

CARLTON NEWS

November 2025

Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale

Please join us in St Andrew's Church between 10.00 and 12.00 on Saturday December 6th for refreshments and a sale of Christmas goods. Admission, to include refreshments, £4.00. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received at "Bumble Cot", Shackerstone Walk.

Pat Lockwood

Church Christmas Lights Switch-on

The Christmas illuminations in the churchyard will be switched on at 6 pm on Sunday 14th December. Carol singing will be led by the Carlton Rock Choir, and mulled wine and mince pies will be served by the Friends. There will be a bucket collection with the proceeds split 50/50 between the Bodie Hodges Foundation and the Friends of St Andrews Church.

Parish Clerk

Light a candle

Not all our loved ones can be with us at Christmas so if you would like to light a candle to remember them church will be open from 10am on Christmas Eve.

Christingle

This service will be held at 5.30pm on 24th December to raise funds for The Children's Society, which works to support troubled young people and families. Once again, I am looking for young people to help tell the Christmas Story during the service. There will be one rehearsal before the service. Please let me know on 01455 292542 if you would like to help.

Pancake Party

The Pancake Party will be held in Church, on Shrove Tuesday (February 17th) at 7pm. There will be lots to eat and drink. We do not make a charge but donations to the church will be very welcome. The event is open to all but we need to know in advance if you are coming, for catering. Please let me know if you would like to join us on 292542.

Pat Lockwood

Coat Exchange Scheme

St. Andrew's is a collection point for the Coat Exchange Scheme being run by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council until the end of November. If you have a coat or jacket (children's and adult's) in good condition which you would like to donate to the scheme, it can be left in church on Wednesday between 2 and 4.30pm and every Saturday except Nov 7th between 10am and 4pm until the end of November.

Pat Lockwood

Carlton Village Green Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to the more than 50 village residents who so generously donated towards the Village Green Christmas tree last year. That's a lot of people: in fact, we raised enough money to pay for a tree for this year as well! So, no more donations are needed. Thanks again to everyone who helped out and made donations.

Duncan Frazer

Church Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who supported our summer raffle, which raised £1,411.00. This money helps us with our running costs, which average between £9,000 and £10,000 a year. This money has to be raised by the Parochial Church Council, and includes the money that we contribute towards the costs of having our Rector, the Revd. Paul Betts. The support of the village in our fund-raising efforts is especially important to us, so once again, Thank You.

Pat Lockwood

Carlton Horticultural and Produce Show 2025

This year, the Horticultural Show was held in the centre of the Village Fete. The weather held out until 3pm and the show was a great success with 113 entries from 24 parishioners. An amazing 203 visitors came to the tent to view the exhibits.

The flower arrangements and home-grown vegetables were particularly noteworthy and the cakes and brownies were judged to be delicious. The greater range of classes attracted some new competitors, and the entries showed what a talented bunch of growers and cooks we have in Carlton.

It was good to see youngsters taking part with prize winning jams, pictures and beanstalks. Ideas for getting more young people involved in 2026 would be very welcome. Thank you to Bob and Julie Wibberley for allowing the show to take place at the Rectory and to everyone who took part on the day.

Judith Boston & Chris Peat

A Woman With Altitude

In Carlton, Rosi Yule is known as the local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. What most will not know is that she is a very accomplished and skilled mountaineer!



On the 13th of September Rosi completed the challenge of climbing to the top of the highest points of all the 50 European countries. These 50 mountain summits varied massively from the very highest, Elbrus in Russia at 5642m (18,510ft—photo at left), to the very lowest summit at the Vatican City at 132m.

The challenge was carried out over numerous years and inspired by the publication titled '*Europe's High Point*' by Carl McKeating & Rachel Crolla and was undertaken sometimes solo and sometimes with various companions, including her children Greg & Robbie and in recent years myself.

