

# LANGTONS' AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## The Unfamiliar

Christmas Edition  
2019



It seemed coincidental that Mark Tully's subject for his BBC Radio 4 programme 'Something Understood' should be 'The Unfamiliar', as we had just returned four days earlier from our trip to China.

He asks "What is it about the strange, the new or the exotic that exerts such an appeal?" For me it is the decorative arts, garden design and architecture as well the history and archaeology. We certainly experienced all of these during our 16 days, going to all the famous tourist attractions as well as a view into the future – a robot waiter in our hotel, beggars with QR codes for payment, the tower blocks in Shanghai lit from top to bottom with ever changing adverts.

Mark quotes Dale Andrews, the American Christian philosopher, "Every so often it pays to get a thousand miles away. There you'll find the familiar and the unfamiliar. The familiar will keep you feeling secure while the unfamiliar will give you the opportunity to see life from another perspective."

Indeed, it was the familiar we kept comparing our experiences with; the deep fried scorpion snacks, the cameras photographing us at every turn, the cleanliness of the streets, the disgusting toilets.

We do not have to travel to China to find the unfamiliar. "Every day when we wake up we face the unfamiliar. We don't know what will happen that day. Each dawn is a blank page we still have to write on."

Mark Tully goes on to say, "living in the present or mindfulness as it's now known is very important and if you think of it, mindfulness is living with the unfamiliar because it involves being aware of the difference of every moment and every moment is indeed different."

Mindfulness is "a journey to discover ourselves". This Christmas I hope you experience the unfamiliar and the familiar but importantly enjoy the journey.

*Happy Christmas,  
Roz Folwell*



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THE LANGTON ARMS



SUNDAY BREAKFAST  
9.30-11.30AM

...SOON TO BE FAMOUS - SUNNY SIDE UP?

[www.thelangtonarms.com](http://www.thelangtonarms.com)

## Harvest in the Langton and Welham Benefices

Just few of the beautiful displays in our churches plus Glooston's own local band at their Harvest Supper. 55 + attended the meal which contributed nearly £400 for Church funds, paying for the Quinquennial inspection of the building.





**Langtons Cricket Club, Main Street, East Langton**

**Inter Village Final—Monday 26th August**

Lovely memories of hot day, tight final match that was well supported.



**Gordon's Rounders' Match**

The match this year was in celebration of Gordons 91st year, the event has been running for 11 years. There was a good turn out of over 30 players of all ages and abilities and to add to the usual theme of make it up as you go along, there were a couple of 4 legged participants as well, they were amazing at catching the ball but rubbish at throwing it back. Two matches were able to be played before light was lost and it was an even draw, celebratory drinks all round. Gordons rounders continues to be a good social event for the cricket club and a yummy buffet was catered by The Bell, all proceeds of donations from the eats were payed to our local air ambulance in memory of Sam Bromley who had been an active supporter since Gordon was 80, £127 was raised and a fun filled evening was had by all.

## Freddie Mercury Night A Great Success

'The Freddie Mercury night at Glooston Village Hall was a great success. Over 70 people enjoyed the evening with many entering into the spirit of the evening by coming dressed as members of Queen. The meal for the evening was Roasted Sirloin of Beef with all of the trimmings followed by a choice of desserts. ' Freddie' himself was a great showman and entertainer and had the whole room dancing away. A raffle took place with the top prize of a luxury hamper. Over £1,300 profit was made on the night, going towards upkeep and development of the hall.'

## Open Gardens

Hi Villagers

I plan to try to organise an Open Gardens theme for Church Langton (? beginning of June).

Yes it was planned for 2019, but circumstances changed which meant it was not possible for me to organise it for this year.

SO

Put the date in your diary/calendar June 2020 (DATE TO BE ARRANGED).

INTERESTED

We will need lots of helpers, as well as offering your garden to be open, (I already have a promise of 6 interested in opening, more would be nice, but don't worry if you prefer not to open) there will be jobs available that you may be more happy being involved with.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE

Is to get as many interested as possible, GOOD OLD VILLAGE SPIRIT AND ALL THAT.

I will inform you of a meeting in January, (Date to be confirmed), the more the merrier with ideas, plans, suggestions in hand the better, to help get this blooming thing off the ground.

