

FREE

Autumn 2021

# Signpost Magazine

Focus on, in and around Ruskington



**Ruskington Parish Council**

# Welcome to the Signpost Magazine: Autumn Edition

## Contents

- 3 Parish Council Updates
- 4 What's on
- 6 Churches
- 8 Public Consultations
- 10 Chestnut Street School Updates
- 14 Winchelsea Primary School Updates
- 18 Useful Numbers and Council Contacts



*(Next edition due beginning of December 2021)*



**Publisher:** Ruskington Parish Council      **Email:** [rfo@ruskingtonpc.org.uk](mailto:rfo@ruskingtonpc.org.uk)

**Address:** 7-9 High Street North, Ruskington NG34 9DY      **Telephone:** 01526 834483

Opinions or claims expressed within articles or advertisements in this magazine are not necessarily the opinions of its editor or the Parish Council and they take no responsibility as to the validity or reliability of any information contained herein. Readers should exercise the normal precautions before entering into any form of contract based on said advertisements. The Ruskington Parish Council Signpost Magazine is an independent publication mainly funded through advertising. Any complaints regarding its content should be put in writing and addressed to The Editor at the Parish Council Offices.

# **Ruskington Parish Council Updates**

The Parish Council currently has two live public consultations; one for environment and recreation matters and the other for a possible free run dog walking area at Parkfield. Please see pages 8&9 for more information. We really appreciate your feedback and comments.

We would like to welcome the new village caretaker, Andrew Doughty to the team. Andy has lived in the village for many years and has a great knowledge and passion for the environment and we know he will be a great asset to the team.

From 1st October, Aurora Security Services will be undertaking regular village patrols on behalf of Ruskington Parish Council to help decrease littering, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour. They will also be locking the public toilets later in the evening to allow these facilities to be open for longer hours.

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.

---

Full council meetings are held in the Winchelsea Centre on the last Tuesday of every month (except December) at 7pm. Public are welcome to attend and make short statements in the public forum at the start of the meeting.

The next meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday 28th September 2021

Tuesday 26th October 2021

Tuesday 30th November 2021

For information on committee meetings, please visit our website, check the notice-board 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.

### Winchelsea Centre continued

**Body Moves.** Meets every Monday of the month 9:45am -10:45am. Contact Hazel 01529 413392.

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

**Bridge Club.** Meets every Tuesday 12:45pm-4:15pm.

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

**Roundelay Singing Group.** Meets every Monday 4:15pm-6:15pm. Contact Barbara 01526 832471

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

**U3A History.** Meets every second Monday of the month 2:00pm-4:00pm.

**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.

### LITTLE AUDIT SERVICES

(EST 1979)

SMALL BUSINESS

ACCOUNTANCY

SPECIALISTS



Crossing Cottage, Station Road,  
Heckingington.

Partners: Sally Woodhead & Doug Scott

Telephone: (01529) 460407

Email: admin@littleaudit.co.uk

### **Methodist Church**

**I.T. Community Group.** Meets Thursdays 2-4pm, I.T. free support. Contact Clare 07973936166

**Active Cancer Talk Support (ACTS).** Meets every first Thursday of the month at 1:30pm. Contact Macmillan Support 01205446392

**Ruskington Women's Institute (WI)** Meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:15pm. President: Christine Casey 01526 832132

**Solo Whist.** Meets every first Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm

**Progressive Whist Drives.** Meets every Friday at 7:00pm & the third and fourth Saturdays at 2:00pm.

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

### **Garden Centre**

**CHATTERBOX.** A new informal ladies group. Meet the last Thursday of the month (except December) for coffee cake and a natter. All ages welcome. Come and go as you please. Ruskington Garden Centre (BarnEnd) 2.30pm -4.00pm. contact us on Facebook: CHATTERBOX RUSKINGTON or telephone Dee on 01526 833310 for more information.

### **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

### **South Lincs Church**

**Little Acorns.** (Toddler group) Meets Tuesday and Wednesday (term time) 9:15am-11:15am.

**PLEASE CHECK ACTIVITIES HAVE  
RESTARTED BEFORE ATTENDING**

## Registered Chiropodist

**Heather A. Dixon**

For an appointment or  
more information  
contact me on



**Tel 01526 832 133**

SRN/RGN/RZT M. Inst CH.P Scholl HCPC Reg.

