

Coming up

13th of July - WI at the Ashby Show, come along to see the Nailstone ladies and their display.

17th of July - WI Pudding & Processo in the Park, from 7:30pm, Church Meadow or Church if wet. Visitors welcome.

16th of August - Summer Fete, 2pm - 4pm, All Saints Church, Nailstone. Refreshments, home-made cakes, Tombola, Raffle, Local Jams and Chutney, Crafts and various stalls.
Please come and support our Community Church.

All Saints Cafe
Every Tuesday morning, 10:15am to 12:15pm.

Little Fishes
Children group, 10:30am - 12pm every third Wednesday, Church.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Four of us joined ladies from other local WI groups on a visit to Lichfield cathedral, where we had a guided tour.

Our guest speaker for June was Dave Andrews with a very interesting talk about 100 Years of the BBC. From the world's first radio station in 1922 to the advent of television in 1936, the BBC's mission has been to 'educate, inform, entertain'

July means the Ashby Show and we will, as usual, be entering the WI competitions. If you're visiting the show on 13th July, drop into the WI tent and admire all the wonderful exhibits.

Our July meeting is an Open Meeting. We will be having a Prosecco & Puddings Evening on Church Meadow and cordially invite any ladies of the village who may be interested in joining the WI to come along and get to know us. We're a friendly bunch.



Gardening Group

The GG have been busy planting out our seed sown gap fillers this month. Members sowed seed and grew on foxgloves, stock, calendula, wallflowers, cosmos and nasturtiums which were planted out in the Rock bed, centenary bed and the Church bed. The ox-eye daisies in the Church bed were trimmed back to allow for a better view of the salvia and lavender. The forget me nots were pulled out and composted and each bed was weeded.

The group would like to thank the PC for approving its proposal to enhance the planting in the Memorial Area. We are excited to get started on this!

All existing planting will be retained as over the years many people have cared for this bed.

The planting area around the WWII memorial will be enlarged, removing the grass to allow for more planting space. The aim of the additional planting is to cover the ground effectively with shrubby and perennial planting with year-round interest, but a focus on providing colour and a smart appearance at Remembrance time. Additional planting will also be added to the American Airmen's bed. The group will be proudly funding all the planting itself, using the monies made from the Wreath making event last year.

Members have also been busy socially! We have visited Michael Heseltine's Garden in Northamptonshire and were fortunate enough to have a conversation with the man himself.

We have also been to Hidcote Manor garden and holiday garden visiting in Cornwall.

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Watch out for the livestock in the fields, they are very curious and want to say hello

Nailstone Arts & Crafts Group.

Meets every 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in All Saints Church.

We include any kind of art or craft, from needle crafts, painting/drawing, wood turning, photography, decoupage, card/gift making, etc.

We welcome everyone to join our friendly group, even if you just want to come and have a chat and make friends.

Stoneshollow Community Benefit Funding Questionnaire

Many thanks to those who took the time to return the questionnaire, either by post or email.

The Cllrs have viewed all the questionnaires and are aware of all of the additional comments, objections and suggestions that were made. The response rate and the preferences indicated are published in this edition of the newsletter. By the time this edition reaches you the PC will have held their June meeting and discussed the data. A reminder that the minutes of the meeting can be found on the PC's website.

Wooden stile replacement

The PC have applied to the Community Equipment Grant fund to part fund the replacement of the remaining wooden stile on footpath R66 with a kissing gate.

Fly tips

Fly tips of cans of paint in the unofficial layby near the School, and in the layby at Osbaston Tollgate have been reported to H&BBC.

Policy reviews

At the May meeting the PC reviewed and approved the updated property register, the annual report on condition of memorials within the Closed Churchyard and the PC's Code of Conduct. At the June meeting the PC reviewed its Standing Orders. Most of the PC's documentation can be found on its website.