Please contact Sue, 01858 545427, if you feel you could contribute in any way, or just interested in attending the meeting to see what it's all about.

Thank you.

## Bell Ringing at St. Peter's, Church Langton

There was a 'full peal attempt' by St. Mary's, Nottingham band of ringers on **Wednesday 4th September**. It took about three hours, and consisted of 5000 changes of the 8 bells. It was well done and appreciated by members of St. Peter's.

## Cream Teas At St. Peter's

This season the Cream Teas made £1,500 towards the running and maintenance of the church. A 'thank you' tea on 22<sup>nd</sup> September was very pleasant. We have had a number of new helpers this season.



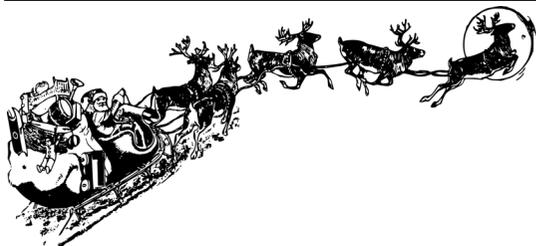
## Coffee Morning

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Billesdon.**

Sincere thanks to all who came to our Coffee Morning or supported the event with donations. We enjoyed a very happy occasion and raised a wonderful sum of over £1300!! This will support Jeel and BASR who both need our continuing interest.

Best wishes to all, Canon Philip Norwood.

*Jeel Al Amal Orphanage is in Bethany and the BASR Hospital in Beir Jala is in Bethlehem. All money raised will be sent direct without any deductions by McCabe.*



## Santa is Coming!

Santa will be visiting The Langtons on **Sunday 8th December** starting @ **4.00pm** in Tur Langton, then Church Langton, East Langton and finally Thorpe Langton.

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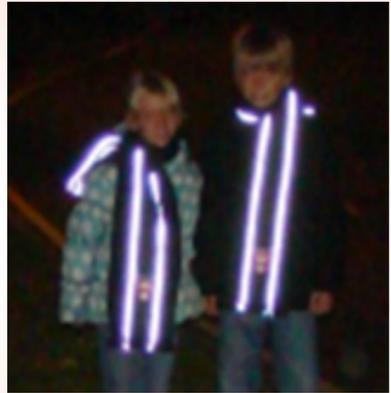
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# GRANGE FARM Christmas Barn



Christmas begins at Grange Farm

## OPENING HOURS

Monday - Saturday 9am - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 5pm

Open every day from the  
29th November until  
Midday on Christmas Eve



LOROS Santa will be visiting Sat & Sun 7th & 8th, 14th & 15th, 21st & 22nd 10-4.00pm no booking

## **East Langton Parish Council**

### **Community Response Plan**

We are seeking parishioners with equipment and skills that we could call upon should we have an emergency. Councillors will be contacting residents for help.

### **Planning**

**Update – 19/00876/FUL – erection of 17 dwellings land off Church Causeway, Church Langton** Ben Cripps, who owns Langton Homes, has met with residents and will go and look at the implications of the ditch. A Great Crested Newt has been found on the site. As these need a pond to breed this has raised the question as to whether the pond should be filled in. Nicola Parry, (HDC Planning Officer) will instigate an ecology review. The pond and ditch are part of the wildlife corridor and this may strengthen the argument to make this wider.

**19/01632/VAC – removal of condition 1 (occupation restrictions) of 12/01497/FUL) to allow use as a permanent residential dwelling.** Astley Grange Farm, Back Lane, EL Permission has been refused. The removal of condition to allow use as a permanent residential dwelling would be contrary to Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policies as it is an unsuitable location for housing and would result in the loss of tourist accommodation contrary to Local Plan policy RT4.

**19/01725/PIP – permission in principle for four to six new dwellings, Land adjacent to Astley House, Back Lane, EL**

Permission has been refused. 1. The development represents new housing in the countryside as the site is not within or adjacent to the existing built up area of East Langton. The proposal therefore fails to comply with Local and Neighbourhood Plan policies. The development would not therefore constitute sustainable development in line with the National Policy Framework. 2. Development of this site with new housing would harm both the character and appearance of the area and the setting of the Conservation Area.

