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# Signpost Magazine

Focus on, in and around Ruskington



**Ruskington Parish Council**

# Welcome to the Signpost Magazine: Spring Edition

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# Ruskington Parish Council Updates

There are lots of exciting things happening in the parish council already this year. From a successful funding bid to transform Parkfield Play Area, the community garden taking shape, a planning permission application being submitted to convert the rear of the office into a rental community space and the possibility of the sports pavilion being used as a community café.

We are really looking forward to completing these projects and offering more valued services to the community.

More details of all these projects will be brought to you by the website, Facebook page and within the next few editions of this magazine. As always, your ideas for the village and any future projects are always welcome.

A massive thank you to JCO Developments, Chanceoption Homes and PCW Consulting for their generous donations to cover some of the cost of the Christmas trees and lights. We hope to make it bigger and better this year!!

There are 4 vacancies for councillors on the Ruskington Parish Council— do you want to get involved and have some spare time to represent your village? If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk at [clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk) for more information.

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Full council meetings are held in the Winchelsea Centre at 7pm. Public are welcome to attend and make short statements in the public forum at the start of the meeting. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting dates are as follows:

*Tuesday 8th March*

*Tuesday 12th April*

*Tuesday 10th May*

For information on committee meetings, please visit our website, check the noticeboard or contact the clerk at [clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk).

## What's on ..

### Ruskington Village Hall

**Bingo.** Meets every Thursday 7:00pm - 10:00pm

**Lincoln Judo Academy.** Mondays 6.30pm-8.30pm.

**Ruskington Rascals Preschool.** All day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mornings on Monday and Thursdays. Term time only. Contact Linda 07545954412.

**Short Mat Bowls.** Meet every Monday & Thursdays 2:00pm -4:00pm. Contact 01526 830344.

**Slimming World.** Meet every Tuesday 5:30pm and 7:30pm. Contact Sam Wheatley 07721364922.

**Sleaford Model Railway.** Meet every Wednesday 7:00pm - 10:00pm.

### Ruskington Youth Centre

**Beckside Knitting and Sewing Group.** Meets every Monday 10:00am - 4:00pm. Kate McDonald 01526 832 694.

**Rainbow Flyers Youth Club.** Children and young adults with special needs. Sunday 3:00 -5:00pm. Contact Karen Kenward 07811 598681.

**Ruskington Community Youth Club.** Meet every Tuesday 6:00pm - 7:30pm. (School year 4-8)

Contact Maggie Harris 07443 851813.

**Ruskington Amateur Theatrical Society.** Meet every Thursday 6:00pm - 8.00pm (8-18yrs).

*\*For hire contact Maggie Harris 07443 851813*

### Ruskington Library


Ruskington Library Community opening times:

Tuesday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tel: 07955 049618 (Tue/Thu/Sat)

 Ruskington Library

## Winchelsea Centre

**All Saints Ladies Club.** A group of ladies who like attend entertaining events. Events for 2019 include talks on Pets to Vet, Wildlife, Trumpeter's Tale, sitting exercises, a visit to a local farm, a fashion show and other outings. Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month (except August) at 7:30pm-9.30pm. Contact Rose 01526 832566.

**Coffee Mornings.** Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month 9:30am-11:30am.

**Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.** Meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Contact Anthea 01529 413890.

**Scrabble Club.** Meets the first Thursday of the month 7:00pm-9:00pm.

**Fitness Pilates.** Meets every Friday 11:00am-12:00pm. Contact Nikki 07890704799.

**Fitsteps.** Meets every Wednesday, Shape and Tone at 9.45am. Strictly Dance Fitness at 10:30am. Contact Sophie 0792907143.

**Move It Or Lose It.** Meet every Monday: Gently Seated - 11:30am-12:15pm. Active Standing—12:30pm-1:30pm. Contact Kimberley 07432479835.