## GARDEN SERVICES

**Ralph Hudson**

*Experienced Local Gardener*

*Garden Maintenance*

*Planting, Design and Advice*

**07884083770 or 01400 231002**

ralphh4@googlemail.com

## Jackie Davies

(MAAT)

Accounting Services

01522 821219

33 Earlsfield

Branston

Lincoln

Accounts \* Self Assessment

Payroll Service \* VAT Returns

# Churches..

## All Saints Church

**Ministry Team.** Reader Richard Vickers. Deacon Revd. Al Jenkins.

**Church Wardens.** Diana Holt 01526 832087 or 07949107035, dianaholt196@yahoo.co.uk

Mr. Alwyn Kirk 01526 832987, alwyno@aol.com

**Secretary.** Ms. Caroline Morrice 07719 280965 and 01526 830717, caroline.morrice@sky.com

**Pastoral Visiting Group.** By appointment. Contact RevdAl Jenkins on 07961 654486

### Services:

**Sung Eucharist.** 11:00am - 1st,3rd & 4th Sunday of the month.

**Morning Prayer.** 8:00am - 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month and 11:00am - 2nd Sunday

**Sunday School.** 11:00am - School term times only.

**Baptisms.** 12:30pm by appointment only.

## 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.

**Senior Leader.** Mrs Alex Samson—

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

### Services and Groups:

**“Sunday Celebration” with kids church.** Sunday

11:00am - 12:15pm

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

## Ruskington Free Church

**Church Secretary.** Mr. George Phillips, 41 Station 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

## Ruskington Methodist Church

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

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

**Bookings Secretary.** Mrs J Ashcroft 01526 833356

**Church Treasurer.** Mr Richard Olliffe 01526268375

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

### Services:

**Sunday Worship.** 11:00am

**Insight.** 4.30pm - 2nd Sunday of each month

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

**Home Group 1.** Meets every alternate Wednesday Contact Jean Porter 01526 830344

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

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

**Tots and Toast.** Meets every Friday during term-time at 9:00am contact Judith Kirk

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

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

, 21st April—Easter Celebration at 11:00am

## The Gutter Cleaner

- ◆ Removes Moss from Rooftops
- ◆ Replaces Broken Tiles
- ◆ Cleans, Repairs or Replaces Gutters
- ◆ Paints Wooden Fascias
- ◆ Cleans uPVC, Fascias, Frames & Windows

*(All by hand—All year round)*

**Paul: 01526 834671 - 07763050748**



# Advertise Here

## Contact Us Today!

For more information, contact Kirsty on  
01526 834483 or  
rfo@ruskingtonpc.org.uk

**Ruskington**  
Parish Council



### **PHILLIPS FUNERAL SERVICE**

Independent Funeral Directors Since 1898

Chapel of Rest

All arrangements made under the personal  
Supervision of Roy and Rachel Phillips

69 Station Road, Ruskington.

01526 832279

# Public Consultations

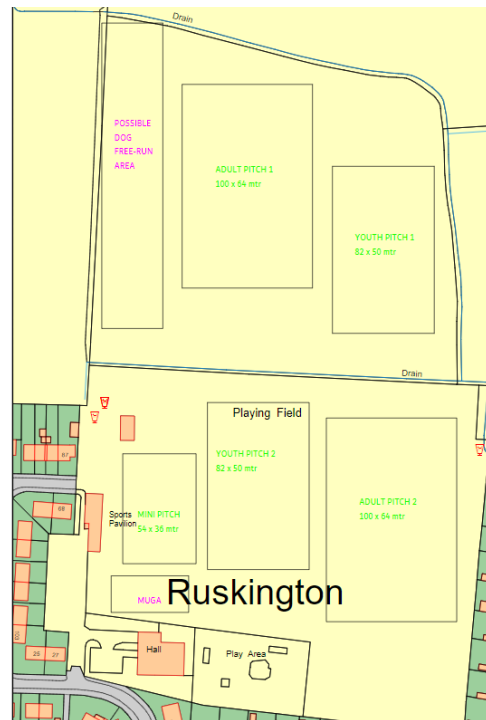
## Dog Off-Lead Area

Ruskington Parish Council is exploring the possibility of creating an area on the far (north) field at Parkfield playing fields for dogs to be exercised off-lead. The football pitches (space for 2 pitches) and trees will not be affected. (Please see the map below).

The area will be securely fenced, and dog waste / litter bins will be provided and emptied.

This is being considered following ongoing concerns of dog fouling on the football pitches, and reports of dogs off-lead running up to children, adults and other dogs using the playing fields.

Before this area can go ahead, the Council needs to know your views on a dog off-lead exercise area. Therefore, it would be appreciated if you could answer the questions by scanning the QR code or collecting a paper survey from the office.