### **Monitoring Planning Compliance**

East Langton Parish Council was invited to a HDC workshop on Proactive Planning Compliance, a trial in checking that the conditions on Permitted Developments are being met whilst the development is in progress, before widening out to other Parish Councils. It was agreed that the council will adopt this approach for the development of the 17 dwellings and development below.

**19/00896/FUL – erection of an agricultural dwelling, Woodhouse Farm, Back Lane, EL** – to note permitted. To be monitored

### **Highways**

Bus stop on Church Causeway – lack of hard standing / bus stop – LCC have agreed to the hardstanding on Church Causeway. Various signposts around the Parish have been repaired.

### **Litter bins**

It was resolved to place litter bins on Church Causeway by the bus stop and post box and Back Lane at the entrance to the footpath to Foxton.

**Diocesan Field, Church Langton** – the broken fence has been removed and the damaged gate post reported to the Diocese.

### **Memorial Seat Donation**

The Parish council are pleased to accept an offer of a donation of a memorial seat with a plaque in Church Langton in remembrance of a former resident.

**Meeting Dates**—Wednesday 8th January 2020, (Wednesday 5th February TBC)

Check noticeboards & website for confirmation, agendas and minutes.

*Roz Folwell, Chairman East Langton Parish Council*



**Find our new studio on Melton Road, LE18 7TG**

**(On the site of the Langton Greenhouse and Garden Centre)**

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**RAD Pre-Primary Ballet**

**For Foundation Stage**

**Friday 4 pm, Saturday 11:15 am**

**RAD Primary Ballet**

**For Key Stage 1**

**Monday 4 pm, Saturday 9 am**

**Adult Ballet**

**For Improvers, some ballet experience**

**Wednesday 10 am**

**Silver Swans Ballet**

**Designed for the over 55's, beginners welcome.**

**Tuesday 10 am, Friday 9:15 am**

**Can't see what you are looking for? Get in touch we also have classes for older children after school and during the week.**

**Principal: Annie Bladon BSc (Hons), RAD RTS**

**[www.afbdanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.afbdanceacademy.co.uk) o [info@afbdanceacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@afbdanceacademy.co.uk)**

**07722571121**

*AFB Dance Academy has a new home in a purpose fitted studio on Melton Road next to the Langton Greenhouse and Garden Centre. The ballet school specialises in teaching the Royal Academy of Dance Ballet syllabus and provides classes for all ages and abilities from nursery dance for children for 2.5 years up to adults including the RAD's new Silver Swans classes for the over 55's.*



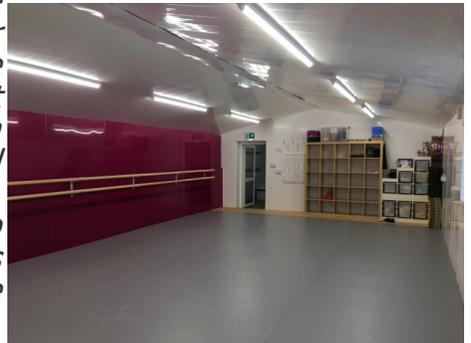
*Before the move, the dance school had well-established classes running in Great Bowden and Foxton so it was a difficult decision to make the move to our own studio. A lot of work was needed to transform the building from its former use as a butchers shop to a ballet studio. The summer was spent building and decorating the space to create the new front waiting area and changing room. The rear studio needed the most work having been used previously as a cold storage room. Now a light and inviting space, the studio has a sprung dance floor with dance vinyl and a double height fixed ballet barre. The work was finished just in time for the start of the new school year at the beginning of September. We were pleased that so many of our students were able to move with us to the new space and have been enjoying the benefits of the new facilities. We hope to have created*



*a safe and inspiring place to dance.*

*Being in the studio means the school is able to expand its timetable and provide a wider range of classes. One of the first to be added has been Silver Swans, ballet classes designed for the over 55's. Based on traditional ballet class format sessions start with a warm-up and exercises at the barre followed by exercises and dances in the centre. Ballet classes are a great place to keep fit and stay active so anyone that has a love of dance should definitely come and give a class a try.*