**Slimming World.** Meets every Tuesday 9.30am -11:30am.

**Evergreen Club.** Meets every Friday 2:00pm-4:00pm. Contact Patricia 01526 833234.

\*for hire please contact Jan or Rob Goddard on 01526 834228

## All Saints Church

**Walking for Health.** Meets every Wednesday at 1:30pm at All Saints Church. Contact Judith Kirk 01526 832987.

## Luncheon Club

**Luncheon Club for People Who Live Alone.**

Meet every 3rd Thursday of the month and have lunch at various restaurants in and around the area. Contact Stella Peake 01526 834783.

## Free Church

**The Bretherton Handbell Ringers.** Meets Tuesday evenings 7:00pm-9:00pm. Contact Judith Kirk on 01526 832987

## Methodist Church

**I.T. Community Group.** Meets Thursdays 10.30am—12noon, I.T. free support. Contact Rachel Gordon 01529 308110

**Ruskington Women's Institute (WI)** Meets every 2nd Wednesday at 7:15pm. Contact Christine Casey 01526 832132

**Solo Whist.** Meets every first Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm

**Progressive Whist Drives.** Meets fortnightly on a Friday afternoon at 2pm and the 3rd & 4th Saturday at 2pm. Contact Mrs Linda Swift 01256 343267

**WOW (Women on Wednesday) - New Group** Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 1.30pm-3pm. Contact Rebecca Guillatt 01526 569684

**U3A Gardening Club.** Meets 1st Monday 2pm-4pm Contact Lynn Geen 01529 413843

**Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.** Monday evenings during term time. Contact Mrs Sarah Coughlin 01522 789429

## Garden Centre

**CHATTERBOX.** An informal ladies group. Meets last Thursday of the month (except December) for coffee cake and a natter. All ages welcome. Ruskington Garden Centre 2.30pm -4.00pm. Contact us on Facebook: CHATTERBOX RUSKINGTON or telephone Dee on 01526 833310 for more information.

## Registered Chiropodist

**Heather A. Dixon**

For an appointment or more information contact me on



**Tel 01526 832 133**

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## Churches..

### All Saints Church

**Priest in Charge:** The Reverend Al Jenkins  
[revajenkins@gmail.com](mailto:revajenkins@gmail.com) or 07961654486  
**Church Wardens** Diana Holt 01526 832087 or  
07949107035, [dianaholt196@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dianaholt196@yahoo.co.uk)  
Alwyn Kirk 01526 832987, [alwyno@aol.com](mailto:alwyno@aol.com)  
**Secretary** Caroline Morrice 01526 830717 or  
07719280965, [caroline.morrice@sky.com](mailto:caroline.morrice@sky.com)

**Pastoral Visiting:** Please contact Reverend Al.

#### Services

##### Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday at 8.45am

##### Sundays

Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 11am  
For All the Church Family – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
@ 11am

Benefice Praise Service – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when  
they occur @ 4pm

##### Baptisms and Weddings

Please contact Reverend Al or Diana Holt

### Ruskington Free Church

**Church Secretary.** Mr. George Phillips, 41 Sta-  
tion Road, Ruskington, NG34 9DF, 01526  
833263

email. [George.phillips41@btinternet.com](mailto:George.phillips41@btinternet.com)

#### Services :

**Sunday Service and Sunday School.** 11:00am

**Women's own.** Meets the first Thursday of  
the month 7:00pm

### South Lincs Church

19 Westgate, Ruskington, NG34 9ES  
01526 834275

[www.southlincschurch.co.uk](http://www.southlincschurch.co.uk)

[info@southlincschurch.co.uk](mailto:info@southlincschurch.co.uk)

Find us on Facebook.

**Leadership Team Contact:** Steve Courtney

#### Services and Groups:

**"Sunday Celebration"** Sunday 11:00am -  
12:15pm

Contact us or visit our website for details of all  
our other activities.