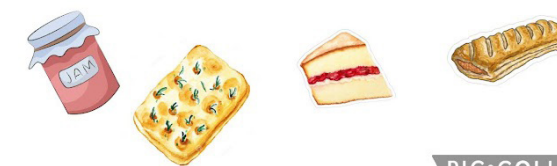
Nailstone Village Show

Saturday 6th September

All Saints Church, Nailstone

Cookery

Have you been trying out recipes?



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Community Benefit Fund Questionnaire Results
(June 2025)

The Parish Council circulated a questionnaire delivered within the Graphic to all households on the Graphic distribution list in early May 2025. The aim of the questionnaire was a ‘temperature check’ - to gain an understanding of the views of the community in identifying potential projects to benefit from the Stoneshollow Community Benefit Funding.

The PC is limited by law on what it is allowed to (has the ‘power’) to spend on. Therefore, there are certain categories that the PC is not legally allowed to spend any funding on, wherever that funding originates from.

The majority of the returned questionnaires had ticked multiple options and each was recorded separately.

Response rate:

Out of 240 questionnaires, 41 replies (paper and email) were received. This is a response rate of 17%. Figure 1.

Indicated preferences:

Out of the 41 replies, 92 separate preferences were indicated, Figure 2.

Additional suggestions:

16 respondees out of 41 made 18 different additional suggestions, Figure 3.

Next steps:

The Parish Council will undertake feasibility studies for the most popular answers and report on its findings during the upcoming meetings. All progress will be discussed during these meetings, which all parishioners are welcome to attend.

There will also be an opportunity for public discussion upon the feasibility conclusion, with everyone invited to a dedicated public meeting. Please keep your eye on the NPC’s official communication channels (website, minutes, and newsletter) for updates.

Figure 1, Response rate

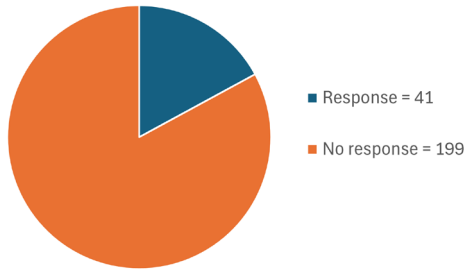
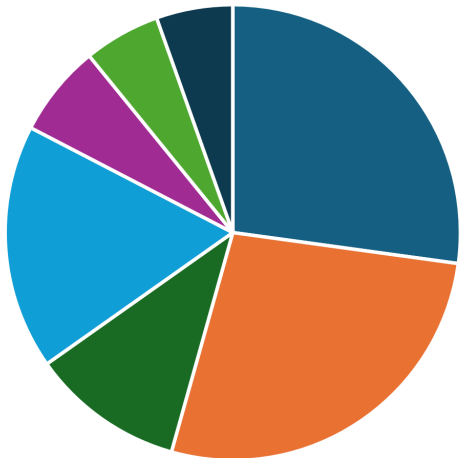
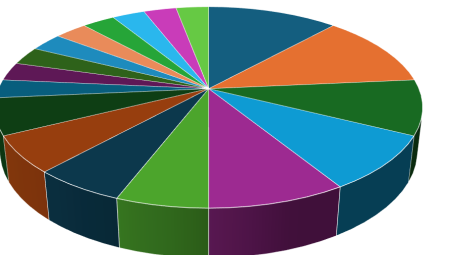


Figure 2, Indicated preferences



- Community space in All Saints Church = 25
- Community space within village = 25
- Green Open space = 10
- Other = 16
- Mini bus = 6
- Improvements to Oval green space = 5
- Allotments = 5

Figure 3, Additional suggestions



- Improvements to Church Meadow = 4
- Improvements to Church Meadow footpaths = 4
- Traffic calming = 3
- Pub provision = 3
- New village name signs = 2
- Heritage Signage = 2
- Petanque pitch = 2
- Lych gate repair = 1
- Public Footpath lighting = 1
- Maintaining the Church = 1
- Subsidised solar panels for houses = 1
- Financial grants for pensioners = 1
- Restriction of traffic through village = 1
- Repair Malthouse Close wall = 1
- Financial grants for education = 1
- Financial grants for people with disabilities = 1
- Give money to school = 1



Nailstone
Saturday 6th September 2025
Village Show
Vegetables, Flowers, Produce, Craft.