*Annie*





## The Langtons and Welham Benefices Service Pattern December 2019

	<b>December 1st <u>Advent</u></b>	<b>December 8th</b>	<b>December 15th</b>	<b>December 22nd</b>	<b>December 29th</b>
<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Welham Holy Comm. Can. Gemmell</b>	<b>Tur Langton HC Can. B. Davis</b>			
<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Church Langton HC Reverend Hathaway</b>	<b>Stonton Wy HC <u>Can. Norwood</u> Church Langton <u>Carol Serv.</u> M. Johnson</b>	<b>Church Langton HC Reverend Hathaway</b>	<b>Church Langton HC Canon C. Oxley</b>	<b><u>11.00a.m</u> <u>Billesdon</u> Deanery Service Rev. Alison Booker</b>
<b>6.00 p.m.</b>		<b><u>Shangton Carol Serv.</u> H. Painter</b>		<b><u>Glooston Carol Serv</u> P. Norwood</b>	
<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Thorpe Langton HC Can. B. Davis</b>		<b><u>Thorpe Langton Carol Serv</u> P. Norwood</b>		

### Christmas Services



Sunday 15th **Thorpe L.** Carols followed by a **bring & share supper**  
 Monday 16th **Cranoe** Carol Service 7.00pm Rev. P. Norwood  
 Friday 13th **Tur Langton** Carol Service 6.00pm Canon Brian Davis  
 Wednesday 18th **Welham** Carol Service 7.30pm Rev Alison Booker  
 Thursday 19th **Stonton Wyville** Carols 6.30pm **with the Kibworth Choir.**  
 Christmas Eve **Tur Langton Midnight Mass 11.30pm** Rev'd M. Hathaway  
Christmas Day Welham Holy Communion 9.00am Canon Ian Gemmell  
Christmas Day Thorpe Langton H C 10.30am Canon V. Ashwin

**Tur Langton Carol Service** is on Friday 13th December at 6.00pm and is being taken by Canon Brian Davis. **Mulled Wine and mince pies, squash and chocolate biscuits for the children after.** A warm welcome to everyone.

**Midnight Mass at 11.30pm** on the 24th December is being taken by Reverend Martin Hathaway. The Church will be nice and warm. Everyone welcome.





## The Langtons and Welham Benefices Service Pattern January & February 2020

	January 5th	January 12th	January 19th	January 26th
9.00 a.m.	Welham HC P. Norwood	Tur Langton HC Can. B. Davis	Welham HC P. Norwood	Glooston HC P. Norwood
10.30 a.m.	Church Langton HC Rev'd. M. Hathaway	Church Langton <u>Morn Serv</u> Stonton W HC Canon P. Norwood	Church Langton HC Rev Hathaway	Church Langton HC Canon C. Oxley
6.00 p.m.		Shangton Evensong Can. B. Davis		
6.30 p.m.	Thorpe Langton HC Canon P. Mackenzie		Thorpe Langton HC Canon P. Mackenzie	

	February 2nd	February 9th	February 16th	February 23rd
9.00 a.m.	Welham HC	Tur Langton HC Can. B. Davis	Welham HC Can. Norwood	
10.30 a.m.	Church Langton HC Rev'd Hathaway	Stonton Wy HC <u>Can. Norwood</u> Church Langton Morning Service M. Johnson	Church Langton HC Rev'd M. Hathaway	Cranoe HC <u>Can. Norwood</u> Church Langton HC Canon C. Oxley
6.00 p.m.		Shangton HC M. Johnson		
6.30 p.m.	Thorpe Langton HC P. Norwood		Thorpe Langton HC Can. B. Davis	

Ash Wednesday - 26th February

## St. Peter's Church Heritage Projects



The two tours during the **Heritage Open Days** in September brought in 15/16 visitors on each occasion. All enjoyed the tours and most stayed for Cream Teas.

Sapcote church has requested a tour of the church next year during the **Festival of Archaeology** in July. This came from a visit Keith and I made to them during this year's Festival.

Even though we have completed the capital work to replace the aisle and chancel roofs, the Heritage Project is still ongoing. The completion date was 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. However, we have been granted an extension until the end of September 2020 to enable a talk on and



performance of Handel's Messiah; and for Church Langton School to action the work, at the given time during the academic year for the appropriate year(s), which has been factored into the new Academy History Scheme of Work. Other Heritage Activities are also ongoing and will be advertised in the spring.

We have a new contact at the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Lucy Astill, who has taken over from Charlotte Mulliner. We would like to thank Charlotte for all her help and support in the writing of the application and the implementation of the grant awarded to St. Peter's.

