Great Coates' communal life, reminding all of the enduring importance of remembering and honouring the sacrifices of the past while fostering a spirit of unity and reflection for the future.





Cracks in the System:

For an extended period, Great Coates Village Council has actively engaged with North East Lincolnshire Council to advocate for critical improvements to our local infrastructure, particularly the pavements. Of particular concern is Woad Lane, where sections have become virtually impassable, posing significant challenges for pedestrians, especially those using pushchairs or mobility scooters.



The state of our roads has also been a growing concern. Persistent under investment has led to severe deterioration, with numerous potholes, particularly along Station Road at the junction with Meadowbank and Blackthorn Drive, as well as near the nursery school.

Our efforts to address these issues date back to 2021, when the Village Council initially raised these concerns with the ward councillors. Shortly thereafter, some pavements in the area were resurfaced. However, the work carried out by North East Lincolnshire Council focused on Station Road and Ferndown—locations that, in the opinion of the Village Council, did not require immediate attention. This decision was particularly perplexing as the dire condition of Woad Lane's pavements had already been explicitly highlighted.

Despite our repeated inquiries, we never received a clear explanation as to why pavements in relatively better condition were prioritised over those in urgent need of repair. We hoped at the time that this might indicate future plans for addressing the issues on Woad Lane, but no such plans have been forthcoming.

North East Lincolnshire Council's Position

North East Lincolnshire Council are responsible for the maintenance of 386 miles of adopted roads and they have a system of safety inspections and repairs.

Potholes happen as road surfaces become older and therefore less flexible. Cracks in the surface get worse with water, heavy traffic, and extreme hot and cold weather.

More potholes appear during and after the winter season due to the freeze and thaw conditions. Water in cracks of the road surface freezes when temperatures drop and thaws as it warms up causing the surface to expand and contract.

The definition of a pothole is as a sharp-edged defect in the road surface 40mm or deeper and extending in any one direction more than 300mm.

If a gap in the road surface is less than 40mm deep it is not considered to be a pothole.

A defect in the surface which is 40mm or more but does not extend more than 300mm may still be considered as a defect, and prioritised for repair, but is not classed as a pothole.

To make sure the roads remain in a safe condition, regular safety inspections are carried out. How often is dependent on the road type and the traffic using it. The inspections record all defects that need attention, which are then repaired as explained in our highway inspection and maintenance policy.

When possible a permanent repair is made straight away but sometimes a temporary fix is needed. This depends on the circumstances and the risk to public safety. Temporary repairs are a short term measure, with a permanent repair scheduled soon after.

Temporary repairs will also be considered where the road will be having larger repairs or resurfacing works within the next 12 months.

A typical permanent repair would see the area of road around the pothole cut out to give a clean vertical edge. Any loose material is removed from the area being repaired and is then painted with liquid bituminous binder. The area is filled with a hot bitumen bound material which is raked and compacted to the level of the surrounding road.

Due to limited resources repairs are prioritised to make sure they are done in the most effective way. The safety of all road users is always considered first.

When inspecting potholes any repair to be taken will be determined by a dynamic risk assessment undertaken during the site inspection. This risk assessment will determine how much of a priority that repair is based on the level of hazard it may cause.

A pothole in the road that is considered to require urgent attention that should be corrected or made safe at the time of the inspection, if reasonably practicable, is classed as a Category 1 defect. Category 1 defects that represent an immediate or imminent hazard will be made safe or repaired within 24 hours.

A pothole in the road that does not represent an immediate or imminent hazard or risk of short-term structural deterioration may have safety implications and is classed as a Category 2 defect. Category 2 defects that do not represent an immediate or imminent hazard will be repaired between 14 – 63 working days depending on the level of risk identified.

State of Our Roads and Pavements

The Village Council has since made further representations to North East Lincolnshire Council, including hosting a walk-through of the village in December 2022 with the Transport & Traffic Manager. During this visit, we identified and highlighted five specific areas of concern. Following this meeting, we provided a detailed document outlining the urgent issues requiring attention.





Last month, the Village Council formally requested a response from North East Lincolnshire Council, urging them to address the longstanding need for pavement repairs or a complete rebuild of the most severely impacted areas. Additionally, we requested a timeline for these essential works. While we recognise the constraints of limited resources, it is crucial to prioritise safety. The deteriorating conditions of our roads and pavements have led not only to damage to vehicles but, more alarmingly, to injuries among residents.

We will continue to advocate for the necessary improvements to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in our community. The Village Council remains committed to holding North East Lincolnshire Council accountable and securing the much-needed investment in our local infrastructure.

Not sure Great Coates resident Mick Beesley would agree with NELC's position after his painful experience earlier this year.

Returning from work around 6 pm on a dry, bright and sunny June evening, having

been dropped off by a colleague, Mick started to walk home along Station Rd. as he'd done every morning and evening for the past twelve months.