*scan me!  
with your smartphone*





## Recreation and Environment

Ruskington Parish Council (RPC) needs your help!

Can you help RPC plan future projects and improve the environment, recreation, and sport facilities in our village?

If so, please take a few moments out of your busy day to answer the following 10 questions by scanning the below QR code or collecting a paper survey from the parish office.

Responses are welcome from all members of our community, from our youngest to our eldest.

Deadline for submission is 9th October 2021 at 3pm.



If you have any other questions or comments regarding the surveys, please contact the Clerk at [clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk) or call the office on 01526 834483.





## Ruskington Chestnut Street

Church of England Primary School  
and Little Conkers Pre-School

What another eventful year we have had – we certainly finished the year with exciting events and activities for all of the children!

In July we dug up the time capsule which was buried in the 'Tactile Garden' 25 years ago. We were pleased to have a special ceremony with all of our children present, along with former school staff and pupils, Rev Al Jenkins was able to join us for his first official school event. The children from across the school wrote messages to go into our new time capsule we also put in objects and photographs to signify this point in time. The new capsule (seen pictured) is due to be dug up in July 2046! From the time capsule we brought back out of the ground, we were excited to discover school photographs of pupils and staff, uniform, aerial pictures of the school and village and a letter from a pupil when they were in Year 5 in 1996.



We coincided the time capsule event in July with the opening of our new playground areas. The children enjoyed getting to grips with our new trim trail clamber climbing equipment and our **Multi Use Games Area** otherwise known as a **MUGA**. This is adding to the equipment which was added earlier in the summer within our Forest School area - we had den building posts and shelters so outside work can take place for our Little Conkers pre-school and EYFS children. Over the summer holidays we had more exciting additions to our school grounds, please see view or website and our social media pages (Facebook and Twitter) for further updates



Chestnut Street  
@ChestnutRusk





## Ruskington Chestnut Street

Church of England Primary School  
and Little Conkers Pre-School

The children were thrilled to have an ice-cream van visit school, they all had a '99 flake - what a fabulous way to end a sunny Friday. The year 6 children had a fish and chip lunch as part of their leaver's celebrations, this also coincided with the year 6 children staying after school for a water fight and a rounders match - pupils versus staff!



The children who achieved their Chestnut Behaviour Champion award were given a treat of hot dogs, cakes and juice, they became a behaviour champion by reaching 360 dojos over the whole year by consistently displaying our school and church values.

We are always proud of our whole school community the children work incredibly hard and the entire school staff are amazing every single day to ensure the children get the very best, we are lucky to work in partnership with our supportive parents. As for the future, whatever comes our way, I know Chestnut Street will rise to the challenge and go above and beyond to ensure the children get the very best care and education, I see this in abundance in every area of school, every day. If families in our community would like to come and see what we can offer please contact the school office on 01526 832424, or email [school.office@chestnut-street.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:school.office@chestnut-street.lincs.sch.uk)

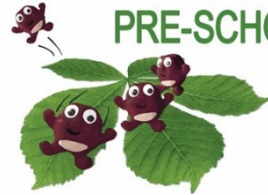
We will begin to offer tours during the day and plan to hold a whole school Open Day for current and future parents on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

*Very best wishes Mr Doud (Head of School)*



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

## LITTLE CONKERS PRE-SCHOOL



Our fantastic 3 and 4 year olds teach us so much about making the most of every opportunity.

They are inquisitive, creative and bursting with enthusiasm!



We very much encourage the children to take time to explore everything, and the learning that comes from this is wonderful. Changing the consistency of our mud 'cement' to stick together the bricks...using our imagination to make boxes into absolutely anything...investigating cogs turning to operate the hand whisk...gripping and releasing with tweezers.



The question 'What's inside my body?' led to a whole host of finding out! We learned about how important our heart and lungs are, and why we need a skeleton. 'What if the heart stops?' Yes, this young man learned about defibrillators and even made one himself!







## Ruskington Chestnut Street

Church of England Primary School  
and Little Conkers Pre-School

Life changed again for these little ones with the lockdown in January. But we have been able to provide in-school as well as home learning opportunities to respond to our families' choices regarding attendance.



Let us introduce you to our little friend, Wordy Woody, who is supporting the children with their speaking, listening and pre reading skills.



With sleepovers not permitted Wordy Woody decided to create flat pack versions of himself to send to each child's home with some fun activities!