The challenges were extremely varied across the broad spectrum of summits, some mountain peaks required advanced mountaineering and rock-climbing skill sets, glacier navigation and crevasse techniques, whilst most involved high logistical planning, such as Sweden and Finland which are both hundreds of miles inside the Arctic circle, and most recently the Ukraine which required huge logistical planning.

Several summit adventures had to be curtailed and revisited, usually down to poor weather and deep snow! Iceland was a good example of this where we climbed up to the glacier at approx. 1400m to camp overnight only to be caught in 17 hours of snowstorm and woke to find our tent looking more like an igloo!

Rosi being a meticulous planner and organiser down to the very last detail would not have anything deter her from completing this unique and unusual challenge; she even completed the three Baltic high points with a broken leg in plaster! The cumulation of this challenge was on the 13th of September when the family gathered in Monaco for the final summit point at 162m, celebrated with a bottle of champagne.



Very well done to Rosi for completing her goal and now joining a very small and select group who have completed this challenge. To date, we believe that Rosi may be only the second British woman to have completed this.

Stuart Chester

Carlton Village Fete

Carlton Village Fete was run this year by Carlton Village Society. Despite forecasts of bad weather and some blustery winds on the day, many of you turned out to support the fete, which from lots of feedback received was deemed to be a great success.



We made a significant profit this year. This is to be divided as follows:

LOROS	£2,500
St Andrew's Church PCC	£1,000
The Friends of St Andrews	£1.000

An additional donation from sponsorship money received is also to go to LOROS.



On behalf of the organising committee, I would like to thank everyone who got involved to make the fete so successful. My personal thanks also go to the committee members who led this fantastic effort.

The change of venue this year allowed the fete to expand, with more to see and do, so my special thanks go to Bob and Julie Wibberley for allowing us to use the Rectory. Thank you, too, to our sponsors whose donations got us off to a flying start, and the many businesses who donated vouchers and lots for the Auction and the Tombola.

New this year was the Dog Show, which went very well. Thank you to the team that ran this show and to all of you that brought your dogs along to take part. We also had entertainment from local band Banjaxed and the Carlton Rock Choir, thank you to both.

Thank you to everyone who loaned trailers, tents, tables, chairs and other equipment, and to Richard Dolman who brought his steam engine Baltasha along, with rides for many. My final and most sincere thanks go to all of you who attended and made the day so enjoyable and successful. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Paul Davenport

Neighbourhood Watch

There were 7 reported crimes in Carlton in the 3 months June to August 2025. These were 2 violence and/or sexual assaults, 2 public order, 1 burglary and 2 other thefts. Other theft may include theft from outside a property e.g. a garden or shed. Keep your sheds as well secured as your house and car!

I currently have over 80 names on the Carlton NHW list. If you would like to be included on the monthly NHW circulation giving details of crime in Carlton and surrounding villages please email me, Rosi Yule on chalkstorm@btopenworld.com.

Market Bosworth Beat Team

Our local beat team has increased recently with the addition of PCSO Kate Needham to the Bosworth beat area. The team continues to patrol a large number of the local villages during the night, with stop checks conducted on vehicles and persons.

Recently a vehicle was stolen from Market Bosworth and another vehicle in the area had an attempted theft, but the perpetrators were disturbed. Fortunately, Carlton has little vehicle crime but the team would like to remind owners to ensure their car keys are not close to the front door and preferably in a Faraday pouch.

If you think you have received a scam email or text message, make sure you report it. You can forward emails to report@phishing.gov.uk, or forward spam text messages to 7726. This helps remove the scammers from circulation and maybe helps a more vulnerable person.

Rosi Yule, Carlton Neighbourhood Watch, 292212

Beautiful Bandits Captured On Carlton Wildlife Camera

Polecats have been captured on a wildlife camera in the Carlton area! Their most distinctive feature is a 'bandit mask' across their eyes, which stands out against their paler cheek patches. They are often confused with ferrets and the polecat-ferret hybrid (hybrids usually have paler fur and less distinct facial markings). We think the Carlton polecats are true polecats, not hybrids, because of the dark strip of fur connecting the mask to the nose.

