

CARLTON NEWS

August 2026

Carlton Village Fete and Horticultural & Produce Show **Saturday, 29th August 12 - 4pm**

Full details will be found at the centre of this issue of Carlton News.

Fraud & Vulnerability

Market Bosworth Inner Wheel will be hosting a talk on Fraud and Vulnerability on August 12th at 7pm in Church. The talk will be given by Rebecca Spilane and is open to all who are interested in learning more about the prevention of these crimes. Refreshments will be available.

Ride and Stride

Once again St. Andrew's Church will be open for people taking part in the "Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust", Ride & Stride on Saturday September 12th. If you would like to take part you can cycle, walk, run or jog, visiting local churches in the area. Sponsor forms can be obtained from Murray Lockwood at Bumble Cot, Shackerstone Walk. All the money raised will be sent to The Historic Churches Trust, who will then return half of the proceeds back to St. Andrew's.

Chatter Chairs – A Different Way to Fitness

Beginning **on Tuesday September 1st at 2.30 pm in St. Andrew's Hub**. This is a friendly, chair based weekly session, enjoying a complimentary cup of tea, biscuit and a chat for 30 minutes. This is then followed by 30 minutes of gentle seated activity including the use of resistance bands (which are provided) to help strengthen muscles and joints, and more importantly to support independence, longevity, quality of daily life and wellness. Evidence also shows this helps with the management of pain in knees, hips and back.

The class will be taken by a qualified Level 4 instructor specialist in GP referral training & postural stability, strength & balance and falls prevention. This is a great starter class for all abilities and gives you an opportunity to socialise and enjoy some light seated exercise. This will not just improve your physiological well-being but also your psychological well-being. Chatter Chair classes are £3.50 provided that you live in the borough.

Pat Lockwood

Please do not park on pavements

- doing so could force a vulnerable pedestrian onto the road.

This is simply a matter of common sense and courtesy for those around us.

The bottom line is that **IT IS AN OFFENCE** to drive on a pavement and **IT IS AN OFFENCE** to block pedestrian access on a pavement.

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival service will be held on **Sunday 25th October at 11am** in St Andrew's Church. It will be followed by lunch in the Hub. All are welcome but please will you provide numbers for catering to Pat Lockwood.

Pat Lockwood 01455 292542

Progressive Supper – Advance Notice

The next Progressive Supper party will be held on **Saturday November 7th**.

For the uninitiated amongst us, participants are requested to provide one course of a 3-course meal to 4 or 6 other people and then move on to another house for other courses. We then all meet up at the Malt Shovel (25, Main Street) courtesy of Geoff and Joanne Stratford, for cheese and further liquid refreshment. Each participant is asked to make a donation of £10 for the Friends of St Andrews, a charity which helps maintain the fabric of the church.

This event is a great way to meet new people in the village, especially for those who have only recently taken up residence in Carlton. It is a fun, social event and not a cookery competition so, if you want to know more please call, Caroline Tupling.

Caroline Tupling 01455 290301

More Ramblings of Mick Vann, “The Owl Man”

Well, what a difference a year makes. Last year was a disaster for owls as I reported, but this year is only just getting started and I have had ducks breeding in tawny owl boxes, tawny owls in barn owl boxes, and barn owls breeding in boxes for the first time.

It seems the breeding season may have started early, possibly in March, as we are now finding boxes with second clutches. This year I've ringed 12 birds and missed 10 others as they were too old, so hoping to catch some the second time.

Tawny Owls are not faring so well with lots of empty boxes not sure what's happening there yet.

The 6 Kestrels fledged successfully from the new box and hopefully will return next year.

Owlman

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Neighbourhood Watch

There were 6 reported crimes in Carlton in the 3 months March to May 2026. These offences were 1 burglary, 1 violence and/or sexual assault, 2 public order, 1 criminal damage and/or arson and 1 other crime.

Warm weather can lead to opportunistic crime within our communities. Recently there was a theft and attempted theft of vehicles at 2 different addresses in Carlton in the early hours of the morning. Please keep your vehicles and key fobs secure. Also, do call the police if you believe suspicious activity is taking place, especially in the small hours. They won't mind, even if it's nothing. Let's help one another in Carlton!

