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THE SIGNPOST

RUSKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Visit our website at
www.ruskington.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

PAVILION@PARKFIELD



Exciting Transformation Ahead: Parish Council to Refurbish Parkfield Pavilion into Vibrant Community Café.

Check out our website for more details.



CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES!

Ruskington Parish Council has vacancies for councillors. Apply for co-option as a councillor! We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect our community to join the team.

ALSO...did you know that grants and funding are available from your Parish Council?

More info on our website or contact the parish office.

**MAKE A
CHANGE
BECOME A
COUNCILLOR**

We are on social media too!
Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and NextDoor
Search "Ruskington Parish Council"

MEET THE TEAM COUNCILLOR OWEN DITCH

Hello, I'm Owen Ditch, and I've had the honour of serving as a Ruskington Parish Councillor since September 2020. During this time, I've contributed to various committees focusing on Finance, Recreation, Environmental, and Planning issues, and I was privileged to be appointed Chairman in February 2023.



A bit about my background: I hail from a South Yorkshire mining village. Escaping the coal dust, I joined the Royal Air Force, initially as an apprentice cook, eventually graduating as a catering officer from RAF College Cranwell in 1989. My RAF service took me to Cyprus, Germany, Belize, Ascension Island, the Falklands, and NATO HQ. However, my 'home' postings, including Cranwell and Waddington, inspired me to settle in Ruskington in 1998.

After leaving the RAF in 2009, I worked as the Head of Catering for a group of NHS hospitals before taking early retirement in 2015. I'm married to Vee, and together we have four children and eight grandchildren.

So, why did I become a Parish Councillor? Simply put, I realised my skills and experiences were being underutilised. Watching 'Judge Judy' wasn't fulfilling, so I applied to become a councillor.

Do I regret it? Not at all. While there are challenges—such as differing opinions, budget constraints, occasional vandalism, and bureaucratic red tape—the pride and satisfaction when things go well outweigh these frustrations.

If you're considering joining us, why not drop by our office on the High Street for an information pack? Your community needs you!

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WHAT'S ON...

Winchelsea Centre*

All Saints Ladies Club - Tel 01526 832566
All Saints Pop-up Fayre - Tel 07719 280965
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust - Tel 01529 413890
Scrabble Club - Tel 01526 833276
Fitness Pilates - Tel 07890 704799
Fitsteps - Tel 07929 207143
Keep fit with Kimberley - Tel 07432 479835.
Bridge Club - Tel 01526 833896
*For hire please contact Jan or Rob Goddard on 01526 834228

All Saints Church

Walking for Health - Tel 01526 832987.

Methodist Church

Digital Hub - Tel 01529 414155.
Ruskington Women's Institute (WI) - Tel 01526 832132
USA Gardening Club - Tel 01529 413843
Rainbows, Brownies & Guides - Tel 01522 789429
Happy Pluckers Ukulele - Tel 07980 011409
Chatting Crafters - Tel 07795 192494
Lose with Lorraine - Tel 07715 328306

Free Church

Bretherton Handbell Ringers - Tuesdays 7-9pm.

Ruskington Bowls Club

Tel 01526 634831 or 07969 105164

Ruskington & Area Veterans Club

Search Ruskington and Area Veterans Group on Facebook for more details.

Ruskington Lions JFC

England accredited grassroots football club, providing football for all abilities. Contact details:
Web: ruskingtonlionsjfc.co.uk
Facebook: [ruskington lions jfc](https://www.facebook.com/ruskingtonlionsjfc)
Email: piptomlinson82@outlook.com



Ruskington Village Hall

Bingo - Every Thursday 7pm - 10pm
Lincoln Judo Academy - Mondays 6:30pm-7:30pm. Tel 07539 320864
Ruskington Rascals Preschool - Tel 07545 954412
Short Mat Bowls - Tel 07946 454047
Slimming World - Tel 07721 364922
Sleaford Model Railway Club - Meet every Wednesday 7pm - 10pm
General info: info@ruskingtonvillagehall.org
Bookings: Bookings@ruskingtonvillagehall.org

Ruskington Youth Centre*

Knit & Natter Group - Tel 07931 109081.
Rainbow Flyers Youth Club - Tel 07811 598681.
Ruskington Community Youth Club - Tel 07443 851813.

*For hire contact Maggie Harris 07443 851813

Ruskington Library

Ruskington Community Library is open:
Tuesday 10am - 12pm
Thursday 1pm - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 12pm
Tel: 01526 833420 (Tue/Thu/Sat)

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Cllr Matt Waldeck
Cllr_Matt_Waldeck@n-kesteven.gov.uk

County Councillor for Ruskington Division

Cllr Richard Wright
cllr.wright@lincolnshire.gov.uk

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2024

Tuesday 10 September 2024

Tuesday 8 October 2024

Tuesday 12 November 2024

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Join us at the Winchelsea Centre, High Street North, Ruskington, NG34 9DY for our meetings starting at 7:00 PM (unless otherwise specified on the agenda).

Everyone is welcome to observe and participate in the public session, where you can share your ideas and concerns with our councillors. See you there!

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