Our Little Conkers are a very close-knit family so when we couldn't all meet together in person we were still able to connect with a weekly 'Chatter and Song Time' Zoom! The excitement and delight at seeing each other on screen and sharing their day was so needed and truly heart-warming. A big thank you to our wonderful parents who have continued to work so hard in supporting their children at home with even more fun learning activities – demonstrating, as always, the super home school partnership we value so much.

If you are thinking about a Pre-School for your 3 or 4 year old please do get in touch so we can chat to you more about all we provide.

**Contact 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)**

**[www.chestnutstreet.co.uk/little-conkers-pre-school](http://www.chestnutstreet.co.uk/little-conkers-pre-school)**



Keep up to date with our adventures on Facebook too! –

**Little Conkers Pre-School, Ruskington**



**Winchelsea ..... the end of another unusual year!**

Last time I wrote my article for the Signpost magazine we were beginning to return to a more familiar school life with all children back in school after lockdown. It has been so fantastic to have all of the children back in school as well as lots of new ones who have joined us after moving into the locality. The buzz and excitement of school life has returned and we have enjoyed being together again. Of course, we have still had lots of restrictions in place and continued to adapt our daily practice to be mindful of Covid safety but we were so pleased to be able to see each other and get back to doing what we enjoy most – learning and making progress in a fun and exciting environment!



We had a great afternoon in the last week of the academic year which was the culmination of a whole term's work around learning about wedding traditions as part of the RE curriculum. Emerald class are Year 4 (8 and 9 year olds) and they have been learning all about a Christian wedding ceremony and all the traditions that are part of the day. Winchelsea has developed a creative curriculum and we think the best way to learn whenever possible is through an immersive, experiential method and so as the children learnt they began to put together all the elements needed for an actual wedding day. Every child in the class had an allotted role – bride and groom and extended wedding party of best man, bridesmaids and parents etc but also the vicar, ushers and even a photographer – I am just hoping that the photos taken by the child responsible for this role do not have all the heads chopped off! Parents were invited to the outdoor wedding ceremony (socially distanced of course) and after the vows had been shared there was a super wedding reception on the school field. Here more children took up the roles of waiting staff who served the buffet food and others were responsible for the music, acting as DJs! The speeches were all written by the children – the best man told stories of meeting the groom in nursery and the groom wrote a very affectionate speech about his bride! The first dance was 'Superman' by request and the audience joined in with 'Cha Cha Slide!'. Even the headteacher was roped on (that's me) as I was the chauffeur who delivered the bride and her 'father' in my car with the roof down! It was a wonderful occasion and brought a smile to everyone's faces. It was a lot of work and the staff and children did a great job and the parents were as supportive as ever – a real community event.

Every child in the class had an allotted role – bride and groom and extended wedding party of best man, bridesmaids and parents etc but also the vicar, ushers and even a photographer – I am just hoping that the photos taken by the child responsible for this role do not have all the heads chopped off! Parents were invited to the outdoor wedding ceremony (socially distanced of course) and after the vows had been shared there was a super wedding reception on the school field. Here more children took up the roles of waiting staff who served the buffet food and others were responsible for the music, acting as DJs! The speeches were all written by the children – the best man told stories of meeting the groom in nursery and the groom wrote a very affectionate speech about his bride! The first dance was 'Superman' by request and the audience joined in with 'Cha Cha Slide!'. Even the headteacher was roped on (that's me) as I was the chauffeur who delivered the bride and her 'father' in my car with the roof down! It was a wonderful occasion and brought a smile to everyone's faces. It was a lot of work and the staff and children did a great job and the parents were as supportive as ever – a real community event.







We love sport at Winchelsea and it has been a shame that the children have missed out on so many of the usual sporting activities this year. However, as soon as we were able to we began to take part in school competitions or festivals that give the opportunity for the children to try out different sports or improve their skills in a competitive environment. The photo shows our Year 6 cricket team who played very

well at their event held at Sleaford Cricket club. We managed to hold sports days in our bubbles and invite parents to join us – seven different sports days! What a feat! It was lovely to see parents enjoying these events again and the parents’ races were of a very high standard and very competitive!



We have also been able to organise some school trips beyond the school environment which has been very exciting. Our youngest children in our nursery and Reception class had two fantastic trips – one to Tattershall Farm Park and the other to Belton House where they enjoyed the adventure playground and had a picnic with their parents in the extensive grounds.