### Ruskington Methodist Church

**Minister.** Rev'd Gabriele Britton-Voss  
01526 830192

**Church Secretary.** Mrs. Delia Dubois 01526  
268723

**Bookings Secretary.** Mrs Judith Kirk 01526  
832987

**Church Treasurer.** Mr Richard Olliffe  
01526268375

**Pastoral Secretary.** Mrs Kath Martin 01526  
833438

#### Services:

**Sunday Worship.** 11:00am

**Messy Church.** Children's group. Meets the  
2nd Saturday of the month. Contact  
Rebecca Guilliat 01526 569684

**Home Group 1.** Meets 1st and 3rd Wednes-  
day Contact Jean Porter 01526 830344

**Home Group 2.** Meets every 1st & 3rd  
Wednesday Contact Rev Colin Martin 01526  
833438

**Midweek Communion.** Meets every 2nd  
Wednesday of the month at 10:45am

**Lunch Bunch.** Meets every 2nd and 4th  
Tuesday.

**Pleasant Monday Afternoon.** Every 4th  
Monday at 2.15pm. Contact June Olliffe  
01526 286375



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For more information, contact Kirsty on

01526 834483 or

[rfo@ruskingtonpc.org.uk](mailto:rfo@ruskingtonpc.org.uk)



The Signpost magazine is a very popular village magazine. There are up to 1000 copies printed and distributed around Ruskington every 3 months. To help cover the cost of this publication, we allow local businesses to advertise within the magazine for a small fee. Unfortunately, every year less and less businesses are wanting to advertise and with the cost of printing forever increasing, the future of the Signpost is at risk.

If you would like to advertise or make a donation towards the costs of the magazine, please contact Kirsty using the above details.

## Ruskington Rascals Preschool

It feels like we have only just entered 2022 at Rascals – and here we are at half term already! What a busy few weeks it has been! Firstly, we would like to thank the Ruskington coronavirus volunteers for their generous donation which enabled us to update our dressing-up clothes – in particular our key worker costumes. The children have had fun practising dressing themselves in the uniforms and acting out the various jobs with their friends! We think that they look fantastic!



We have celebrated Chinese New Year this term making dragon masks, enjoying sensory play with coloured rice, trying new foods at snack time, listening to stories about tigers and we even performed our own dragon dance with a dragon's head that we had made.



We have also been out and about exploring around the village and noticing signs of winter. We have been painting what we have seen – including frosty pictures and the first flowers of the year – beautiful snowdrops! Oh – and we have found puddles – BIG muddy puddles!!





At Rascals we follow the children's interests – so when some of the children began going on adventures to the moon in their role-play – we shared one of our favourite stories about going to the moon and provided resources for their journeys based on the story. The children certainly enjoyed their picnics on the moon!



Ruskington Rascals takes children from 2 years of age (funding is available for 3 and 4 year olds and some 2 year olds may be eligible). We are based in the village hall – but can often be spotted in our fluorescent jackets around the village. We currently have spaces available and to find out more visit our Facebook page or call 07545954412.

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### **RUSKINGTON BOWLS CLUB**

Ruskington Bowls Club has a long history of bowling in the village and still exists today almost opposite the Black Bull on Rectory Road. We are able to provide an excellent opportunity not only to learn to play bowls, but we play in 4 leagues, host 2 very popular open tournaments and several of our members have played in county competitions.

The club exists for people of all ages to enjoy playing bowls and have some healthy exercise. We will start bowling again in mid April depending on the weather, readiness of the green etc. During the coming season we hope new members and current members will have: improved their forgotten bowling skills, learned a new skill, enjoyed league bowling throughout the week and on Thursday's had regular 'roll-ups', club competitions, a charity bowls drive in a pleasant social atmosphere.

