

District & Parish Gazette

Local news for the
parish of Langwith

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A newly elected Council for Bolsover District

Following the elections held in May, 21 newly elected councillors have now joined us. Of the 37 elected members, there are now 31 Labour councillors, three Independent councillors and three Conservative councillors, meaning that there is now an outright Labour majority.

There is now a newly selected all Labour Cabinet on which

both elected members for Langwith have key roles. Cllr Steve Fritchley is again the Leader of the Council and Cllr Sandra Peake is also a cabinet member and holds the portfolio for Housing.

Our overriding ambition for this new four-year term to continue to build on the success of the past four years, ensuring that the residents of all the towns and villages within the District continue to benefit from the delivery of

good quality services.

Plans to build more new council properties will also continue through the our very own development company, Dragonfly Development Ltd, which will always ensure that any new properties built for our residents are fit for the future, just like the great new properties recently completed at the Woodlands in Whaley Thorns.

See page 12.

Your District Councillors

Both Sandra and Steve have said how honoured they are to be re-elected and that they are looking forward to working hard again for the next four years on behalf of their fellow residents.



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The Council believes that no person should be treated unfairly and is committed to eliminating all forms of discrimination, advancing equality and fostering good relations between all groups in society.

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- **Phone** – 01246 242424
- **Email** – enquiries@bolsover.gov.uk
- **BSL Video Call** – a three way video call with us and a BSL interpreter. It is free to call Bolsover District Council with Sign Solutions, you just need wifi or mobile data to make the video call, or call into one of our Contact Centres.



- **Call with Relay UK** via textphone or app on 0800 500 888 – a free phone service provided by BT for anyone who has difficulty hearing or speaking. It's a way to have a real time conversation with us by text.
- **Visiting** one of our offices at Clowne, Bolsover, Shirebrook and South Normanton.



Community life in Langwith

Langwith Parish Council continues to provide seasonal events and displays for the community.

In honour of the King Charles' Coronation in May, Langwith Parish Council hosted two lovely afternoon tea events for local senior citizens, one at the Village Hall in Whaley Thorns and one at the Social Club at Langwith Junction.

Residents were served a delicious afternoon tea by The Lemon Tree whilst they enjoyed musical entertainment from Colin and Connie Fletcher and also enjoyed a game of bingo!

This summer a number of lovely new planter poles have been sited in various points throughout the Parish to enhance the floral displays around Langwith, and it is hoped in years to come to increase the numbers of these planters.



New Parish Councillors

There are also some new faces on Langwith Parish Council since the local elections.

Your new Councillors for Langwith are:

Bassett Ward

- Pam Brown
- Amanda Cartwright
- Steve Fritchley
- Kevin Chappell

Bathurst Ward

- Brett Elliott
- Lisa Fritchley
- Sandra Peake
- Yvonne Mather

Poulter Ward

- Salena Berry
- Janet Smith
- Stewart Broadley
- Christine Dale

Parish Council meetings are held on Tuesday evenings in

the Council Chamber in Whaley Thorns Village Hall. At the start of each meeting there is the opportunity for residents of Langwith Parish to raise any issues which they feel the Council should be aware of or indeed put forward any new ideas.

The next full Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12th September at 7pm.





Pictured from left to right: Stewart Broadley, Yvonne Mather, Pam Brown, Lisa Fritchley, Janet Smith, Amanda Cartwright, Brett Elliott, Kevin Chappell, Steve Fritchley and Salena Berry, Sandra Peake, Christine Dale.



Whaley Thorns and Langwith Village Hall

Whaley Thorns and Langwith Village Hall is currently looking wonderful and smelling delightful with its beautiful summer display of baskets and roses, planted and maintained by the Langwith caretakers, Simon and Mick.

At the end of the building there is also now a wildflower garden which hopefully is benefitting local wildlife.

Remember the village hall is a wonderful venue complete with a kitchen which can

be booked for any of your special occasion celebrations and hire fees start from as little as £10.

It is also an ideal base for any community groups, clubs, and activities. The hall, along with the Community Centre building to the rear (old Sure Start) is regularly used by several groups including amongst others, residents bingo, karate, tai chi, Wednesday tea dance, and some small businesses also operate from there (see page 22).

The Langwith Parish Council office is located within the

village hall and from here you can enquire about any parish council matters, collect free dog waste bags, and make bookings for the village hall.