The little mustelids are a conservation success story. They used to be widespread, but they were persecuted during the 18th and 19th centuries and their range was restricted to mid-Wales, Herefordshire and Shropshire by the early 20th century. Today, they are making a comeback! Polecat presence can help other wildlife because of their taste for rats, reducing the number of predators on eggs or chicks—so our polecats are cause for celebration! You can read more about Carlton's polecats here:



<https://www.ortonacademy.co.uk/post/we-have-polecats-meet-our-beautiful-bandits>
and take more in-depth look at polecats here: <https://www.ortonacademy.co.uk/post/polecats-are-back-the-return-of-britain-s-beautiful-bandits>

Jane Orton

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 that 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 2025 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 davenportthazel@gmail.com for all the details and an online application pack.

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.

Parish Council News

Parish Councillors - *Stuart Tupling* (Chairman) Bufton Lodge, Barton Rd, 290301

Robin Arnold, 53 Main St, 293663

Judith Boston, 64 Main St, 291880

Ian Sarson, 74 Main St, 290733

Mick Vann, 91 Main St, 290976

Clerk - ***Chris Peat***, 7 Main St, 290934

E-mail: clerk@carltonpc.co.uk

Website: www.carltonpc.co.uk

Diamond Jubilee Orchard – has been awarded a *Level 4, Thriving* certificate in the 2025 RHS *It's Your Neighbourhood* Scheme.

Defibrillator – an additional defibrillator has been installed at the Gate Hangs Well.

Dog fouling – new notices have been placed on local kissing gates.

Churchyard wall – the eastern section is gradually being pushed over – see *Report 2025-03* on the PC website. Plans are being drawn up to rebuild it.

Speed and traffic monitoring - the Speed Indicator Device (SID) was deployed at the western end of Main Street in July, checking the speed of westbound vehicles leaving the village. 15,507 vehicles were monitored, an average of 577/day with an average speed of 26.0mph and an 85th percentile speed of 32.1mph. Full details and charts can be found on the Traffic and Speed Monitoring page of the PC website.

Speed Indicator Device – the SID is currently mounted on street lighting columns and these have to be regularly tested which is expensive. The PC is planning to install permanent dedicated posts for the SID which will work out cheaper in the long run.

Main Street – the slippery road surface will be treated as soon as the weather is cool enough (horses have slipped over on the section near the church).

Main Street – the pavement opposite the church has been marked for repair.

Footpaths – timber sleeper bridges have been replaced on footpaths S68 and S69.

Ash Die-Back Disease – road-side ash trees in the Parish were re-surveyed in August. The disease is not spreading as fast as expected, and some trees previously assessed as infected appear to have recovered. In 2019, 59% of surveyed trees were assessed as healthy - this decreased to a minimum of 32% in 2022, and since then has increased to 42% in 2023, 45% in 2024 and 48% in 2025. The full survey can be found in *Report 2025-13* on the PC website.

Parish Clerk

Dates for Your Diary

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

Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well - Fridays 11am

November 2025

8 th	Sat	7pm	Carlton Progressive Supper
9 th	Sun		No church service
12 th	Wed	7pm	Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
23 rd	Sun	9am	Communion, St Andrew's Church

December 2025

6 th	Sat	10-12	Christmas coffee morning and sale, St Andrew's Church
14 th	Sun	10am	Lessons & Carols followed by mulled wine & mince pies, St Andrew's Church
14 th	Sun	6pm	Christmas lights switch-on, St Andrew's Church
15 th	Mon	5pm	Santa tours Carlton on his sleigh
24 th	Wed	5.30pm	Christingle in aid of the Children's Society, St Andrew's Church
25 th	Thu	9am	Communion, St Andrew's Church

January 2026

11 th	Sun	9am	Communion, St Andrew's Church
14 th	Wed	7pm	Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
25 th	Sun	9am	Communion, St Andrew's Church

February 2026

17 th	Tues	7pm	Pancake Party, Community Hub
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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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