If you are interested in joining your local bowls club- there will be notices in the Library, Co-Op, Chaos, Garden Centre, the Monthly Market in the Winchelsea car park and a plant sale on 14<sup>th</sup> May all giving you details of how you can enjoy bowling for Ruskington Bowls Club. For more information please contact any of the following:

Please contact Sue on 07969105164, Jock on 078462622306, Alan on 01526834793 or Paul on 01526834831 (e-mail paulb-owlsec@hotmail.co.uk)



## Ruskington Chestnut Street

Church of England Primary School  
and Little Conkers Pre-School

I hope this finds you as well as can be expected – Spring is around the corner and the buds and bulbs will start to make us feel as if the year is moving forward! We had a joyful and fun filled end to the first term as we broke up for Christmas - we had our Christingle service in All Saints Church with pupils and families; we took the children to watch the Aladdin pantomime in Lincoln; we welcomed our families into school for the Early years and KS1 performances. The children in year 4 and 5 led a carol service at All Saints church. We have so much to look forward to this term many exciting events such as Bikeability. We will welcome the East Midlands Railway ambassador to Chestnut Street to educate our Key Stage 2 children in how to stay safe on and around trains.

In the lead up to Christmas we sent Christmas boxes to the residents of Chestnuts Care Home, they contained items made by the children and small gifts such as preservatives, sweets and toiletries. When delivering the presents children sung carols from the garden to the residents who were in the Chestnuts day room.



After the holiday we received a nice letter of thanks from a relative of a resident thanking the children and staff for thinking of the adults in Chestnuts we read the letter to the school in assembly here is a small extract **“Nowadays, she spends a lot of her time sleeping and has little to occupy her, so your thoughtful gift brought a lot of joy to her. I want to thank you all on her behalf for being so kind and thoughtful. I think we can be proud of you all - our next generation.”**



We are delighted to be able to resume our offer of providing children with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in partnership with the **Music for Schools Foundation**, a non-profit making charity that provide small group lessons on recorder, clarinet, flute, trumpet, cornet and saxophone. Some of our budding musicians have been continuing with their lessons online but a return to face to face lessons where much appreciated by the children.

Congratulations to Verity who is the first recipient of a Rotary Stars Award. We have teamed up with the Sleaford Rotary Club to recognise and reward children for acts of good citizenship. Lissie from the Rotary Club came to school to present Verity with her certificate and badge and we were pleased to have Verity's parents at the assembly. Verity has been recognised for the support and help she gives to her younger sister who has very severe and complex disabilities.





# Ruskington Chestnut Street

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Every single day Verity consistently steps up to help her family. From a very young age she has taken on responsibilities that are way beyond her years, always with enthusiasm and without complaint. She spends a great deal of time helping out with Lydia's physiotherapy, spoon-feeding her meals, bathing her, swimming with her, attempting to teach her to



talk and walk, and helping her to access the world whether physically, through toys or via technology. Verity is undoubtedly a STAR and deserves this award.



It has been wonderful to give the children opportunities to represent the school in a variety of sporting competitions and festivals the children have experienced cricket, football, new age Kurling and Tag Rugby to name a few.



During National Storytelling Week our children engaged with books in many ways as we aim to build a culture of 'reading for pleasure' as well as the key skills to help children be successful readers. Many of the readers of the Signpost will like nothing more than curling up with a good book. Many children find this too but others need a little help to get them started. At Chestnut Street we have been creating book nooks, engaging reading spaces and increasing our provision of high-quality books for all age groups. Most exciting of all is we are in the planning stages, in conjunction with the children, to create brand new indoor and outdoor spaces for engaging with books

and fostering a lifelong love of reading. More news on this to come in the next issue!

Recently we unveiled the first of three **Care, Believe, Grow** panels inspired by the charming 'Three Trees' fable. Children created pictures and now Mrs Walton is helping to transform the original artwork into large canvases. Our first canvas panel has been completed and was unveiled in worship this week.

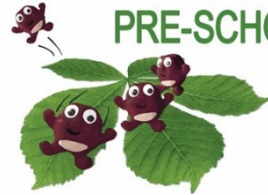


*Daniel Doud—Headteacher*



Ruskington Chestnut Street  
Church of England Primary School  
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**LITTLE CONKERS  
PRE-SCHOOL**



Whatever the weather, we've been enjoying our great outdoor spaces!  
Our days have been full of fun, friendship and, of course, mud!



