

NAFFERTON, SKERNE & WANSFORD NEWSLETTER

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NAFFERTON NEWS

NAFFERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Road Safety Competition Winners

We're delighted to announce the winners of our Road Safety Campaign Competition, organised by Nafferton Parish Council in partnership with Nafferton Primary School.

The judging panel had the difficult task of choosing from an impressive selection of entries, all promoting the importance of road safety around our village.

The four winning designs will now be displayed on the 20mph speed limit signs near the school, helping to remind everyone to slow down and keep our children safe.

We also received a fantastic road safety information poster from one of our entrants, which we've included with this edition of the newsletter for everyone to enjoy.

A huge congratulations to Erin, Scarlett, Jude, Luke, Rosie and Freya, and a heartfelt thank you to every pupil who took part. Your creativity, enthusiasm and important road safety messages will help make Nafferton a safer place for everyone.

Could You Be Our Next Parish Councillor?

We're currently looking for a new member to join Nafferton Parish Council.

If you care about our village and would like to make a positive difference in the community, we'd love to hear from you.

Our councillors work throughout the year on a wide variety of projects and day-to-day responsibilities, including maintaining green spaces, organising litter picks, carrying out regular play park safety checks, arranging Remembrance Sunday commemorations, monitoring the Mere sluice, reporting potholes and working with East Riding of Yorkshire Council on local issues.

The Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm (except August, when there is no meeting).

As the sole trustee of Nafferton Sports & Recreation Club, the Parish Council also oversees the charity that manages this important community facility. As a councillor, you would also become a trustee and help shape the future of the Recreation Club for everyone in the village.

No previous experience is necessary—just an interest in the community, a willingness to get involved and a desire to help make Nafferton an even better place to live.

If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk. The deadline for applications is 31st August 2026.

East Riding Local Plan – What Does the "Call for Sites" Mean?

East Riding of Yorkshire Council has begun preparing its new Local Plan, which will guide housing and development across the East Riding over the next 15 years.

Some residents have understandably been concerned after noticing potential development sites appearing on the council's website. We'd like to reassure everyone that this is only the first stage of the process.

The current Call for Sites is simply an invitation for landowners, developers, community groups and members of the public to suggest land that could be considered for future development. Putting forward a site does not mean it will be developed or that the council supports development on that land.

Every site submitted will be assessed using a range of criteria, including planning policy, environmental constraints, flood risk, highways, infrastructure and the impact on neighbouring communities. Many submitted sites will not progress beyond this assessment stage.

Residents will have several opportunities to comment as the Local Plan develops, but the council is not currently inviting comments on individual sites.

The expected timetable is:

- **Summer 2026** – A scoping consultation on what the new Local Plan should contain and how local communities will be involved.
- **Early 2027** – Consultation on the draft Local Plan, including the proposed vision, spatial strategy and, potentially, the initial assessment of submitted sites.

We will continue to keep residents informed as more information becomes available.

Join Us at a Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month (excluding August) at 7.00pm in the Main Hall at Nafferton Recreation Club, Eastlands, YO25 4LA.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The first 15 minutes of each meeting are reserved for public participation, giving residents the opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns or discuss local matters with councillors.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Tuesday 8 September 2026
- Tuesday 13 October 2026
- Tuesday 10 November 2026
- Tuesday 8 December 2026

If you'd like to know more about the work of the Parish Council, have a question or are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk:

Email: clerk@naffertonpc.org.uk

LITTER PICKING

The Parish Council is organising another village wide litter picking session on Sunday 16th August at 2:00pm starting from Jubilee Gardens. All necessary equipment will be supplied so why not come along and help to make this lovely village a little more tidy. All ages welcome but children under 14 should be accompanied by an adult. Fingers crossed for nice weather. If you would like any further information please contact Chris at clmelhuish@hotmail.com or 01377-255703.

NAFFERTON VILLAGE HALL

Nafferton Open Show was held on Saturday 11th July in Nafferton Village Hall. There was an array of flowers, vegetables, fruit, handicrafts, cookery, art, photography and children's cookery, handwriting and cookery. Well done to all who entered and everyone who supported the Village Show. We raised over £600 for Nafferton Village Hall funds.