Market Bosworth Beat Team

Our local beat team comprises Sgt James Cross, PC 611 Graeme Smith, PC Nik Malbasa, PCSO 6593 Sarah-Louise Needham, PCSO Blake Sheffield and PC 404 Lewis Greenway. You can report a crime online at www.leics.police.uk/reportonline or call 101 or 0166 222 2222. If a crime is in progress ring 999. If you want to report a crime or suspicious behaviour anonymously you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Cyber crime

Fraud, scams and cybercrime continue to grow with many criminals using pop-up adverts on Facebook and other social media as well as text, email, WhatsApp and phone messages. We all think we're too clever to be fooled but every day people lose money on clever scams with young people affected just as much as old. Stop and think – if it looks too good to be true, it probably is. Report Fraud is on 0300 123 2040.

Rosi Yule

Carlton Neighbourhood Watch, 292212

Speed & Traffic Monitoring

In March the Speed Indicator Device (SID) was fixed to street lighting column 6 in Bosworth Road to monitor northbound vehicles. 28,343 vehicles were counted, an average of 765/day with an average speed of 34.6mph and an 85th percentile speed of 43.2mph.

In April the SID was fixed to street lighting column 4 in Barton Road to monitor northbound vehicles. 8,562 vehicles were counted, an average of 617/day with an average speed of 24.0mph and an 85th percentile speed of 32.2mph.

In May the SID was turned round on street lighting column 4 in Barton Road to monitor southbound vehicles. 14,474 vehicles were counted, an average of 402/day with an average speed of 27.4mph and an 85th percentile speed of 35.3mph.

Full reports can be found on the Traffic & Speed Monitoring page of the PC website.

Parish Clerk

Local Government Reorganisation

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council will cease to exist after April 2028. From that time there will be two unitary councils - one covering a greatly enlarged Leicester city area; the other covering the rest of Leicestershire and Rutland. Carlton will be in the Leicestershire & Rutland area. Carlton Parish Council will remain as before, but there will be major changes to local administration.

Traffic Calming Proposal

The Parish Council has put forward a plan to construct a chicane on Bosworth Road to oblige vehicles entering the village to slow down. The plan has to be approved by Leics CC Highways, and we appreciate the support of Josh Melen, our County Councillor.

The plan is to impose a 40mph speed limit to the south of Park View Farm, with a 30mph speed limit at the chicane. The chicane will be sited between Tall Trees and Overdale, and a site meeting will be held to agree the exact position if the scheme goes ahead.



Our Speed Indicator Device (SID) has shown that northbound vehicles in the 30mph zone on Bosworth Road have 85th percentile speeds between 41 and 46mph which is not acceptable. Dangerous drivers have been recorded with speeds between 70 and 85mph. There is serious concern that excessive speed around parked vehicles near the Gate Hangs Well could result in a serious collision.

Details of the proposal, and background information can be found in Report 2026-14 on the Parish Council website.

Parish Clerk

CLEAN WALKING FOR ALL



PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

National Garden Scheme (NGS) Open Gardens 2027

In 2025 NGS Open Gardens raised £3.9 million for important charities such as MacMillan, Marie Curie and Parkinson's UK. Full details can be found at NGS.org.uk. In 2027 NGS celebrates its centenary and hopes that even more money will be raised for such worthwhile causes.

For the last few years, a group of Carlton gardeners have opened their gardens for charity, raising money for the NGS and Carlton Church.

For the NGS centenary year we are planning a group opening of gardens in Carlton next summer on the weekend of 19th/20th June.

If you haven't opened your garden before, please consider it. You do not need to have a large garden and it does not have to be perfect, simply interesting. Showing like-minded people around to admire your hard work is really special and I would suggest that anyone who is even vaguely considering it contact either Judith or myself.

Liz Alun-Jones, liz.alunjones@gmail.com

Judith Boston, judithboston@btinternet.com

CARLTON EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PERSONS' GRANTS

These are non means tested grants and available to all young people living in Carlton between 16 and 23 years of age who meet the criteria below

Are you studying at university or college?

Are you attending a training course?

Are you being supported with coaching in your studies, sport, music etc?

Are you starting a business?