We've been creating some delicious healthy bakes – these banana  
oatmeal cookies were amazing!



**Ruskington Chestnut Street CofE Primary Academy**

**Tel: 01526 832424**

**Email: [school.office@chestnut-street.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:school.office@chestnut-street.lincs.sch.uk)**

Keep up to date with our adventures on Facebook too!





Ruskington Chestnut Street  
Church of England Primary School  
and Little Conkers Pre-School



It's been a wonderful privilege to be able to share Tuesday afternoons at Mini Conkers with parents and carers, and their fantastic little ones.



Our aim is to provide our community with a safe and friendly environment for families with babies and toddlers to enjoy a fun and relaxed time together.



RUSKINGTON CHESTNUT STREET C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

**Mini Conkers Parent & Toddler Group**

Everyone is welcome to join us for stay and play sessions.  
From Birth to 4 years.

Every Tuesday from  
1.30pm - 2.30pm.

Booking essential, please contact  
01526 832424 or  
school.office@chestnut-street.lincs.sch.uk

Care. Believe. Grow.

# News Release

04/03/22

North Kesteven District Council, District Council Offices,  
Kesteven Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 7EF  
[www.n-kesteven.gov.uk](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk)



## Subscriptions open for North Kesteven Garden Waste collections

Fortnightly over ten months, and continuing four-weekly through December and January, the paid-for North Kesteven District Council service represents cost-effective convenience for those households unable or not wishing to compost at home.

The charge for a full year's service from March 28, 2022 will be £40 for a single or first bin, an increase of £5 on last year to meet the increased costs of running this concessionary service, including a 20% increase in fuel. The emptying of additional bins is reduced to £8 each.

"This is the first increase in two years and does, we believe, continue to represent excellent value for money of 77p per week, or around £1.60 for each of the 24 or 25 collection opportunities throughout the year," said Cllr Mervyn Head, Executive Board Member with special interest for waste and environmental services.

"With the convenience of being able to put out for collection all your grass clippings, weeds, swept-up leaves and other garden waste on a regular basis – rather than load it up to take to a household waste recycling centre or arrange and pay for a licensed waste carrier to take it for you – our annual brown bin service remains a popular and cost-effective choice."

"It is a charge that only those people wishing to use the service by opting in, need to pay, rather than being a universal cost on all households regardless of their call on it. We hope that it provides a cheaper, easier and more climate-conscious method of disposing of organic garden waste than individuals transporting it themselves."

Brown bins can be used for grass cuttings, flowers and plants, hedge trimmings, twigs and branches, leaves and bark and for chopped up Christmas trees. Such material cannot be placed into any other bin for collection and no additional material left alongside bins will be taken.

Collection of a first or single bin will be £40 for the year, with additional bins now charged at £8 each (up to a maximum of four bins) which is a 50% cost reduction. Where a bin needs to be paid for to participate in, or expand use of, the service, these will be charged at £35 each.

The annual subscription runs to March 31, 2023.

New subscriptions to the service and renewals can be made online at [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/gardenwaste) from February 1 and by phone from March 1.

Early renewals are encouraged to ensure seamless continuation of service.

For more detail of the Right things for the Right Bins see [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recycling)

## Ruskington's War

*By Hilary Daniels (Kew) and Ina Knowles (Winters)*

I have many stories of the war years in Ruskington as my friend and I have lives here for 86 years and I have seen how bad the war was.

We lived in fear as we had to keep all our windows blacked out, there was no street lighting, and food and clothes were very scarce on coupons.

When the siren went to let us know the Germans were attacking, we had to dive into our air-raid shelter. This was mostly at night and was very scary.

My Dad was a signalman at the Ruskington station. The signalbox had blacked out windows. I know he was scared, but he had to go to work. His name was C.J. Kew. The station boss was called Mr. Hill.