To make any enquiries by phone call Deborah on 01623 746498. Alternatively you can email on admin@langwithparishcouncil.gov.uk

From September the new office opening times will be 9am–12noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



Rhu-Baby update

Rhu-baby is a wonderful new community shop now located in the old caretaker house within Whaley Thorns Village Hall. The shop which is supported by Langwith Parish Council is an initiative which was created by Rhubarb Farm, and is staffed usually by the lovely Janet.

The shop is intended to help families with all the necessary equipment and clothing which is needed for babies and toddlers. All the goods are in excellent condition and are available for just a small affordable donation.

Rhu-baby has proved to be extremely popular and very much appreciated by those who have been along to use this service.

Rhu-baby is open from 9am until 12 noon on Tuesday and Friday morning and is open to all local people.

Becky, a local lady (pictured with baby son Beau-Wyatt, who is six months old) has found Rhu-baby invaluable and said "when my son got to six months old he very suddenly grew out of all his clothes! Rhu-Baby has been a godsend as I simply would not otherwise have been able to afford all the essential items he needs"

If anyone has baby items they no longer need then Rhu-Baby would be very grateful if you would like to donate them so they can be loved again by other local families.

For more information call Rhubarb Farm on 01623 741210 or email enquiries@rhubarbfarm.co.uk



Food hub

The newly established Food Hub run jointly by Rhubarb Farm and Langwith Parish Council has proved to be increasingly popular with local residents.

The Food Hub is open to all and operates much like a market stall. Anyone who attends pays a flat rate of £4 for a carrier bag full of food which they select from the items on offer. The produce available varies from week to week but includes lovely seasonal vegetables and fruit as well as other store cupboard items.

It would be lovely to have more volunteers who would like to help out with the food hub just for a couple of hours on a Friday morning. If you think you could help us and would enjoy also having a cup of tea and a chat with other local people attending the food hub, then please pop in and see us when the hub is running on a Friday morning, speak to Deborah in the Parish Office (01623 746498) or speak to Mel at Rhubarb Farm on 01623 741210.

It would be equally wonderful if any local allotment holders would like to donate any of their surplus produce to be available at the food hub and if you are able to do that, Mel from

Rhubarb Farm will in return provide you with a discount code for use on purchases of King's seeds.

Please email Mel on mel@rhubarbfarm.co.uk if you can help with this.





**Friday mornings
8.45 – 10.15am**

**At Whaley Thorns Village Hall,
Portland Road, Langwith**

A NEW WEEKLY

FOOD HUB

FOR LANGWITH PARISH

**Open to everyone – just come and fill a bag
with food of your own choice for **£4****



Langwith community

On a lovely spring day at the end of March, the Bolsover Community Woodlands Project Officer, staff and children from Whaley Thorns Primary School, local parents, operatives and councillors from Bolsover District and Langwith Parish Council all came together to plant thirty-one assorted fruit trees in the hedged area next to the school on Cockshut Lane.

Plums, cherries, pears, and apples of many different varieties were selected to give a long fruiting season from June to December, a wide variety of spring blossom from February – May. The apples included some old East Midlands varieties.

Under the guidance of parents, the parish caretaker, and school staff, the children thoroughly enjoyed the activity and very enthusiastically helped with tasks such as digging, measuring, watering, and mulching. They also explored a wide variety of soil life.

At the end of the day the relatively barren mown grass space was transformed into a sleeping orchard of tiny

fruit trees and in no time at all new leaves and even a few brave little blossoms burst forth to reward all their efforts. This is just the start...

Local Councillor Sandra Peake, who suggested the area be planted as a community space said "I am thrilled that the community has joined together in creating our own orchard and I hope that soon we will see all manner of fruit growing in this area"

As well as being good to learn about where food comes from and how to grow it yourself, community orchards and fruit gardens can be helpful towards keeping people healthy through the cost of living crisis. Anyone who would like to benefit from this fantastic opportunity right here in Langwith can get in touch with the Parish Council for further information on how to get involved.

Future plans include the planting of flowers and adding more wildlife features to the orchard as well as introducing currant bushes and gooseberries. Hopefully a big water container donated by Premier Foods in Worksop will be sited at the orchard which would enable people to take along their watering cans and give the trees a drink in hot weather.