Have you got fees or expenses to pay?

Would £300 Be a help to you?

The next meeting is in November 2026 but you can apply at any time by contacting Franco Onesti at the email address below.

Have a look at how Carlton Charity Lands funds can help you.

Email: franco@onesti.co.uk or davenporthazel@gmail.com for all the details and an online application pack.

Carlton Fete- 2026

**Saturday 29th August from 12 noon until 4pm
Including Horticultural and Produce Show**

The Rectory, Congerstone Lane CV13 0BU

With kind permission of Julie Wibberley and family

Carlton Fete 2025 was a huge success, thanks to an enthusiastic team of volunteers, detailed planning by the committee, and the hospitality of Julie and her family. Carlton also benefited from generous donations and sponsorship from many local companies - thank you! Money was donated to LOROS, Carlton Church and Friends of the Church who help to look after the fabric of the building.

We want to build on this, so please do come along and enjoy the fun and games.

The entry fee is £2 for adults and free for children under 16. Please bring cash if possible.

Attractions this year

- Live music
- Dog show- many classes, please bring your dogs along
- Food and refreshments
- Stalls
- Horticultural show on site
- Tombola
- Cake sale
- Raffle
- Live auction
- Steam engine rides

How can I get involved?

Bring your donations for the tombola, cakes or full bottles for the bottle stall to Diana's home at 20 Main Street. We would particularly like people to help set up on Thursday 27th August and set down on Sunday 30th.

If you can't help set-up why not help on the day? Just an hour or so would be a great thank you.

Please contact either Sally Frazer on 07767310659 or Judith Boston on 07740945332 to let us know.

Stop Press! Carlton's Special Lady - Joan Llewelyn - will open the fete!

Carlton Village Fete

Saturday 29th August

📍 The Rectory, Carlton, CV13 0BU

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

12:00 : Fete opens and Horticulture and Produce Show starts

12:15 : Live Music 🎵

12:30 : Dog Show 🐾

13:30 : Carlton Rock Choir 🎵

14:00 : Live Music 🎵

14:45 : Auction and Raffle

RAFFLE

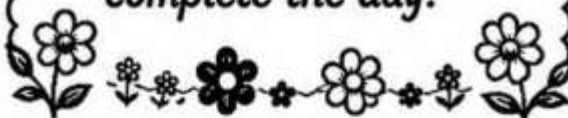
15:30 : Results of Horticultural Show 🏆

16:00 : Close

Steam engine rides available all afternoon!



Food, Drink, Tombola and lots of lovely stalls complete the day!



FOOD & DRINK



CHILDREN'S GAMES



TOMBOLA



CRAFT AREA



LOTS OF LOVELY STALLS



ADMISSION FEE £2 ★ CHILDREN FREE



Proceeds to Carlton Church, Loros and Rainbows



Horticultural & Produce Show

The Show will be held in the main marquee at Carlton Fete. Exhibits can be staged between 9 and 10.30am.

If you are submitting an exhibit, please try to keep your flowers and vegetables well-watered for the exhibition.

New classes this year include cupcake making for young bakers, a wildlife in Carlton photography class and classes for eating apples and French beans. The full schedule is enclosed with this issue of Carlton News.

There will be a colouring competition for youngsters under 10 years old – please contact Judith Boston on 07740945332 or judithboston@btinternet.com for a copy of the colouring sheet.

Chris Peat & Judith Boston

Churchyard Wall Update

Detailed plans and specifications have been drawn up, the application for a Faculty (church planning permission) has been submitted and quotations are being sought. The key drawings have been uploaded to the PC website. The eastern section of the wall is to be re-built on a new line so as to provide a pavement 1160mm wide all along the highway frontage.

The start date will not be known until the Faculty has been granted and a contractor appointed - there will be an update in the next issue of Carlton News. Most contractors have lead times of several months so there will be no activity on site for some while.



The existing wall is to be taken down by hand by local volunteers, and the good bricks re-used for the facing brickwork so as to match the western section of the wall. I thank everyone who has put their name forward: you will be kept informed and the times of working parties will also be advertised by notices.