There was a YMCA where the bungalows off Rectory Road now stand. My friend Ina and I, aged about 10 years old, used to go to do some lovely dances and enjoyed many a good night in the youth club which was run by Mr Abbott of Ruskington.

The shop which is now OneStop, was once a lovely Church Hall with steps leading up to it. We put many concerts on in there. We even had some soldiers living in there during the war, and they used to get their food from the Methodist Chapel. All empty buildings were used to house soldiers.

There were lorries and jeeps all over the village, but only one or two cars, as only the very rich owned cars in those days—mostly big farmers from this area.

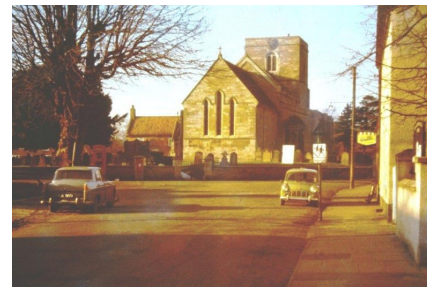
We got used to having soldiers all over the village, as they were all very kind to us.

I remember how our families were all very upset when they knew of their friends and family members having to leave for Arnham. The soldiers had a big parade in High Street North the day before they left. Everyone was upset. When they returned from Arnham, there were so many missing.

I lived in the thatched cottage which stood on the site of the Coffee Pot and part of the Co-Op for about 12 years. The yard was always busy with soldiers, tanks, jeeps and lorries all day and often at night.

We later got one for the council houses on Tennyson Road, our thatched cottage was pulled down and later the Co-Op was built.

My friend and I can remember many changes which have taken place in Ruskington during our lifetime here. We are still best friends who live near each other and we are both now aged 86 years old.



# Fix My Street Scott Johnstone

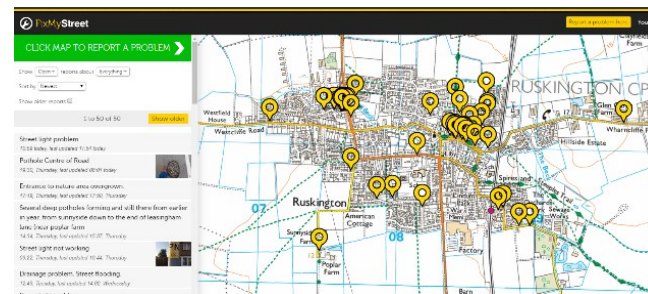
Tired of potholes, fly-tipping, loose paving, dog poop, vandalism and broken street lighting?



You can report them to the relevant council with [www.FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com).

The website was launched in 2007 by the UK charity mySociety.

The great thing is, you do not need to know who is responsible for fixing your problem. As it covers all of the United Kingdom, you just put a pin on a map, and FixMyStreet sends your report to the right council.



Reported problems are published on the FixMyStreet website, so you can browse your local area and see what the prevalent issues are – and what has been fixed. You can also upload a photo, using the mobile app on your phone, with your report to help show what the problem is.

Once you have sent your report, it goes straight to the council, who will get back in touch with you directly.

I have personally used the website several times to report issues on my street and also on behalf of Ruskington residents. I find it to be quick and very straightforward to use.



As you can see from the screenshot below, I reported a broken street light and received an update the same day that the job was in progress.

## Street light not working

Reported in the Street light category by Scott Johnstone at 09:22, Thursday 10 October 2019 ([Hide your name?](#))

Sent to [Lincolnshire County Council](#) 3 minutes later. Council ref: 356834.

There is a street light out across from the village hall carpark entrance which has been out all year. It is one which allows light to shine not only on the entrance to the playing fields carpark but also lights the cut through a public footpath from Parkfield road.



### UPDATES

Thank you for reporting a fault on the highway. We will use the information you have provided to assess and prioritise this fault in accordance with our response times for fault reports which is available at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/highways-faults>. We will contact you again when an update is available.