A row of four very special walnut trees were also planted just outside the orchard, which are a grafted walnut variety which provide large tasty nuts with thin shells and could start cropping within 3 – 4 years! But, very sadly, some of these trees have already been vandalised.

Langwith's Youth Art and Music Group has already been busy making signs for the trees (see page 16).

Everyone is free to have a wander around and laminated orchard plans and survey sheets will soon be available from the Parish Office in the village hall, to explain exactly what's in there.

The cost of installing this community orchard has been fully funded by The Woodland Trust Emergency Tree Fund.

To find the Bolsover TV features go to www.bolsover.tv, scroll down the web page and look in the Community Section for the 'Whaley Thorns School Children plant new orchard' piece or find the 7th April episode which starts off with the orchard planting.



orchard springs to life



Wonderful new homes at Woodlands

As Bolsover District Council continues its endeavours to provide modern, well equipped and good quality homes, 19 wonderful new houses have now been completed at the woodlands, Whaley Thorns.

This new development is the first Future Homes scheme which comprises of entirely electric houses and already meets the sustainability standards which are to be

introduced in 2025.

The homes were built more quickly as their construction involved timber frames and insulated panels which were built off site and a fabric first approach which produces lower energy bills for the tenants.

Built by Dragonfly Development Ltd (a company wholly owned by Bolsover District Council) on wasteland at the woodlands, these properties are just part of

the Council's £36m Bolsover Homes Scheme.

Residents (pictured below right) said their homes are warm and cost efficient, their bills are much lower than they would be with a more traditional gas boiler, and that they are extremely happy to be living in such a lovely new home.

Pictured below left: Board members and Dragonfly Development CEO Grant Galloway (left).





Langwith Whitestar FC complete the local treble!

Langwith Whitestar FC who remained unbeaten all season have completed the local treble!

They won the ICI Mansfield Sunday League Senior Cup, The ICI Mansfield Sunday League Stamper Cup and also the ICI Mansfield Sunday league Division One Title.

Whitestar FC held a Fun Day on 10th June during which they played a memorial match in honour of the late Fred Dockwray against the Legends on their home pitch at Cockshut Lane followed by the League Trophy presentation, disco and karaoke and various fun activities at the Longwillow Social Club (Stute) through the evening.

Whitestar FC were thankful to all those who helped in any way and are happy to announce that the day raised an incredible £2,105!

Whitestar are currently expanding their club and looking at creating more teams.

If you are interested in the club and would like to join or can help in any way, please contact the Club Chairman Kyle Barnes on 07860 226856 or email Kylebar23@hotmail.co.uk.

***Pictured bottom, left to right:* Kyle Barnes – Chairman and Assistant Manager, Sam Dockwray – top goalscorer and Vice Captain, John Jennings – Club Captain, and Troy Barnes – Manager**





PLEASLEY VALE
outdoor activity centre



Have a Langwith **SUMMER ADVENTURE!**

@Pleasley Vale Outdoor Activity Centre

EVERY WEDNESDAY 26th JULY – 30th AUGUST

9:30am to 2:30pm, FREE (£5 refundable deposit on booking) Age 8+
Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Call in at the Langwith Parish Council Office within Whaley Thorns
Village Hall or call Deborah on 01623 746498.



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District Council

In Partnership with:

**Langwith
Parish Council**

EXTREME

WHEELS ROADSHOWS



'extremewheels
roadshows'

SUMMER HOLIDAY TOUR DATES



Langwith Junction Recreation Ground 1-3pm
July 25th, August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22th and 29th

Sessions will include one of the following:
**mobile skatepark, laser tag, KMX, drift
trikes, body zorbing ...and more!**

FREE
JUST TURN UP!

IMPORTANT • These sessions are provided for local young people from the communities listed above • Sessions are delivered as drop-in activities: young people can come and go throughout the session • Minimum age 9 years and older for Extreme Wheels activities only
• Helmets must be worn at all times

Bolsover
District Council

In partnership with: Bolsover Community Safety Partnership and Langwith Parish Council

FREE YOUTH MUSIC & ARTS SESSIONS

WHALEY THORNS VILLAGE HALL
PORTLAND ROAD, LANGWITH - NG20 9EZ

WEDNESDAYS - 6 to 8pm
Ages 11-16

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT - LUCIEMAYCOCK@GMAIL.COM



**STARTS
SEPTEMBER
2023**

Freedom Foundation – Release Holiday Activity Club

Release is a holiday activity club where children can express their individuality and creativity whilst also receiving support for their emotional wellbeing.