The trophy winners were as follows:

- The Henry Kitching Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the Fruit and Vegetable section was awarded to Paul Sellar.
- The President's Perpetual Challenge Cup awarded for the most points in the fruit and vegetable section was awarded to Paul Sellar
- The Nafferton Gardeners Club Trophy for the best Rose exhibit was awarded to Annette Rodgers
- The Queenie Jakes Memorial Trophy for the best exhibit in the Allotment Holders Challenge classes was awarded to Paul Sellar
- The William Pudsey Plate for the most points in cut flowers was awarded to Rosie Ward
- The Malcolm Jackson Tray for the best bottle in the wines and spirits classes was awarded to James Falkingham
- The Florence Hopper Challenge Cup for the most points in Flower Arranging was awarded to Ros Pudsey
- The Thirsk's Of Nafferton Challenge Cup for the best Yeast product was awarded to Carole Shaw
- The Rosebowl awarded for the most points in the Cookery section was awarded to Sarah Sellar
- A Tray presented by Councillor C Mitchell awarded for the best exhibit in the Handicraft section was awarded to Penny Renn
- The Sandra Hood Trophy for the best Art exhibit was awarded to Margaret Atkin
- The Marlene Edgar Trophy awarded for the best Adult Photograph was awarded to Phil Sharpe
- The Primpak Foods Trophy awarded for the best Child Photograph was awarded to Ella Walling
- A Trophy given by Mrs D Wingrave for the most points in the Children's Handicraft section was awarded to Jasmine Walling
- A Rosebowl awarded for the most points in the Children's Cookery was awarded to Xander Shaw
- A trophy for the best exhibit in Childrens Decorated Buns was awarded to Esme Rollason

- The Earles Cup awarded for the most entries on Show Day was awarded to The Sharpe Family

Upcoming Event

The Glam n Glitz Band, Band A Gong and get your platforms on!

This fantastic local band will be playing at Nafferton Village Hall on Saturday 24th October with a 7:30pm start.

Limited Tickets now are £14 and are available from 07850774405 or 07523976826.

Nafferton Village Hall is available to hire on 01377 254249

For parties, fundraising events, meetings, great kitchen and well-equipped kitchen.

NAFFERTON METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Peter Barnett 01377 538806

Sunday Morning Worship takes place at 10:30am

Sunday 2nd August at 10:30am Rev Stephen Haward

Sunday 9th August at 10:30am Rev Heather Cooper sharing Holy Communion

Sunday 16th August at 10:30am Deacon Keith Gough

Sunday 23rd August at 10:30am Rev Stephen Haward

Sunday 30th August at 10:30am Rev Heather Cooper.

Family Harvest Festival service on Sunday 20th September at 10:30am followed by a Harvest Lunch led by Rev Peter Barnett.

Little Bears

Playgroup session every Tuesday morning including the school holidays.

9-11 am in Nafferton Methodist Community room, entry via the drive side and through the side door. This group is suitable for babies, toddlers and their carers. Various tables of toys, games, play dough, books, other activities are available with time for singing.

£1 per adult, £1 per child includes tea, coffee, juice and biscuits. Hope to see you there. Details from Sarah 07523976826.

Mustard Seed Café is run by a group of volunteers and is open every Monday morning from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Methodist schoolroom. It is a great place to drop in for a cuppa and a snack and to meet up with friends or make new friends in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Nafferton Craft and Social club meet every Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist Schoolroom from 1:30pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome to join us from Nafferton and the surrounding area. Bring along any craft activity you enjoy or just bring yourself to have a relaxing afternoon in the company of others. £2 per session, tea and coffee provided.

Please contact Penny Renn on 07759 487 646 for further details

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Sundays – Services continue to be at 9.15 for an hour or so – all welcome. ‘Activity bags’ are provided for children to explore during the services, so that younger friends have an activity or two related to the theme of each service.

Harvest Thanksgiving service – date not yet arranged – will be advertised on our notice boards. Gifts of food - tinned or packaged especially welcomed may be brought in advance or on the day. After the service these gifts plus any cash donations will be passed to the food-bank.

First Day of New School Year The church will be open 8.15 am – 11.00am for ‘tears and tissues’ – and tea, coffee etc. This is for those who have just waved ‘farewell’ to a child for his or her first day at the school. It is a good opportunity to get to know other parents and grandparents who have children at the school. The side chapel will reserved for anyone who prefers time for quiet reflection or prayer.