We'll let Mick tell you what happened next "As the traffic queuing up towards the church was stationary, I looked in the opposite direction for any oncoming traffic before crossing, and noticed a gap between two queuing vehicles as I went to cross the road. As soon as I stepped off the pavement, I felt myself falling forwards and tried to put my hands out in front of me. Because of the size of the pothole, it caught me off guard and I fell face first into the road. Luckily a queuing motorist saw me fall but it wasn't until she helped me onto the path, I noticed the amount of blood. Because I'd not been able to put my hands out in time my face had taken the full force of the impact and blood was pouring from my head and down my face. Although the lady offered to drive me home, I decided to carry on walking despite feeling pretty shaken up. As I stepped through the front door there was so much blood on my jacket and from the cuts on my face the wife thought I'd been in a fight!" Mick continued "Over the next few days the bruises really came up and I had to take several days off work as I looked like I'd done ten rounds with Mike Tyson. Mel (Mick's wife) said I should take some photos of the potholes to prove how bad the road really was"



Mick reported the incident to N.E.L.C. within twenty four hours but it took them almost six weeks to fill in the dangerous potholes ! An official complaint was forwarded to N.E.L.C. by Mick and despite several enquiries by the beginning of October no decision had been forthcoming. However, the complaint was chased again on October 11th and finally the insurers for N.E.L.C. responded with this reply (edited version) ;

Dear Sir,

We've now finished our investigations into your claim and need to tell you about the decision we've reached. As you can understand, we can only offer a settlement payment if there's proof the incident was caused by our customer's negligence or a breach of duty. After reviewing all the information available, we haven't found any evidence to support this was the case. Under the Highways Act 1980, local authorities have a duty to maintain roads, pavements and other highways. To do this, they must have an inspection regime in place to make sure that, where possible, dangerously defective areas are repaired. We're satisfied North East Lincolnshire Council have a reasonable system in place for inspection, maintenance and repair. The highway concerned is inspected monthly. The last inspection before the incident you told us about was on the 9th of May 2024 when no defect was found or considered to be dangerous at that time. There had been no reports around this area regarding any potholes which means the pothole likely came around shortly before your incident. As a result of your report, the Council inspected the area on the 11th of June 2024 and the defect was picked up and repaired within 6 weeks. As we don't believe our customer is at fault, we're sorry, but we can't accept liability for what happened. Unfortunately, this means we can't offer you any compensation.

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Great Coates Village Nursery School

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According to our extensive customer modelling, re-working the timings of the first service of the day towards Cleethorpes will prove better used, and better serve customers travelling in that direction an alternative. We remain keen to deliver demand-led timetables that can adapt to passengers' evolving needs.

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From 16th December 2024

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New Clee	0613	0900	1101	1300	1500	1700	1901	2111
Grimsby Docks	0616	0902	1103	1302	1502	1702	1903	2113
Grimsby Town	0620	0907	1107	1307	1507	1707	1908	2118
Great Coates	0624	0911	1111	1311	1511	1711	1912	2122
Healing	0627	0914	1114	1314	1514	1714	1915	2125
Stallingborough	0630	0916	1117	1316	1516	1716	1917	2127
Habrough	0636	0922	1122	1322	1522	1722	1923	2133
Ulceby	0640	0926	1126	1326	1526	1726	1927	2136
Thornton Abbey	0645	0930	1130	1330	1530	1730	1931	2141
Goxhill	0648	0934	1134	1334	1534	1734	1935	2144
New Holland	0653	0939	1139	1339	1539	1739	1940	2150
Barrow Haven	0656	0942	1142	1342	1542	1743	1943	2154
Barton	0703	0949	1148	1349	1548	1749	1950	2200

Barton	0753	0954	1154	1354	1553	1754	2007	2205
Barrow Haven	0758	0959	1159	1359	1558	1759	2012	2210
New Holland	0802	1003	1203	1403	1602	1803	2016	2214
Goxhill	0806	1007	1207	1407	1605	1807	2021	2218
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Ulceby	0815	1015	1215	1415	1614	1816	2029	2226
Habrough	0821	1020	1220	1420	1619	1821	2033	2231
Stallingborough	0825	1026	1226	1425	1624	1827	2039	2237
Healing	0829	1028	1228	1428	1627	1829	2041	2239
Great Coates	0832	1031	1231	1431	1630	1832	2044	2242
Grimsby Town	0838	1038	1238	1438	1636	1839	2050	2249
Grimsby Docks	0841	1041	1241	1441	1639	1842	2053	2252
New Clee	0844	1044	1243	1443	1641	1844	2055	2254
Cleethorpes	0848	1048	1248	1448	1646	1849	2059	2259