Parish Clerk

Summer in Carlton's Wildflower Meadows

Carlton's wildflower meadows are thriving this summer! One of the highlights has been watching kestrels hunting for voles and shrews in our village meadows. You can also see special relationships forming between different plants and flowers: red-tailed bumblebees love bird's-foot-trefoil, for instance, whereas common carder bees love greater willowherb. You'll notice that patches of spear thistle attract butterflies like peacocks and meadow browns; also look out for goldfinches, as their slim beaks are perfectly adapted for removing seeds from the spiky flower heads. Relationships in the meadow change as the season continues. Common blue butterflies and ladybirds use bird's-foot-trefoil for larval food and aphid-hunting respectively, perhaps moving on to yarrow later in the summer.

Wildflower meadows are also excellent for spiders. My favourite is the nurseryweb spider (*Pisaura mirabilis*), easy to recognise by the mid-line down its front section and distinctive posture (holding their front two pairs of legs close together and outstretched). Look out for the silk sheet among the vegetation that the female builds as a nursery for her babies, each with a cluster of spiderlings inside. Also look at the edges of wildflower meadows: if you're lucky, you might see an adder, common lizard or weasel. You'll definitely notice a difference in the ecosystem here: look out for gatekeeper butterflies, so-called for their preference for hedgerows and field edges.



Cuckoo flower and butterfly

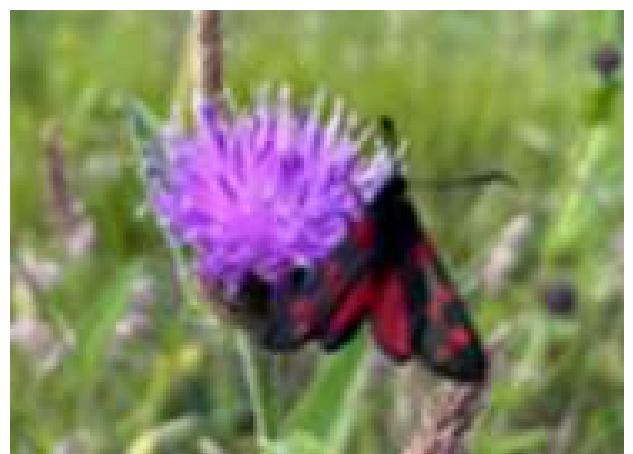
The Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland's survey in Carlton found ninety-four different species, including Leicestershire's first instances of corky-fruited water-dropwort (*Oenanthe pimpinelloides*)!

Don't forget that grasses are flowers, too! Grass species in Carlton's meadows include red fescue, crested dog's-tail, sweet vernal-grass, common bent, meadow foxtail, smaller cat's-tail, perennial rye-grass and field wood-rush. Small Skipper caterpillars rely heavily on Yorkshire-fog grass, which

Carlton has in abundance. Many people use yellow rattle to get their wildflower meadow started. To read more about the history of wildflower meadows and the use of yellow rattle in Carlton, go to: <https://www.ortonacademy.co.uk/post/the-yellow-rattle-experiment..> For Carlton's botanical survey results, take a look at: <https://www.ortonacademy.co.uk/post/wildflower-summer>

2026 looks like it's going to be year of ragwort abundance in Carlton. Find out about the dastardly daisy here: <https://www.ortonacademy.co.uk/post/the-ragwort-dilemma>

On Carlton's public footpaths, you can see these native summer wildflowers in our field margins and hedgerows; or why not explore the Ashby canal towpath between Carlton bridge and Shackerstone, which also has margins of



Burnet moth

wildflowers? You can also leave an area of your own garden untouched to create a mini “stepping stone” meadow for transient wildlife.

Finally for an in-depth look at this year’s wildflower meadows in Carlton, go to: <https://www.ortonacademy.co.uk/post/short-tongues-and-robber-bees-saviours-of-the-wildflower-meadow>

Jane Orton

Notes from a Carlton Garden – July 2026

As I’m writing this article, the temperature, already 31 degrees Celsius, is rising steadily. The garden is taking on a parched and crispy appearance. Successive lengthy spells of hot, dry weather are pushing the shrubs, trees and my tolerance to the brink. Let’s hope it’s cooler by the time this article comes out.