Prayers The joint Methodist-All Saints prayer group continues to meet at All Saints each Monday at 6.45 pm (except for Bank Holidays) for about three quarters of an hour. Anyone can come along and join in – or if you are unable to attend in person, we are more than happy to offer prayers on your behalf. There is also a prayer requests box at the back of the church if anyone wishes to leave a note of what they would like us to include in the prayers.

Enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals – and just about anything else to do with the church – please contact Barbara Fairfield in the first instance (Tel: 075 382 70335 or barbsbri@yahoo.co.uk) – or better still come along to one of the services and have a chat afterwards about what you need.

NAFFERTON UNDER FIVE'S

What a busy term the children have had here at pre-school. We have entered paintings of flowers and drawings of our families for the Village Show, had a Teddy Bears Picnic for our children leaving to start their Big School Adventures. Tessie Bear has set the children a Thursday Tessie task each week and we have enjoyed seeing what the children have got up to each week from having a favourite story read to planting a sunflower seed at home.

Over the Summer holidays we are holding some Stay & Play sessions here at Pre-school and on Sunday 16th August we are having a Pop in & Play Cafe at the Village Hall 10.00-2.00pm. It would be lovely to see you there.

NAFFERTON IN BLOOM

You may have seen our Nafferton in Bloom volunteers out and about across the village, planting, weeding and watering to help keep Nafferton looking bright and welcoming. With the recent dry weather, the village planters need a little extra care to stay healthy and colourful. If you live near one, please consider giving it a watering whenever you can—even a few minutes with a watering can can make a real difference and help keep our village looking its best for everyone to enjoy.

NIB 2026 competition

Our 2026 competition judging will take place by the end of July, and we look forward to celebrating the winners in the next newsletter.

If you have a question, would like to get involved, or can help support Nafferton in Bloom, please contact Ann Ingle at ann.ingle@live.co.uk or Pete Robb at therobbbs7@gmail.com.

NAFFERTON GARDEN CLUB

The club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Annual membership is £12 or you can just come for the evening for £4, which includes refreshments. New members and visitors are very welcome.

The meeting in August will be on Wednesday 19th and will be a talk about '**Orchids - The Odd Bits**' by Ray Creek. Ray is based in Luddington, is a respected local orchid grower and expert known in the UK.

The meeting in September will be on Wednesday 16th when Paul Robinson will give '**25 Gardening Tips**'. AKA the **Laughing Gardener**, Paul has given over 340 gardening talks all over Yorkshire. He has an amazing sense of humour which always has a funny twist to entertain his audience.

For more details email: naffertongardenclub@gmail.com

NAFFERTON MUSIC GROUP

Nafferton Music Group is a friendly and supportive local group that meets in the village twice a month to make music together — once at The Bluebell Inn and once at Elsie's Parlour.

Singers and players of all instruments and abilities are very welcome, whether you are just starting out, know a few chords, or have been playing for years. Anyone who would simply like to come along to listen, join in with a song, or enjoy the atmosphere is also very welcome.

It is always a wonderful evening when everyone gets together, so please do come and join us. For dates and times, or to get in touch, follow and message us through the Nafferton Music Group Facebook page.

NAFFERTON AMATUER PRODUCTION SOCIETY - NAPs

NAPs were delighted to take part in Armed Forces Day, a fantastic opportunity to celebrate with the local community and raise our profile across the village. The event has already helped bring new performers into the group, and thanks to the generous support of visitors, our cake sales raised £90 towards this year's production of *Cinderella*.

If you would like to get involved with NAPs at all please contact us via email naps_info@yahoo.com

NAFFERTON RECREATION CLUB NEWS

A great big thank you as always to everyone who has supported this years events so far without you we couldn't do it. Also a huge thank you to the volunteers who help out on and off the committee!

Please see the up and coming events

More days may be added so please keep your eyes open for posters around the village.

August

Throughout the Summer Holidays

The butterfly trail – walk the trail, find the butterflies and solve the clue for a chance to win a prize. £1 per sheet which are available at the recreation club.