### Christmas Message from Our Area Dean

As we begin to prepare for Christmas in a world where many live under occupation, where there are wars, where rulers would turn on their own citizens, where truth is hard to discover, where some are forced to flee for fear of their lives – I turn to mince pies and lights, to puddings and cake, boxes of chocolates, laughter, friends, family and feasting. In a world where I recognise I am one of the fortunate ones, celebrating the joy of God who came as one of us, I am remembering that God came also as a vulnerable child, as a refugee, as one persecuted and forced to live far from home. I am remembering that God who came to be among us knew all of those we remember in our annual nativity plays, in the carols and the traditions. This same God knows me, and those like me fortunate enough to celebrate, and God knows those less fortunate than I.

It reminds me of a poem I found, I don't know the author, it speaks of God who knows us, whose birth we celebrate.

Revd Alison

## **Back then**

Back then, dear God, at the first Christmas:

You knew about the shepherds, working late at night

You knew about the travellers following the light

You knew about the crowds with their hopes and fears

You knew about the stable and poor Mary's tears

So right now, because of Christmas:

You know about outsiders, who feel they don't belong

You know about the stranger who speaks another tongue

You know about the exile who's forced to leave her home

You know about the foreigner who feels so much alone

You know about the poor whom nobody will know

You know about the puzzled who feel they've far to go

You bring them close in Jesus, each specially loved by him

You turn things inside out and bring outsiders in.

Rev'd Canon Alison Booker

**Area Dean Of Launde Deanery**

**Vicar for the parishes of:**

**Billesdon cum Goadby with Rolleston, Skeffington, Hungarton and Keyham  
(The Coplow Benefice)**

The Vicarage, Gaulby Road, Billesdon, Leicestershire LE7 9AG

## **Hanbury Charity – Trustee positions vacant**

Hanbury Charity is looking for men and women in The Langtons to serve as trustees of the charity. Originally created in around 1760 by Rev William Hanbury for the benefit of the people in The Langton villages and the surrounding area, Hanbury Charity continues to this very day. The charity makes educational grants to both the local primary school as well as to individuals between the ages of 16 & 24 and also has a fund to provide for people in need as a result of hardship or sickness.

This is an opportunity to be involved in the life of the local community and bring some fresh thinking to ensure that Hanbury Charity is able to meet its aims and objectives in a relevant manner for the modern age. The trustees usually meet together three times a year. If you are interested and would like further information, without obligation, please contact the Chairman, Derek Hewitt [derek.hewitt4@gmail.com](mailto:derek.hewitt4@gmail.com)



## Calling all Community Groups about Saving Lives

The British Heart Foundation says that ***“In the UK less than 1 in 10 people survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. But if more people know how to do CPR, more lives can be saved.”*** If you would like to know how to do cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and are involved with a local community group this message is for you.

**West Langton Parish Meeting** put in a bid to the British Heart Foundation for a defibrillator, cabinet and training kit. The bid was successful, the defibrillator was set up in the village and 55 people were trained in how to use it and how to administer CPR. Training was organised locally for small groups; sessions took about 45 minutes and were run by members of our community using the kit provided.

It looks like lots of neighbouring villages now have defibrillators but people may not always feel confident about what to do in an emergency. So, if you are involved with a community group (U3A, Guides, Scouts, a book club, a sports team, a small business or regularly meet a group of people locally) and want to help your members gain confidence in responding to emergencies, by knowing how to do CPR, you can borrow the training kit. Contact Debbie Maughan at [debbiemaughan10@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemaughan10@gmail.com) for more information and to arrange a short-term loan.

### Waste Collections for— The Langtons, Stonton W., Cranoe and Welham.

No collections on:		Alternative collection dates:	
<b>25</b>	December 2019 - Your blue-lidded bin will be emptied on	<b>23</b>	December 2019
<b>26</b>	December 2019 - Your blue-lidded bin will be emptied on	<b>28</b>	December 2019
<b>1</b>	January 2020 - Your black bin will be emptied on	<b>31</b>	December 2019

### Waste Collections for— Shangton and Glooston

No collections on:		Alternative collection dates:	
<b>25</b>	December 2019 - Your black bin will be emptied on	<b>24</b>	December 2019
<b>26</b>	December 2019 - Your black bin will be emptied on	<b>27</b>	December 2019
<b>1</b>	January 2020 - Your blue-lidded bin will be emptied on	<b>2</b>	January 2020

# The Crown

Tur Langton

## Christmas Lunches



Tues—Sat

1 course £6.50

2 courses £10.00

3 courses £13.50



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## December Party Nights

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Fri 6th, Sat 7th

Fri 13th, Sat 14th

Fri 20th (FUL), Sat 21st (FULL)





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Friday 13th December

7.30pm

Langton Community Hall, Church Langton



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[www.langtoncommunityhall.org](http://www.langtoncommunityhall.org).