We created a brand-new border this spring of pollinator friendly perennial plants and these are being tested to the limit by the weather conditions. The *Diascia* and *Echinacea* are coping well but the Foxgloves and Sweet peas are setting seed with gusto, to ensure their survival. I am looking carefully at drought tolerant plants for the future.

However, the warm weather seems to be favouring the butterflies and moths so far. I do a weekly moth trap for the Garden Moth Scheme, which is great citizen science. I am a beginner and still learning, as there are over 3000 species of moth to identify. We had a Hummingbird Hawk Moth feeding on the lavender in early July.

Butterfly species include Small Skippers, Holly Blue and the beautiful migratory Painted Ladies. I had a report from a Carlton resident of a sighting of a Purple Emperor at Market Bosworth Park - I was very envious.

Most birds have hopefully reared their first brood of youngsters and will be onto their second brood. We have had a garden full of fledgling birds- House Sparrows, Starlings, Blue and Great Tits from the nest boxes, Robins, Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Nuthatches and Great Spotted Woodpeckers. No Swifts have been seen in the box, but they have been seen overhead in Carlton and they are definitely present in Market Bosworth.

Most exciting, we had a Hedgehog visit the patio looking for slugs, a healthy individual snuffling amongst the pots.

Several people have got back to me with their sightings and possible birds via the Merlin App. Please continue to send these in and if you want to see what’s flying at night, get in touch and come and identify moths.

Did anyone hear a Cuckoo in Carlton this year?

Useful Apps reminder:

Merlin <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/> for birdsong.

Obsidentify <https://observation.org/apps/obsidentify/> for photographic ID- both are free and very helpful.

Happy gardening.

Judith Boston – wildlife gardener

Parish Council News

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Main Street – the footway outside Manor House Farm has been re-laid.

Mounting posts for SID – will be installed shortly. At present our SID is mounted on street lighting columns, but these have to be tested regularly which has proved expensive. The installation of bespoke posts will save money in the long term, and the project is being supported by a 50% grant from the Borough Council's Community Equipment Grant Fund.

Waymark posts – are on order to replace the damaged and decayed posts on footpath S77.

Ashby Canal – graffiti have been sprayed on bridges 41-45. The Canal & River Trust are investigating and will advise on removal.

Jubilee Orchard – has been entered into the RHS *It's Your Neighbourhood* scheme, along with Little Lane and the churchyard and cemetery.

Ash tree – in front of 65 Main St has caused severe heave in the footway and the problem is being investigated by Leics CC Highways. This tree is covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

Parish Council's accounts – for 2025-26 have been approved, and the public inspection period has closed. Detailed financial information can be found on the PC website – www.carltonpc.co.uk/finance

Parish Clerk



Graffiti on bridge 44

Dates for Your Diary

Progressive Whist Drive at The Community Hub, Wednesdays 2 - 4.30pm

Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well - Fridays 11am

August 2026

9 th	Sun	9am. Communion, St Andrew's Church
23 rd	Sun	9am. Service of the World, St Andrew's Church
26 th	Wed	7pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
29 th	Sat	12-4pm. Carlton Village Fete & Horticultural Show
30 th	Sun	10.30am. Benefice Service, St Andrew's Church

September 2026

1 st	Tues	2.30pm. Chatter Chairs, Community Hub
12 th	Sat	Ride & Stride
13 th	Sun	9am. Communion, St Andrew's Church
27 th	Sun	9am. Communion, St Andrew's Church

October 2026

11 th	Sun	9am. Communion, St Andrew's Church
16 th	Fri	Deadline for contributions to the November edition of Carlton News
25 th	Sun	11am. Harvest Festival, St Andrew's Church

November 2026

7 th	Sat	7-11pm. Progressive Supper
11 th	Wed	7pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub

Emergency contact numbers

Dial 999 and ask for Police, Fire or Ambulance if there is immediate danger or a crime is being committed. If a cardiac arrest is suspected the ambulance service will give you the code to access the community defibrillator. Ring 05603-680-268 for a volunteer to bring the community defibrillator to you.

Crimes are best reported on-line at www.leics.police.uk/report-online. The alternative is to ring 101, but be aware that this service can be very slow. Individual officers can be contacted by voicemail by ringing 101 and then quoting their collar number.

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