We were extremely pleased that we were able to take some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils on a residential activity week on the Isle of Wight! This was due to take place in September 2020 but was continually postponed throughout the year until we received the great news that PGL centres could open up again so we managed to get away at the start of July. This is a fantastic week for the children, providing them not only with the challenge of being away from their families and a familiar bed but also some activities that really push them out of their comfort zone. Some activities require some climbing to a considerable height, some activities took place on the water such as kayaking and dragon boating and other tasks involved problem solving and team work such as orienteering and survival skills requiring shelter building and fire starting! It was a great week and we even managed to watch the England football semi-final outside our log cabins! These are the Winchelsea memories that we hope children will treasure.



Despite the difficulties we have faced over the last eighteen months we have always kept spirits up and are still smiling! Who knows what the future may hold and there is still a lot of uncertainty for everyone but one thing I am sure of is that Winchelsea school will rise to whatever challenges we need to face. As always, I would like to make sure that I have said a great big thank you to all linked with our school who have supported us in so many ways.

To see more of what we do please follow me on Twitter [@Winchelsea1](https://twitter.com/Winchelsea1) or 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 continue to stay safe and well.

*Helen Duckett—Head Teacher*

## The Ruskington Churchyard Wildflower Project

Ruskington Parish Churchyard can become a sanctuary for the living as well as the long dead, with an abundance and diversity of indigenous and localised plants and wildlife.

This year, with the blessing of the Church and in keeping with Parish Council and County and District Environmental Policies, we are proposing to explore ways to manage our Churchyard that are sympathetic to the natural habitat and ecology of native plants and animals, especially pollinators.

This can be achieved by designating some areas which are to be mown less frequently in order to allow wild flowers and grasses to grow and set seed, whilst other areas remain closely mown to facilitate access.

When defining these areas it is important to bear in mind that a Churchyard should be:

- A pleasant and reflective area for congregation and visitors;
- A fit and proper setting for a church;
- An environment in keeping with the purpose of the Churchyard, with an atmosphere of respect and commemoration for those interred there over 140 years ago;
- A haven for grasses, wild flowers, trees, birds, butterflies and other wild species;
- A source of inspiration and information for residents and visitors alike.

A survey of species present is to be carried out in order to design an optimum mowing and management plan. However, a Conservation Officer from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has already identified 7 or 8 species which are indicative of the potential of the Churchyard for “re-wilding” and turning into a wildlife meadow.

RPC has already appointed a Caretaker for Grounds and Maintenance who takes up his position on 15 July 2021. To begin with the designated area will be left uncut for one season to establish what plants are there and to allow them to bloom and set seed.

First cut will take place in August and the cuttings removed. There will be a further cut at the end of October, again with removal of cuttings. This removal is important to reduce the fertility of the soil and encourage a greater diversity of wild plants.

Subsequently seeds such as Yellow Rattle, collected from another wildflower may be sown into the church meadow, to establish itself and so reduce the most vigorous grasses allowing other wildflowers to flourish.

With our careful and sympathetic management in the next two years or so we fully expect our Churchyard to turn into an area of tranquillity, beauty and peace that will grace the heart of our village.



## 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
- \* The Black Bull, Rectory Road, NG34 9AB

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.

---

## 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**

Ruskington Parish Council	01526 834483
NKDC	01529414155

# Contact Us

## **Parish Council Members**

Cllr G E Conway (Chair)	cllrconway@ruskingtonpc.org.uk
Cllr S V Tonge (Vice-Chair)	cllrtonge@ruskingtonpc.org.uk
Cllr S Cotter	cllrcotter@ruskingtonpc.org.uk
Cllr P D Cunningham MBE	cllrcunningham@ruskingtonpc.org.uk
Cllr O Ditch	cllrditch@ruskingtonpc.org.uk
Cllr Z Menday	cllrfryer@ruskingtonpc.org.uk
Cllr K M White	cllrwhite@ruskingtonpc.org.uk
Cllr M G Trolley	cllrtrolley@ruskingtonpc.org.uk
Cllr G Cox	cllrcox@ruskingtonpc.org.uk

## **District Councillors**

Cllr R A Wright	01526 834994
Cllr T Boston	07870 926525

## **County Councillor**

Cllr R A Wright	01526 834994
-----------------	--------------

## **Sleaford & North Hykeham**

Caroline Johnson, MP	0207 219 5381
----------------------	---------------

## **Parish Council Staff**

Office contact	clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk 01526834483
----------------	--

Mrs Kathryn Locke	Clerk
Miss Kirsty Sinclair	Deputy Clerk and RFO
Mr Paul Mitchell	Village Caretaker
Mr Andrew Doughty	Village Caretaker
Mr Alan Horne	Environment/Dog Warden



# Map of Ruskington