Timetable for the day

Bring your entries and set them up	08.30 am to 10.30 am
Judging	11.00 am to Midday
Church open for viewing exhibits, Tombola, refreshments	1.30 pm to 3.30 pm
Prize giving	3.30 pm

For any queries and to request your sunflower to be measured, please contact us nailstonevillageshow@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you to our 4th Village Show, this year in the new venue of All Saints Church.

We have kept the entry fee at 30p per item. Children can enter for free.

Please note, we can only accept cash payments.

Rules for entry:

1. All exhibits to have been made or grown by exhibitor.
2. Only one entry per household in each class is allowed.
3. Entries will not be allowed after the staging time.
4. Sunflowers must be grown in Nailstone Parish. Only one entry per household.
5. No exhibits can be removed before end of the show at 4.00 pm
6. All exhibits must be removed by 4.30 pm
7. Nailstone Village Show organisers are not responsible for any losses or breakages.
8. There are no refunds on entry fees.
9. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
10. THE JUDGES' DECISION IS FINAL

NPC Chair's report

On behalf of Nailstone Parish Council, I am proud to share some of the successful achievements and outcomes we have attained over the past 12 months. Following extensive negotiations and contractual reviews with Stoneshollow Solar Development, we received £180,000 for our community. We now look for inspirational ideas to maximise the benefit to all of Nailstone.

We installed a new electricity supply in Church Meadow, allowing it to be more flexible for community events and Christmas celebrations. We secured funding for the supply and installation of a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (speed sign), later upgraded to solar power, using green energy to invite our transiting drivers to take care of their speed in our village.

Complex repairs on the Lych Gate were completed, forming a safe entrance to our Church.

A 50% match funding grant was achieved to upgrade the street lighting to LED with more efficient fittings. A new kissing gate was installed to replace a wooden stile, and we are currently in the process of replacing the remaining wooden stiles in the village, making our footpaths safer and more accessible.

The PC managed the installation of the solar development, monitoring safety, access and egress and general consideration of the contractors. In collaboration with the Rotary, we repaired and repainted benches throughout the village.

We enjoyed the contribution and commitment of former Cllr Barton, who assisted with planning matters, developing the grounds maintenance contract and managing the interface with contractors and officers relating to Stoneshollow.

We welcomed Cllr Darlington to the PC and she has successfully transformed our Parish Newsletter as well as built our new website. We supported the Nailstone Gardening group in delivering and maintaining schemes in Church Meadow, including two of our

flower beds and the installation of the ‘enchanted pathway’ made from waste from the tree maintenance work. The Group also patterned our village with an array of colourful bulbs and opened up long-forgotten pathways.

We also would like to thank Chris Peat, the Clerk for Carlton PC for stepping in and supporting Nailstone, bringing many years of experience and knowledge, we thank Kerry Bates for joining our team and leading us as Parish Clerk, investing in training and development with the aim to return the General Power of Competence to our Council.

We supported the Community Group in purchasing a gazebo for village events and worked with the Church community and Council, collaborating on key events including Christmas and VE Day.

Thank you for the support and guidance of our resident footpath warden, Deryck Senior, for passionately protecting and improving our privileged Rights of Way.

A thank you to all the community groups, including the W.I. and the History Group, for bringing the community together in collaboration and spirit.

I would like to personally thank Derek Crane for years of knowledge, experience and commitment to our Council and our Vice Chair, Tony Harrison, for keeping the cogs turning, completing the details that make the applications and improvements to our village entirely possible.

Special thanks to our local Borough Cllr Bill Crooks, who has attended nearly all our meetings, no matter how late his previous engagements have been. His presence and contribution have been warmly received and always make us smile. Thank you, Bill.

The future is exciting, we have the opportunity to invest in our village, strengthen our groups, form new bonds and look back this time next year and celebrate our successes together.