The club is delivered over four days per week for four hours per day. The children are introduced to street dance and hip hop techniques and are able too learn a routine and a song along with understanding how to construct their own song or rap to express their emotions.

They receive their own songwriting book and pencil and will be given a performance opportunity where they can share their work at the end of the week and showcase what they have achieved.

The emotional impact of social media has left many young people with little or no confidence, insecure and unsure and unrealistic about their aspirations and goals.

Release will give the children access to a safe space in which to explore their emotions through songwriting, learn new skills and release their anxieties through the power of dance and music.

The Release Programme can be beneficial for families who

are eligible for free school meals, are vulnerable, or who have special educational needs. Many families now come under the new category of working poor so if you believe you are eligible for this free holiday club please do get in touch.

Everyone is welcome and there is a £40 per week paid option for children who may not be eligible for a free place.

Release is running at Whaley Thorns Village Hall, Portland Road on the following dates:

- 24th to 27th July at 10am till 2pm
- 31st July to 3rd August at 10am–2pm.

To sign up please scan the QR code or email info@freedomfoundationuk.org or call 0115 993 2370.



Eyes and ears on vandalism in our community

It is very disappointing to have to report the amount of vandalism which has been occurring in our community.

This has included burned out litter bins, damage to the newly installed ping pong table, damage to new trees near our new Orchard, vandalised bus shelter, and damage to the play area surfacing on our play areas.

All this mindless and wilful damage costs unnecessary time and large amounts of public money to repair as well as diverting staff from their normal duties.

Two shelters at Langwith Railway Station have also been burned out and it is now doubtful that they will be replaced.

Not only is this having an adverse effect on everyone, but ultimately it is costing us all and means that there is less money to spend on any other things, so local councillors hope that everyone will act as our eyes and ears in the community. If you see any vandalism occurring or spot items which have been damaged,

please do report it both to the Council and to the police. It is also helpful to have any photographs of any damage which has occurred to assist us in keeping things in good condition and to ensure they are safe.

If anyone has any information about the culprits of this unacceptable behaviour, please do let us know or again contact the police. This can of course be done confidentially. For urgent or dangerous matters please phone the Police on 999. To report vandalism please call the police on 101.

To report vandalism or pass on information please contact:

- **Langwith Parish Council**
01623 746498
admin@langwithparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Bolsover District Council**
01246 242424
or report it online at bolsover.gov.uk
- **Be a Firestopper**
0800 169558. On this number you can report fires anonymously or by emailing firestoppersreport.co.uk



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Deliberate fires destroy communities.

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FireStoppers.
0800 169 5558
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100% anonymous. Always.

A new Neighbourhood Watch scheme



When their lives were being continually blighted by anti-social behaviour (ASB) Diane Siggee (pictured right) and a group of fellow residents from the Ridgeway area of Langwith Junction decided to set up their own Neighbourhood Watch area.



Our officers helped the residents to get the group going and they now receive ongoing support from the local police Safer Neighbourhood Team, as well as our CAN Rangers and ASB team.

Setting up the Neighbourhood Watch

Scheme has helped the local residents to feel safer in their homes and there has thankfully now been a downturn in the amount of anti-social behaviour occurring in the locality.

During the Anti-Social Behaviour awareness week, Shirebrook Safer Neighbourhood Team conducted some hotspot

walkabouts in Langwith alongside our teams and received some feedback from the public about what they have been experiencing in the area.

In order to tackle the continuing problems of ASB around Langwith we are issuing Community Protection Warnings and Community Protection Notices.

If you would like to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your locality, please contact us on 01246 242424 or email policyofficers@bolsover.gov.uk



Pictured above: PCSO Dave Hancock and PCSO Samantha Fellows along with Cllr Sandra Peake.



Work begins on new play area

Work has now started to install a super new play area on Recreation Road at Langwith Junction and should be completed in time for children to play on during the school summer holidays.

This play area has been funded through Section 106 contributions from the new Gleeson homes development on Station Road at Langwith Junction.

Please note the actual play area may differ slightly from the indicative design pictured.