*Posted by Lincolnshire County Council at 09:25, Thursday 10 October 2019*

This report has been assessed and a job for repair has been raised. We will contact you again when a further update is available.

*State changed to: In progress*

*Posted by Lincolnshire County Council at 10:44, Thursday 10 October 2019*

Twelve days later, the light was fixed, and I received a notification via the website. This will not be the case for all reported issues, but it gives a good representation of how the site works and keeps you updated with the councils' actions.

All necessary work has now been carried out and no further action is planned. Thank you for reporting a fault to Lincolnshire County Council.

*State changed to: Fixed*

*Posted by Lincolnshire County Council at 16:36, Monday*

FixMyStreet is a useful resource besides the reporting methods already employed by local councils in your area. It empowers local communities to report issues to their councils and see results at their convenience. Give it a try at [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)



2022 has started well after the excitement of all the Christmas activities that took place in school since I last wrote to you all. Despite the restrictions and the rise of the new Omicron variant at that time we still managed perform all of our Christmas plays and share them with parents whilst still remaining as safe as possible by limiting our numbers, wearing face masks and ensuring ventilation and social distancing. It was fantastic to be able to do this as Winchelsea is proud of our relationships with families and the community and we have missed staging our wonderful plays and enjoying some Christmas spirit together so this was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We also had a fantastic trip to the pantomime at Newark which was enjoyed by the whole school – as you can see from the faces of the children as they set off on the bus! Once again, I thought I would share some photos that show some of the great learning activities that have been going on in school.



#### **Mini police activities.**



Our mini police have been out and about to monitor the speed of cars near our school entrance on Rectory Road. They were able to use hand held speed monitors with the support of our local PCSOs and talk to drivers that were exceeding the speed limit about road safety awareness and the need to keep our community as safe as possible. They also talked to the PCSOs about the challenges we have regards to parking and traffic congestion around school and this may be a project for later in the term.

#### **School council projects**

Our school council are doing some great work in school and learning a lot about how councillors and MPs have a role in our community. The school council have visited the Guildhall in Lincoln where they learnt about the work that goes on there and found out a lot about local history by looking at some superb artefacts. They even were able to look at some of the robes worn by some of the key officials. Perhaps one of our pupils could be the future mayor one day! The school council have also been in touch with our local MP, Caroline Johnson, who has invited them to attend the Houses of Parliament later in the year which the children are very excited about!



The children know how important it is that they represent their classes and gather their views and opinions to make a difference to how our school operates just as councillors and MPs should. We have some exciting plans for continuing to develop our school grounds - we are planning to create a quiet area that can be used by all the children as a place of calm and relaxation. The children are in the process of gathering ideas for the planning and design and have given me a wish list! Mood lighting, a swing, some sort of water feature like a fountain and some 'relaxation-friendly' furniture are high on the list – I think I might enjoy spending time there too when it's finished!



### **Gymnastics lessons**



In Year 6 the children have been enjoying their PE lessons and have been working together in teams to develop their own gymnastic sequences. The children have been extremely creative, with lots of attention to detail and teamwork being evident in the way they have worked together, trusting each other to develop some amazing body balances. We will be taking part in a virtual schools' gymnastics competition again this year and hoping to have some winners as we have done in the past.

### **Gardening fun!**

In Year 2 the class have been doing lots of gardening – learning how to care for plants and what they need to grow – whilst making our school environment look lovely. Their classroom leads directly to our school allotments which they have planted with various fruit and vegetable plants which will be used for some cooking projects later in the year. They also enjoy using our dedicated environmental area which has bug hotels, bird boxes, a butterfly mound and a fantastic pond where the village ducks enjoy having a wander.



### **Sporting successes**



Sport at Winchelsea continues to go from strength to strength and we continue to provide opportunities and experiences for children to encounter a range of different sports. Children of every age get the chance to take part in some great events – the photo shows a team taking part in New Age Curling (fortunately without the ice!).