6th August – Family Fun Afternoon 1pm

Games and activities for families and children. £3 per child

14th August – Monthly Quiz Night 7pm

September

September – Cocktail & Pamper Evening 19th Sept 7pm

A relaxing evening for ladies and mums once the children are back at school.

10th September – Daytime Bingo 1pm

11th September – Quiz Night. 7pm

24th September – Daytime Bingo 1pm

25th September – Evening Bingo Event 7pm

October

8th October – Daytime Bingo 1pm

Fri 9th 7pm-11pm & Sat 10th 6pm -10pm October – Oktoberfest

16th October – Quiz Night 7pm

22nd October – Daytime Bingo 1pm

23rd October – Night-Time Bingo 7pm

31st October – Adults Halloween Disco 7pm

All tickets for events available

Events@naffertonrecclub.org.uk

We still welcome volunteers to join the Friends of Nafferton group, so please get in touch if you would be interested in helping at any events at the club on tel: 07786006803

DRIFFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR

The choir has just completed the first half of its 55th Anniversary year celebrations, with a fantastic joint concert in Beverley Minster, with Steeton MVC and Riverside Brass - East Yorkshire (Saturday 18th July)

The choir is now on its summer break - but the work and planning do not stop there!

Our next concert will be at All Saints Church in Driffield, when we will welcome the Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir on Saturday 26th September. Because of the size of the visiting choir, seating will be limited to 200.

Friday 18th September William Wilberforce care home Pocklington 2pm

Saturday 26th September 'Voices From The Land of Song'
Joint concert with Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir 7pm

Friday 9th October River Head Hall care home, Driffield 2pm

Saturday 14th November DMVC Fund Raising Concert All Saints church, Driffield 7pm

Saturday 5th December Carols Lidl 11am-1pm

Sunday 5th December Charity Carol service All Saints church, Driffield 2pm

Saturday 12th December Free Concert For The Community All Saints church, Driffield 2pm

For ticket enquiries or information on joining the choir, please call Chris on 07879 461682

NAFFERTON WI

Hello, I hope you are all keeping well and coping despite the high temperatures we have been experiencing. It's not easy to keep cool, even harder when you have a pet or animals.

As ever, the WI has been busy with our monthly meetings and various events in the community, plus planning for our 100th centenary next April. Everything for this occasion is beginning to take shape.

Recently, our ladies supported the Armed Forces Day at the Recreation Hall and Sports Ground. We had a cookie and tray bake stall, tombola and name that teddy. Unfortunately, it was a little breezy and we lost the gazebo covering a couple of times. Eventually, we had to put a member at each corner to hang on to the gazebo. See photos on Facebook. There was a lot of fun and laughter that afternoon.

We have had some super speakers at our monthly meetings and more to come. In August, rather than a meeting, we have an outing. This year we are going to Scarborough Fair.

Also, a couple of theatre trips are planned for later in the year.

12th September 2026 10 – 2pm we are planning a Coffee and Cake event with added attractions for all the family. COME AND SEE US.

17th October 2026 Pensioners Tea Party 2.30pm – See Form

14th November 2026 Dabble Craft Day – details to be announced.

Starting in the autumn/winter of this year, it is our intention to plant two trees in the new area off Nethergate. We appreciate that some of you will say “too soon, not the centenary” Well, it transpires that whilst our WI was up and running in 1926 but we did not sign the official joining papers until 1927, hence that is our official centenary year.

But why miss an opportunity to start the celebrations early. Hence, these trees will be planted this year to commemorate the beginning of our WI. Hopefully, they will be a reminder for many years to come of the important role the WI has played in our community.

Why not pop along to one of our monthly meetings, 2nd Wednesday in the month, 7pm at the Nafferton Village Hall. First meeting is free plus you get a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.

Look forward to seeing you.

Pat Ablett – President.

SKERNE AND WANSFORD NEWS

WELCOME

Parish council contact: Parish clerk, Sue Tait, can be contacted via e-mail on clerk@skerneandwansfordpc.co.uk

New defibrillators: Replacement defibrillators have been purchased by the parish council. Technical hitches concerning their registration with the health authority should be resolved shortly and they should soon be in situ. A new volunteer is needed to look after the Wansford defibrillator; please contact the clerk if you can help.