Kids perform ukulele with The Hallé

Throughout this year the years 3 and 4 children from Class 3 at Langwith Bassett Academy have been learning to play the ukulele, building up to performing alongside the Hallé Orchestra at Derby Arena!

They performed their music to parents and carers in school on Wednesday 7th June.

Then on Friday 16th June they travelled to Derby Arena alongside children from many other schools to perform alongside the Hallé Orchestra.

The children thought the music was breath-taking and thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



Residents' bang on bingo trip

On Monday 26th June the members of the residents bingo group enjoyed a day trip to Springfield Shopping Centre in Spalding.

Whilst on the bus they enjoyed a game of bingo and a free raffle.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day out.



What's on in your Parish

Whaley Thorns Village Hall

Resident's Bingo Association

Alternative Monday evenings.
Contact Sandra Peake 07971 374397.

Wednesday Tea Dance

Wednesday lunchtimes
1.30–3.30. Contact Ken on
01623 743577.

Tai Chi

Wednesday Mornings.
Contact Georgina Smith 07761 556164.

Bouncing Back mental health talking group

Saturday 5 August at 10am
till 12pm for 12 weeks at the
Village Hall, Whaley Thorns.

Rhu-Baby

Tuesday and Friday mornings.
9am–12noon.

Food Hub

Friday mornings 8.45am–
10.15am.

Messy Church run by St. Luke's Church

Starting again in September
on one Saturday a month.
Email Rev. Ellie Launders-
Brown on revellielb@gmail.com
or call 07720 775796.

Community Centre

Youth Art & Music Group

Wednesday evenings –starting
Sept 6th 6–8pm. Contact Dan
Oakley (BDC Arts Officer) on
01246 242360.

Inspire Karate

Tuesday and Thursday
evenings. Contact Darren on
07770 330235.

Slimming World

Wednesday and Saturday.
Contact Vicki Morley on –
07955 008405.

Langwith Bassett Community Hall

Yin Yoga

Mondays 9.45am–11.15am
Floor based. Contact Sue
on 07484 745144 for more
information.

Little Rainbows Nursery

Tuesdays 9am–11am. Contact
Steffi on 07769 172833 or
steffi.wilson@hotmail.com

Pilates to music

Tuesdays 6.15pm–7.30pm.
Contact Kay on 07415 655900
for more information.

Keep Fit

Wednesdays 10.15am–
11.15am. Contact Andrea
on 07934 746139 for more
information.

Pilates full body workout

Thursdays 6.15pm–7pm.
Contact Kay on 07415 655900
for more information.

Classic Pilates resistance training using weights

Thursdays 7pm–8pm. Contact
Kay on 07415 655900 for more
information.

Art Club

Fridays 1pm–3pm this is a
free class. Contact Christine
on 01623 744810 or 07811
995612 for more information.

Nether Langwith Village Hall

Knit and Natter

Monday 2pm–4pm.
Contact Janet on 07785
255042 for more information.

Langwith Cricket Club

Allstars Cricket

Friday evenings 5.30pm–
6.15pm, 5-8 years.

Dynamos Cricket

6.30pm–7.30pm, 8 years plus.
Contact Richard Radford for
more information on 07809
290705.

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within Whaley Thorns Village
Hall or call Deborah on 01623
746498.

Mental health issues are not always black and white They are multi-coloured.

You may say:

'Nobody cares' **YES THEY DO.**

'I can't afford treatment' **YES YOU CAN.**

'I don't know who to speak to' **THE ANSWER IS HERE.**

...AND IT'S FREE.

Are you suffering depression, anxiety, bereavement, or any other worry?

The third set of support workshops will start on Saturday 5 August at 10am till 12pm for 12 weeks at the Village Hall, Whaley Thorns.

For more information call our counsellor, Tina, on

07306 243407

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Langwith Parish Council**



LANGWITH SHOW

Sat 2nd September



12 - 4PM

Traditional village show plus lots more:

Bouncy Castles

Food Stalls

Viking Encampment

Fun Dog Show

Produce Show

Birds of Prey

Brass Band

Buddies Rock Band

To book a stall contact:

joanne@rhubarbfarm.co.uk

Tel: 01623 741210

 **The Rank Foundation**
a pebble in the pond



Rhubarb Farm, Hardwick Street, Langwith, NG20 9DR