Saturday

Cleethorpes	0640	0854	1054	1254	1454	1658	1857	2107
New Clee	0644	0858	1058	1258	1458	1702	1901	2111
Grimsby Docks	0647	0900	1100	1300	1500	1704	1903	2113
Grimsby Town	0650	0904	1104	1304	1504	1708	1907	2118
Great Coates	0654	0908	1108	1308	1508	1712	1911	2122
Healing	0657	0911	1111	1311	1511	1715	1914	2121
Stallingborough	0700	0914	1114	1314	1514	1718	1917	2125
Habrough	0706	0920	1120	1320	1520	1724	1923	2127
Ulceby	0710	0923	1123	1323	1526	1727	1926	2133
Thornton Abbey	0715	0928	1128	1328	1528	1732	1931	2137
Goxhill	0718	0931	1131	1331	1531	1735	1934	2141
New Holland	0723	0936	1136	1336	1536	1740	1939	2150
Barrow Haven	0726	0940	1140	1340	1540	1744	1943	2153
Barton	0732	0945	1145	1345	1545	1750	1948	2159

Barton	0746	0951	1151	1351	1551	1755	2005	2203
Barrow Haven	0751	0956	1156	1356	1556	1800	2010	2208
New Holland	0755	1000	1200	1400	1600	1804	2014	2212
Goxhill	0759	1004	1204	1404	1604	1808	2018	2216
Thornton Abbey	0803	1008	1208	1408	1608	1812	2022	2220
Ulceby	0807	1012	1212	1412	1612	1816	2027	2224
Habrough	0815	1017	1217	1417	1617	1821	2032	2229
Stallingborough	0821	1023	1223	1423	1623	1827	2037	2235
Healing	0823	1025	1225	1425	1625	1829	2040	2237
Great Coates	0826	1028	1228	1428	1628	1832	2043	2240
Grimsby Town	0833	1038	1234	1434	1634	1838	2049	2247
Grimsby Docks	0836	1041	1237	1437	1637	1841	2052	2250
New Clee	0839	1044	1240	1440	1640	1844	2054	2252
Cleethorpes	0844	1049	1245	1445	1645	1849	2059	2257

This timetable is subject to change Up to date information may be obtained from East Midlands Railway

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Stallingborough 3 Sea Defence Improvement Works

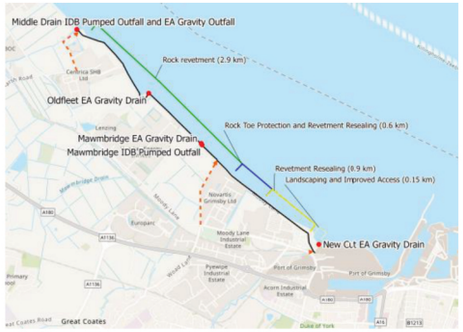
Newsletter - Autumn 2024

Key information and updates about the sea defence improvement work taking place near Stallingborough, North East Lincolnshire.

What are we doing?

The Environment Agency are working collaboratively with our delivery partners Jacksons Civils, Arup, and Jacobs, making improvements to 4.5km of coastal flood defence between the Ports of Immingham and Grimsby on the south Humber bank.

The three-year construction programme continues to reduce the risk of tidal flooding to thousands of properties, major industry, and important infrastructure in the area.



Scheme Overview

The accelerated flood defence project began a year early during the summer of 2023 with rock placed on the sea defences near to former Novartis works.

In compliance with environmental constraints, protecting overwintering birds within the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) work was paused over the winter season, resuming in Spring 2024.

Year 2 Progress:

Completion of the rock amour



Completed section near Oldfleet Drain.

The second year of construction work commenced in March, continuing to place 3.0km of rock armour on to the existing sea defence. This element is now complete.

In a move away from traditional concrete and steel pile sea defences, the granite rocks reduce the energy of the waves hitting the sea wall significantly reducing overtopping. The methodology is also more sustainable as the rocks can be reused at the end of the 25-year project life to adapt to further predicted sea level rise.



Large rock being placed by 50tonne long reach excavator.

Outfalls desilt, inspect and repair

In addition to strengthening the sea defence structure next to the estuary we are also ensuring that the four gravity outfall culverts that pass through it are fully functional and can be maintained for the next 25 years.



Damming Middle Drain gravity culvert, inside desilt and repair.

Works within Middle and Mawmbridge Drain culverts are complete. Next year will see the addition of penstocks to the upstream ends of the culverts to improve operational control and tidal resilience. New access tracks will ensure better maintenance is possible, especially at New Cut Drain, which should commence over the winter.

Working with local stakeholders

The Project team are working closely with the North East Lindsey Drainage Board to make improvements at Mawmbridge and Oldfleet Drains.

A successful Stakeholder Day was held in September to showcase the project, which included an escorted site visit.



Stakeholders observing revetment improvements.

