

SIGN UP TO OUR NEW EMAIL NEWSLETTER

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new FREE email newsletter for 2024.

While our longstanding tradition of distributing this Annual Report to every household in Kirk Ella and West Ella has provided a comprehensive overview of our activities, we recognise the need for more frequent updates.

Our new email newsletter will serve as a vital conduit for delivering the latest news, updates, and announcements directly to your inbox. From upcoming events to pertinent information sourced from partner organisations such as Humberside Police and East Riding Council, we aim to keep you well-informed about matters affecting our community.

Rest assured, your privacy is of paramount importance to us. We adhere to stringent data protection

regulations, ensuring your information is securely stored in accordance with the UK GDPR. Moreover, we pledge to respect your inbox by limiting the frequency of emails to 1-2 per month and offering the option to unsubscribe at any time.

By subscribing to our newsletter, you will gain exclusive access to relevant content tailored to the needs and interests of Kirk Ella and West Ella residents.

Whether you seek updates on local initiatives or wish to stay informed about important developments, our newsletter will keep you informed.

To join our growing community of subscribers and receive our latest updates, simply visit our website at www.kirkella-westella-pc.info and sign up today.



Kirk Ella & West Ella PARISH COUNCIL

ELIZABETH ROBINSON

In early February we received some sad news, with the passing of former Parish Councillor, Elizabeth Robinson. Liz was on the council from 2007 until 2023 and during that time undertook a tremendous amount of work to maintain and improve our local environment – through litter picking, planting of flowers and installation of benches. If you have noticed daffodils growing in the verges throughout our area then you can be sure it was very likely they were planted there as a result of Liz's efforts. Liz was also for many years Chair of the Haltemprice Flood Action Group, which following the severe floods in our area in 2007 did a great deal to bring about improvements in flood defences, most significantly the major protection now provided by the Willerby and Derringham Flood Alleviation Scheme (WaDFAS). Shortly before her passing Liz donated funds for a bench to be put in place to commemorate the late Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. The bench is on South Ella Way opposite the entrance to Egginton Close; it is in our view very much also a memorial to Elizabeth Robinson and a tribute to her dedication to this area.

DAVID ROBINSON

We would like to pay tribute to Cllr. David Robinson, who stepped down in May 2023 having served for nine years on our Council. David was always cheerful in outlook and had a great interest in local history. As such, he was always at the forefront of gathering the information and creating the design of the many heritage information boards in Kirk Ella (six at the last count!) We wish David all the best on his retirement from the Parish Council.

Community Speed Watch

Could you help us educate the drivers who speed in your community?

We are seeking a number of volunteers to join a Community Speed Watch scheme in this area. Could you spare an hour a month?

All training and equipment is provided free of charge. Anyone aged 18 to 80 can take part. This is your opportunity to make a difference in your community.

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact the Parish Clerk.

This initiative is administered by Humberside Police with the support of Town and Parish Councils.



The Annual Parish Meeting is to held at St Andrew's Church Memorial Hall,
Beverly Road, Kirk Ella on Tuesday, 28th May 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

Residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella are all welcome to attend.



The Chairman continues to decline the Chairman's allowance and none of the Parish Councillors claim expenses as our Parish Councillors are all volunteers.

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TELECOMS INFRASTRUCTURE

Of great concern to residents has been the installation of telecommunications infrastructure in the form of new telegraph poles and under pavement fibre-optic cable. The installation of the infrastructure is primarily being undertaken by MS3, a new rival to KCOM which for many years had a monopoly on telecommunications / broadband provision. Although a choice of provision is welcome, many residents have complained that this intrusive new work is unsightly and also unnecessary, as existing infrastructure could be shared.

A number of roughly 40ft telegraph poles have been installed in the West Ella conservation area, much to the annoyance of residents. Under 'permitted development' rules, companies can legally install this infrastructure without needing to seek planning permission. This problem is prevalent throughout Hull and much of the East Riding area - in parts of North Hull some telegraph poles were even cut down by local residents! Whilst we are not advocating such drastic action, we share residents' concerns. A number of local MP's are looking to bring in changes to the law to ensure residents views are genuinely consulted before work is undertaken and stronger measures are put in place to ensure existing infrastructure is shared.



YOUR CURRENT COUNCILLORS



Cllr. John Bailey • Cllr. Shaun Horton • Cllr. Gary McMaster
Cllr. Nicola McMaster • Cllr. Charles Milner • Cllr. Steve Richardson
Cllr. Zahra Saribal • Cllr. Ben Weeks • Cllr. Rachel Weeks



Parish Clerk: Mandy Pickering



CHRISTMAS 2023



In November 2023, the Parish Council organised the annual Christmas Light Switch-on event, which turned out to be a huge hit, drawing in a fantastic crowd. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that turned out and joined in.

The success of the event was a result of the collaborative efforts of the Parish Council, St. Andrew's Church, and The Wheatsheaf Pub. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all involved parties for their contributions.

Entertainment was provided by a choir of children from Kirk Ella St. Andrew's School, whose excellent performance really added to the festivities. A big thank you goes out to the children, their parents, and Mrs. Markham for their efforts.

Looking ahead to Christmas 2024, we're already in the planning stages and will share more details soon. One important aspect of our preparations for 2024 is the temporary closure of the road outside The Wheatsheaf Pub. This step is necessary due to the growing popularity of the event in recent years.

We do hope to see you all at the switch on this year. Details of all our events can be found on our website, or the parish notice boards.



TWO NEW BENCHES IN THE PARISH

The Parish Council are proud to have played a role in the placement of two new benches in the Parish.

The first bench, located on Mill Lane, marks the Coronation of King Charles III and was generously funded by members of the Mill Lane Neighbourhood Watch. Thanks to collaborative efforts with the East Riding Council, who provided the concrete base, and the Parish Council, who handled installation costs, this bench now sits conveniently near the bus stop opposite Kirk Rise.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Lewis, who worked with the Parish Council as a representative of the Mill Lane Neighbourhood Watch to bring this project into existence.

On South Ella Way, across from Egginton Close, the second bench pays homage to the late Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. Financed by the late Mrs. Liz Robinson, a former Parish Councillor, this bench serves as a convenient rest stop for those following the Kirk Ella and West Ella Heritage Trail.

The Parish Council have taken on responsibility for the insurance and maintenance of the benches.

We always welcome residents making suggestions regarding the placement of benches, and would encourage you to get in touch if you think your area would benefit from a bench.



Image: Dennis Robinson, husband of Mrs Liz Robinson on the bench in South Ella Way

INTRODUCING KIRK ELLA'S LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

In our last edition, we told you of plans to install a little free library on Church Lane, Kirk Ella. We are delighted to announce that the little free library has been installed and is already very well used by members of the community.

The purpose behind a "Little Free Library" is to provide a space for members of the public to leave any unwanted books for others to borrow and return. We are pleased that there is already a good selection of books available.

Our thanks must go to Chris Jennings for raising the idea with us, and for installing the "Little Free Library".

For more information on the "Little Free Library" project you can visit littlefreelibrary.org.

Image: The "Little Free Library" situated on Church Lane in Kirk Ella.