New village signage: Suitable sites are currently being identified at the entrances to each village for new signage, which is hoped will have the effect of not only enhancing our villages but also slowing traffic down.

Casual vacancy: There is a casual vacancy on the parish council which can be filled by co-option. Would-be councillors must have lived either in the parish or within three miles of it for at least a year. For more details contact the clerk.

Animal carving: Efforts are being made to ascertain the cost of carving the tree stump on the canal bank at Wansford opposite Park House and suggestions are asked of what particular creature could be hiding in there. So far these range from an owl to a trout. If anyone has any ideas please contact the clerk.

Parish garden party: For details refer to the flyer recently delivered to every house in Skerne and Wansford.

Internet: The parish council website, which is to keep the community up to date with parish council business, events, and community information, can be found at www.skerneandwansfordpc.co.uk. The parish council Facebook page is Skerne and Wansford PC. The village page is Wansford YO25 Community and is intended for both Skerne and Wansford villagers to exchange information, news, etc; commercial advertising is not allowed.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WANSFORD

Date for your diary: A coffee morning in aid of St Mary's Church, Wansford, will take place in the Wansford Village Hall on Saturday 5 September from 10am to 12 noon and is being organised by Shirley Botterill. Entry will be £5 to include coffee and cake. Raffle prizes should be taken to Shirley at Rowan, Nafferton Road, Wansford, telephone 07597 805462.

Lychgate: As many residents noticed the lychgate gates were returned by the diocesan architect's preferred joiner W Calvert Ltd of North Ferriby and then disappeared again after various problems were noted with the repair. The St Mary's Parochial Church Council has been given no timescale for the gates' return.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals: Please contact priest-in-charge the Rev Craig Smith on (01377) 258278, 07984 832938 or craigairbusa380@gmail.com. For weddings and baptisms please e-mail: hcn_chris_wed@outlook.com

Church services: Details of services throughout the two benefices can be found on the Wansford page at achurchnearyou.com/church/19118

WANSFORD VILLAGE HALL

Gatherings: Various events, both public and private, take place at Wansford Village Hall throughout the year. It hosts a weekly coffee morning each Wednesday from 10-11am with an entry price of £1, which includes a drink and light refreshments; all welcome.

On Monday afternoons from 1.30-3pm there is a craft session - Crafty Fingers - which costs £1 (cup of tea/coffee included). All are welcome to knit and natter or to work on a more ambitious project.

Groups meet at the hall regularly. These include the county-wide organisation the Makara Morris Men, a ukulele group which draws people in from the Driffield area, the Cloggers and the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council.

The well-equipped venue is available for hire at £5 per hour, by contacting bookings secretary Shirley Botterill on 07597 805462

OIL CO-OPERATIVE

Bulk-buying: Skerne and Wansford parish is served by the charity, the Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council (HWRCC) bulk-buying oil co-operative; the minimum order is 500 litres and the HWRCC negotiates the best price from a range of suppliers. This not-for-profit scheme assists householders in budgeting for their fuel.

In July the members' price negotiated for oil was 79.95p per litre against a regular price of 90.04p per litre, representing a saving of more than £50 on a 500-litre order.

For details contact oil@hwrcc.org.uk or call 07918 147 006/01652 638 814. The Skerne and Wansford contact is Billy Waites, of Skerne, whose email is williamwaites08@gmail.com



Nafferton W.I. invites Nafferton and Wansford residents over 65 years old to our Pensioners' Tea Party with entertainment and a raffle in the Nafferton Village Hall on Saturday 17th October 2026. Doors open at 2pm for 2.30pm start.

Number of persons to attend

Names	Dietary Requirements / Allergies

Address of main contact
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Emergency contact of main contact
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Emergency Contact Numbers for Guests:

Guest 1

Guest 2.....

Guest 3.....

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO NAFFERTON POST OFFICE OR ANY

W.I. COMMITTEE MEMBER BY

MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2026



ROAD SAFETY!

DRIVE with CARE!

ROAD SAFETY RULES

1. Do not park on yellow lines.
2. Do not park at bus stops.
3. Follow road signs!
4. Always wear a helmet when you're on a bike or a scooter.
5. Wear your seat belt at all times.



By Freya E

Thank you to the drivers who drive safe!