We continue to work with North East Lincolnshire Council, together with the landowners and works plant operators, to ensure all can maintain their usual services.

Year 3 (2025) Programme

Construction work near the estuary will be paused over winter 24/25 in compliance with environmental constraints within the SSSI.

During this period the team will prepare for the larger than anticipated programme for year 3. Which now includes:

- Desilting, inspection, and concrete repair at Oldfleet and New Cut Drains
- Provision of tidal resilient penstocks and maintenance access tracks for three outfalls.
- New overflow structure, to reduce flooding upstream, will be installed on Oldfleet Drain.
- New flap valve and desilting of the foreshore channel, (subject to consenting of a MMO licence) on Oldfleet Drain.
- Two access chambers will be installed into New Cut Drain culvert.
- Environmental enhancement works and some landscaping will be undertaken across the whole scheme.

Local Impact

The public right of way along the sea defence between Novartis Ings and Middle Drain re-opens 1st November 2024.

The public right of way between Novartis Ings and Pyewipe will remain closed whilst ground investigation and temporary works take place in preparation for Spring 2025 construction.

Impact to local housing will be minimal as the site is remote, but working is restricted to daylight hours Monday to Saturday. Traffic management will be minimal at Moody Lane and only when necessary to facilitate delivery of plant to site for the New Cut Drain improvement works.

Site Security

The main compound and satellite compounds will have 24-hour security throughout the works and access to the compounds will only be during the agreed working hours.

Contact

If you require any further information, you can contact the Project Team by calling the Environment Agency's Customer Contact centre: 03708 506 506 or by directly emailing us at:

Stallingborough@environment-agency.gov.uk

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VENUE IN THE VILLAGE TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0900 - 1000			Heartbeeps 0930-1330	Private Hire 9.30 - 11.30	SLT Fitness 0930 - 1030	Core Dance Drama 9 am to 12 pm	
1000 - 1100							
1100 - 1200							
1200 - 1300							
1300 - 1400							
1400 - 1500							
1500 - 1600							
1600 - 1700			Mini Kicks 4.50 to 6.20 pm				
1700 - 1800							
1800 - 1900	Puppy & Dog Training 6.30 to 8.30 pm	SLT Fitness 6.30 to 8.30 pm	Cast Theatre 7.00 to 9.00 pm	W.I. 2nd Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm Quiz 1st Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm			
1900 - 2000							
2000 - 2100							
2100 - 2200							

Private hirings are not shown.
Live availability and costings are on our website www.greatcoatespc.com
Enquiries: email clerk.greatcoatesvc@gmail.com

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Puppy Training	**naturescompanionsdogs@gmail.com**
Mini Kixx	**lewisjcollins1966@gmail.com**
Quiz Night	**nikkiloumaz1969@yahoo.co.uk**
W.I.	**pauline_armitage@hotmail.com**
Core Dance Drama	**coredancedrama@gmail.com**

VENUE In the VILLAGE

Hiring The Venue in the Village

The Venue in the Village is available for hire to private parties including onsite parking.

Chairs and tables are provided together with use of a kitchen and patio doors opening onto a large patio and grassed area.

You may view live availability for The Venue on our website: www.greatcoatespc.com/hall-booking/. Alternatively email clerk@greatcoates-pc.gov.uk or send us a message on Facebook.

What community events would you like to see at The Venue ? Send your ideas to clerk@greatcoates-pc.gov.uk

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Samaritans	116123 (free)

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Great Coates, DN31 2TG

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Willows, DN37 9DR

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Waste and Recycling Calendar

Recycling Collections

Please put your blue or grey bin out before 7am on the relevant blue or grey collection date.

Thursday 21st Nov
Thursday 5th Dec
Thursday 19th Dec
Thursday 2nd Jan
Thursday 16th Jan
Thursday 30th Jan
Thursday 13th Feb
Thursday 27th Feb





Refuse Collections

Please put your green bin out before 7am on the dates shown below. Green bins are emptied every two weeks.

Thursday 28th Nov
Thursday 12th Dec
Thursday 26th Dec
Thursday 9th Jan
Thursday 23rd Jan
Thursday 6th Feb
Thursday 20th Feb
Thursday 6th Mar



Garden Waste Collections

Please put your brown bin out before 7am on the dates shown below. Brown bins are emptied every two weeks.

Monday 2nd Dec
Monday 27th Jan
Monday 24th Feb
Monday 10th Mar
Monday 24th Mar
Monday 7th Apr
Monday 21st Apr
Monday 5th May



The nearest Community Recycling Centre (the 'tip') is located at Gilbey Road, Grimsby, DN31 2UD. This is open from 8am until 6pm every day.

The dates provided are subject to change especially during bank holidays or bad weather. You can check collection days by going to www.nelc.gov.uk/refuse-collection-schedule/.