The website is actively managed by **Dan at Connect PC Support** and includes a daily calendar as well as advertising for future events such as the Phoenix Community Cinema.

Dear Roz,

### Message From Germany

I read your lament about the cuckoo.

In our local cuckoo clock shop the owner told us that Global Warming is to blame.

The species that the cuckoo chooses as surrogate parents are migrating, arriving and nesting earlier. The cuckoo has not altered its migration times so it is too late to lay its eggs successfully.

Blessings, Carl.

# The Langtons' Directory

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
<u>Church</u>		
Bell Ringing, Church Langton	Betty Morley	01858 545426
<u>Langton Community Hall</u>		
After School Club	C L School	01858 565237
Harborough Table Tennis Club	Vaughan Allington	01858 466034
LCH Bookings	Maxine Johnson	01858 545745
LCH Chairman	Anthony Lawton	01858 540097
LCH Social Committee	Roz Folwell	01858 545160
<u>Glooston Village Hall</u>		
Bookings	John Neilson	01858 545700
Chairman	Alistair Chapman	01858 545483
<u>Public Houses</u>		
Bakers Arms - Thorpe Langton	Tim & Kate	01858 545201
Langton Arms - Church Langton		01858 545396
The Bell - East Langton	Mic	01858 545278
The Crown - Tur Langton		01858 545264
Church Langton School	Mr. Roddy	01858 545237
East Langton Parish Council	Alison Gibson	0 7763177707
Tur Langton Parish Council	Alison Gibson	07437 563394
Hanbury Charity	Derek Hewitt	01858 545824
Langton Cricket Club	Mark Ward	01858 545734

**The Langtons' and District Newsletter is non-profit making and all proceeds go towards the costs of publication.**

**This publication is delivered to all the Langton villages, Shangton, Stonton Wyville, Welham, Cranoe and Glooston.**

If you are planning events or want to let the community know what has been going on

**the next publication will be printed at the end of February for March, April and May.**

Contact Roz Folwell on 01858 545160

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## How Harborough scored on the Friends of the Earth recent climate-friendly test Harborough **60%**

The Harborough area's performance on climate change is poor compared to other similar local authority areas. All local authorities, even the best performing, need to do much more if climate catastrophe is to be averted. Harborough particularly needs to do much better on increasing the use of public transport, cycling, and walking, increasing renewable energy, and increasing tree cover.

### Score breakdown



#### **Trees - less than 10% of Harborough is tree cover**

The highest proportion in similar areas is 26%. Doubling tree cover across the country would help reduce emissions, as well as benefit nature and our mental health.

#### **Transport - 17% of commuter journeys are made by public transport, cycling and walking**

Harborough should aim for 40% by 2030. We need fewer vehicles on the roads – they increase air pollution and are harmful to our health.



#### **Housing - 39% of Harborough homes are well insulated**

Poorly insulated homes cost more to run, which is inefficient and contributes to fuel poverty. Harborough needs to ensure all homes are properly insulated by 2030.

### **Waste**

#### **47% of household waste is reused, recycled, or composted**

When waste isn't reused, recycled or composted, it may end up burnt, in landfill or even in our waterways and seas. Harborough should aim for 70% by 2025 on the path to zero waste.



#### **Renewable energy - Harborough has 53 megawatts of renewable energy available**

If the area matched the best of similar local council areas it would have 164 MW. We need 100% clean energy from the wind, sun and sea. Electricity can't come from dirty fuels like coal, oil and gas anymore.