# Winchelsea Primary School

*All Individuals Matter*

Last term our rugby team took part in a primary school tournament against other local schools and did a fantastic job, reaching the finals where they narrowly missed out on being the champions. Our children always try their hardest in all the sports fixtures they attend and I am always proud of their excellent team spirit and sporting values.



## Exhausting!



With all the exciting learning going on at Winchelsea every day it can be quite exhausting! I love this photograph of one of our little Diamonds (our youngest children in school in Reception and pre-school Nursery). Sometimes a little nap is needed to recharge the batteries before we start all over again!

To see more of what we do please follow me on Twitter [@helen\\_duckett @Winchelsea1](https://twitter.com/helen_duckett) where you will see photographs and updates on a daily basis and won't have to wait for the next edition of the Signpost Magazine!

We are, naturally, very proud of our school and know it stems from the great team work that we have at Winchelsea – staff, pupils, parents, governors and the community are all valuable to the success of our school. Winchelsea school always rises to whatever challenges we need to face and will always endeavour to do our best for everyone we work with. We have been oversubscribed for six consecutive years now so if you know of friends who are intending to register their children at Winchelsea in the future or you have little ones of your own it may be advisable to talk to us soon! We continue to invite anyone who is looking for a new school for their children to give us a call. I believe that if you visit Winchelsea School you will be impressed by the friendly atmosphere and caring nature of all who work here but also by the pupils' enthusiasm for learning that makes our school special. We are committed to offering our children the best education that we can. If you would like to see more of what is going on in our school please visit our website at [www.winchelsea.lincs.sch.uk/](http://www.winchelsea.lincs.sch.uk/). Please contact the school office on 01526 832060 if you would like to visit.

In the meantime, I hope you and your loved ones all stay safe and well.

*Helen Duckett - Head Teacher*

## Local Defibrillators



Ruskington has public access defibrillators at the following locations:

- \* The Winchelsea Centre, 11 High Street North, NG34 9DY
- \* The Co-op, High Street North, NG34 9DY
- \* The Village Hall , Parkfield Road, NG34 9HT
- \* Ruskington Medical Centre, 6 Brookside Close, NG34 9GQ

These are free to use by the members of the public. Upon calling the emergency services, they will be able to instruct you on where to go and how to access the defibrillator, if needed. But its always good to have a mental note of where the nearest one is located.

If there is any concerns in relation to the defibrillators, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01526 834483.

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## Hospital Voluntary Car Service (HVCS)

The service provides a reliable door-to-door journey and is available to all residents of Ruskington and Dorrington who have no other viable or practical means of attending a medical or dental appointment.

It is available for journeys to locations within the county although this can be extended to Nottinghamshire, Cambridgeshire and Derbyshire if required. It is charged at 45p per mile (Measured from the centre of Ruskington.)

For further details contact: Lyn Gardner 01526 833630

If you have a car and a few hours to spare why not become a volunteer driver. You are paid 45p per mile – tax free!

**Note: The HVCS has been approved to operate during the current COVID pandemic with some restrictions on number of patients carried.**



## Useful Numbers



### **Personal**

Age UK Lincoln and Kesteven	01522 696000
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 9177650
British Red Cross	0345 0547171
Citizens Advice	03444 111444
Child Line	0800 1111
Drugs Helpline	0300 1236600
Parent Line Plus	0808 8002222
Relate	0300 1001234
Samaritans	116 123

### **Services**

Anglian Water	0345 7919155
British Gas	0800 0480202
Floodline	0345 9881188
Street Lighting	01522 782070

### **Medical Services**

NHS Service	111
Ruskington Medical Practice	01526 832204
Lincoln County Hospital	01522 512512
Boston Pilgrim Hospital	01205 364801
Grantham & District Hospital	01476 565232

### **Local Police**

Crime Stoppers	0800 555111
Lincolnshire Police	101

### **Local Authorities**

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# Map of Ruskington