<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/climate-friendly-communities>



# Getting around in Harborough District



## Public

### General Information

#### Choose How You Move

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[choosehowyoumove.co.uk](http://choosehowyoumove.co.uk)  
Call 0116 305 0002

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[traveline.info](http://traveline.info)  
Call 0871 200 22 33

### Bus Operators

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Call 0344 800 4411

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[arrivabus.co.uk/hinckleybus](http://arrivabus.co.uk/hinckleybus)  
Call 0344 800 4411

**Stagecoach**  
[stagecoachbus.com](http://stagecoachbus.com)  
Call 01604 67 60 60

### Demand Responsive Transport

Run by Leicestershire County Council these are job-booked but omnibus services that only run when they're needed, taking passengers from more rural locations to nearby towns or villages with various facilities. They need to be booked in advance, and passengers will be charged a smaller fare to a scheduled bus service. A list of these services and instructions for booking are available from:

**Choose How You Move**  
[choosehowyoumove.co.uk](http://choosehowyoumove.co.uk)  
Call 0116 305 0002

### Train Operators

**National Rail**  
[nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk)  
Call 03457 48 49 50

**East Midlands Trains**  
[eastmidlandstrains.co.uk](http://eastmidlandstrains.co.uk)  
Call 03457 125 67 6

### UHL Hospital Hopper

The Hopper has a service which links General Hospital, Leicester Royal Infirmary and Leicester General Hospital. Stops include Leicester Railway Station.

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Call 0871 200 22 33

### TASL

(The Royal Ambulance Service Unit)

TASL is a service providing Non-Emergency Patient Transport (NEPT) in the Leicester, Leicestershire area for people who have a severe medical need that prevents them from using any sort of public or private transport. Leicester's hospitals, health centres, day centres, residential care services, patient transport -  
Call 0345 241 3012

### Voluntary / Charity

#### Social Car Schemes

**Harborough District East**  
Volunteer driver schemes for people who have difficulty accessing public transport (charges apply)

**WALS Car Scheme**  
[wals.org.uk](http://wals.org.uk)  
Call 01568 469499

**Houghton Helpline**  
(Houghton residents only)  
Call 0116 241 78 17

**Billisdon Good Neighbour Scheme** (Billisdon area only)  
Call 0175 48 62 1777

#### Harborough District West

Volunteer drivers use their own vehicle to bring clients on medical/hospital appointments, shopping trips, social visits etc (charges apply)

**Lutterworth Social Car Scheme**  
[lwtc.com](http://lwtc.com)  
Call 01455 555571

### Community Buses

Whether accessible minibuses, volunteer drivers provided (charges apply)

#### Harborough Community Bus

A small daily local bus Market Harborough which runs accessible minibuses for community groups and car club individuals.

[harboroughcommunitybus.co.uk](http://harboroughcommunitybus.co.uk)  
Call 0300 365 3210

#### Lutterworth Community Bus

Shopping and social trips, and available for use by local groups and charities.

[lwtc.com](http://lwtc.com)  
Call 01455 555571

#### Broughton Astley Community Bus

Shopping and social trips, and available for use by local groups and charities.

[broughton-astley.gov.uk](http://broughton-astley.gov.uk)  
Call 01455 282966

### Shopmobility

Services include wheelchair and mobility scooter rental.

[harboroughshopmobility.org](http://harboroughshopmobility.org)  
Call 0116 305 23 43

### Private

#### Taxis

Operators which include wheelchair accessible vehicles

**Murphy's Taxis**  
[murphystaxis.co.uk](http://murphystaxis.co.uk)

**Market Harborough**  
Call 01858 410210

**Lutterworth**  
Call 01455 55 9000

**Kwik Cabes**  
[kwikcabes.co.uk](http://kwikcabes.co.uk)  
Call 01858 468777

Details of other taxi firms can be obtained from [yellow.com](http://yellow.com)

### Walking & Cycling

Routes, maps and groups.

**LCC Choose How You Move**  
[choosehowyoumove.co.uk](http://choosehowyoumove.co.uk)  
Call 0116 305 0002

**Harborough District Council**  
[harborough.gov.uk](http://harborough.gov.uk)  
Call 01858 628262

### Libraries

[leicesterhire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries](http://leicesterhire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries)  
**County Hall Switchboard**  
0116 232 3232

**Market Harborough Library**  
0116 305 3627

**UKA** [uka.org.uk](http://uka.org.uk)  
National Office 020 8466 6139

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