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GREASLEY GLOBE

Official Newsletter of Greasley Parish Council



Chairman's Address

BY CLLR JANICE HOLMES

Another year has passed so quickly, once again I would like to say a big thank you to all the Councillors and Staff for their support during the past year for me as Chairman, also special thanks go to my Vice Chairman Ron Jones, Parish Clerk Louise Turgoose and RFO Howard Jones. It was another busy, but great year, and everyone has pulled together as usual to make it so.

I am sorry to have to report that two of our Councillors have left us, David Derbyshire and Elizabeth Williamson. On behalf of myself and all the Councillors we would like to wish them both well and thank them for their help and support. On the good side, three new Councillors have joined us. We would like to welcome John Holmes, Dan Moss and Jason Meredith. If anyone would like to join us on the Council, we do have a couple of places. If you are interested, please get in touch with our Clerk, Louise Turgoose.

I am pleased to report that the sports centre has had another good year. As you all know, Gary took over as the new Centre Manager last year. I would like to say a special thank you to Gary who, I must say, is doing a fantastic job. I'd also like to send thanks to all his staff for backing him and also doing a great job.

Events wise, we have had a very busy year. On Thursday May 8th a Children's Party was arranged to celebrate V.E. Day 80. The children had a great time, with food and entertainment and volunteers from the cadets popped along to share in the fun. Following that, the Greasley Gathering event took place On Monday 26th May. It was once again a great success, and well attended. Our newest event, the Greasley Sounds, was on Monday 25th August. We received lots of positive feedback - so much so that we are repeating it for 2026. The Christmas Cracker Event took place on Friday 5th December, which was well supported with lots of stalls, Santa in his Grotto, and the Greasley Beauvale School Choir taking to the stage. Unfortunately, due to high winds, the firework display could not take place before the lights switch on, but it will be rescheduled for December 2026. Thank you to everyone who helped at the event, including our Centre staff and the dedicated volunteer residents team who give their time to help our events run smoothly. In particular, we would like to thank volunteers Jeff and Gareth, who's experience, kindness and consistent support helps make these events possible. We have also welcomed Nicole to the events team. She will be playing a large part in the organisation of upcoming events and special occasions.

Finally, on behalf of the Council, I would once again like to wish our three Managers, Louise, Howard and Gary for their continued hard work and support in the running of the Greasley Sports and Community Centre facility and for organising our parish events.

As we look ahead to 2026/27, this Council is looking forward to building on what we've achieved so far and continuing to work together to make a positive difference across the parish.



Regards,

Janice



New Easter Egg-stavaganza

2nd - 7th April 2026

Families across Greasley are invited to take part in a free Easter Egg Hunt taking place over the April bank holiday weekend at Dovecote Recreation Ground, behind Greasley Sports and Community Centre.

Organised and funded by Greasley Parish Council, this brand new community event is open to all primary school-aged children and comes at no cost to families.

Children will be invited to explore the park in search of hidden letters. Once they have found them all, they will uncover the Easter Bunny's name. Completed name cards can then be exchanged for an Easter egg. The event has been designed to encourage children to spend time outdoors, enjoy fresh air and exercise, and explore their local environment with family and friends. It also ensures that every child has the opportunity to enjoy a seasonal treat, particularly at a time when many households are feeling financial pressures.

The Parish Council is proud to provide events such as this for the community and looks forward to welcoming families for a fun-filled weekend of outdoor adventure.

Further details, including dates and times, will be shared on the Parish Council's website and social media pages.

Christmas Cheer Shines Through At The Cracker

Despite some truly wintry weather on Friday 5 December, 2025's Christmas Cracker proved once again what a resilient and spirited community Greasley is. While strong winds meant that our planned low-noise fireworks display could not safely go ahead, we were still delighted to welcome a fantastic turnout of residents who braved the cold and rain to join the festivities.

The evening was filled with entertainment and seasonal cheer. The Greasley Beauvale School choir were undoubtedly the stars of the show, delivering a wonderful performance of festive songs and enchanting the audience with their hand bell playing. Their enthusiasm and talent set the perfect tone for the evening.

We were also thrilled to welcome performances from NOWMADS Musical Theatre Company, who brought energy and festive spirit to the stage. Younger visitors were kept thoroughly entertained by Punch and Judy shows, magic and balloon modelling from Jolly Jingles.

A special highlight this year was a mischievous visit from The Grinch, who proved hugely popular with children and adults alike. So much so, we are pleased to confirm he has already agreed to return in 2026!

Our thanks also go to Hucknall Rotary Club for organising a visit from Santa Claus, who took time out of his busy schedule to meet local children, and to local volunteer group The Greasley Girls who kept everyone warm with much-appreciated teas, coffees and sweet treats throughout the evening.

The fairground and food court, although very wet underfoot, continued for those hardy enough to embrace the chilly conditions, adding to the traditional Christmas fair atmosphere.

We are extremely grateful to Apple Tree Services for once again providing and beautifully decorating the large Christmas tree that takes pride of place at the event. In addition, we would like to thank a generous resident who kindly donated a Christmas tree, which has now been planted at the front of the centre and will be enjoyed by the community for years to come.

Events of this scale are only possible thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and staff, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and on the night itself to ensure the event ran smoothly despite the weather challenges.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Christmas Cracker 2025 – we look forward to welcoming you again this year.



CLASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY

8:00 CYCLING BLAST

9:30 INDOOR CYCLING

10:30 LBT FUSION (HIIT/STEP)

12:00 LOW IMPACT CIRCUIT

18:00 BOOTCAMP

TUESDAY

9:30 INDOOR CYCLING

11:00 LOW IMPACT CIRCUIT/CARDIO REHAB

1:00 PILATES

17:00 LEGS, BUMS & TUMS CIRCUIT

17:00 INDOOR CYCLING

18:00 INDOOR CYCLING

WEDNESDAY

9:30 INDOOR CYCLING

10:30 LEGS, BUMS & TUMS (LOW IMPACT)

11:30 PILATES

17:30 INDOOR CYCLING

THURSDAY

9:30 LOW IMPACT CIRCUIT

18:00 BOOT CAMP

19:00 INDOOR CYCLING

FRIDAY

8:00 CYCLING BLAST

9:30 INDOOR CYCLING

10:30 LEGS, BUMS & TUMS

11:30 PILATES

Greasley Gathering Set for 25th May

Excitement is building as the Greasley Gathering returns on Monday 25th May 2026, promising a bigger and even more entertaining day out for the whole community.

The event will begin at Greasley Sports and Community Centre, where a special guest will officially open the day at 10.30am. From there, visitors can enjoy a packed programme of activities and entertainment taking place across multiple venues throughout the parish.

This year's Gathering will feature a refreshed and expanded line-up, including new 'have-a-go' sessions, family-friendly entertainers, interactive workshops, children's activities, and roaming characters adding to the fun.

Local community groups will be showcasing their work, alongside a wide range of stalls, food vendors and attractions designed to offer something for all ages. To make it easier than ever to explore everything on offer, three free shuttle buses will operate continuously between venues throughout the day. The additional bus means improved access, reduced waiting times and more opportunities to enjoy every part of the event.

Please note there will be no parking at the main site, and visitors are encouraged to use the free shuttle service or alternative transport where possible. Bus stops are marked, but the buses can be hailed at any normal bus stop along the route, and parking is available at many of our participating venues.

The Greasley Gathering continues to celebrate community spirit, bringing together residents, local organisations and businesses for a day of connection, creativity and fun.

Further details, including shuttle routes and entertainment schedules, will be shared in the coming weeks. Residents are encouraged to save the date and join in what promises to be another fantastic day for Greasley.





Elderberries Over 60's Social Club

BY CALVIN GOREHAM

Elderberries meet at Greasley Sports and Community Centre every Friday afternoon from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The club has been running successfully for over 29 years and remains a well-established and valued part of the local community.

Each week, the afternoon usually begins with entertainment. We offer a varied and engaging programme that includes interesting illustrated talks on a wide range of subjects, guest singers and choirs, and occasional quizzes to keep everyone involved. These sessions are always well received and provide both enjoyment and an opportunity to learn something new.



Following the entertainment, members take a break to enjoy tea or coffee and a chat. This social time is a particularly important part of the afternoon, allowing friendships to develop and ensuring that everyone feels included. We then round off the session with a raffle and a few games of bingo, which are always popular and add a fun conclusion to the day.

A Christmas lunch is organised each year, usually held at The Hogs Head. This is a highlight of our calendar and gives members the chance to celebrate together in a relaxed and festive setting.

We currently have 49 members who greatly value the club, especially the companionship and sense of belonging it provides. Membership numbers have remained fairly steady over the past few years. While we have been pleased to welcome new members, we have also sadly lost some dear friends who have either passed away or become too frail to continue attending. They are always remembered fondly.

We receive excellent help and support from the Greasley Sports and Community Centre staff, for which we are extremely grateful. We are also very grateful for the support in running the club we receive from several of its members, without whom we could not operate. We were also supported this year by a grant from the Parish Council towards the running costs of the club which in these very difficult times was very much appreciated.



New members are always welcome!
For more information contact;
Brian Hickling 01773 715104
Christine Goreham 01773 471304
or just turn up on the day.

Defibrillator Locations

The Parish Council is pleased to provide the following list of publicly accessible defibrillator locations within the parish. These devices are available for use in an emergency and can play a vital role in saving lives. Residents are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the locations shown below.

GREASLEY SPORTS AND
COMMUNITY CENTRE RECEPTION
NG16 3QN

HORSE AND GROOM, FRONT LEFT,
NG16 2FE

SUNNY'S TAKEAWAY, SIDE WALL,
SMITHURST ROAD
NG162UD

WATNALL WI, FRONT WALL,
NG16 1HS
(NOT MAINTAINED BY THE PC)

NEWTHORPE BAPTIST CHURCH
NG16 2DL
(NOT MAINTAINED BY THE PC)



OPENING TIMES

MONDAY - SUNDAY

MONDAY 7:00 - 22:00

TUESDAY 7:00 - 22:00

WEDNESDAY 7:00 - 22:00

THURSDAY 7:00 - 22:00

FRIDAY 7:00 - 22:00

SATURDAY 8:00 - 16:00

SUNDAY 8:00 - 16:00



31 AUGUST 1ST 2026

A MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR EVERYONE, GREASLEY SOUNDS BRINGS TOGETHER LIVE MUSIC, FOOD STALLS, DRINKS, AND A LIVELY FAIR FOR ALL AGES. COME ALONG, SOAK UP THE SOUNDS, AND ENJOY A FANTASTIC DAY OUT IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY.

The Greasley Sounds Returns- 31st August 2026

Following the huge success of last year’s event, Greasley Sounds is set to return in 2026 – and we promise to make it bigger, bolder and packed with even more to see and do.

Building on those summery, musical vibes that made the 2025 event such a hit, Greasley Sounds 2026 will once again transform Greasley Sports and Community Centre and surrounding venues into a lively hub of performances, entertainment, food and family fun.

Several pubs and venues across the parish have already confirmed their involvement, including the Royal Oak, Horse and Groom and the Blue Monkey Tap Room. They’ll be hosting their own live entertainment and activities throughout the day and helping to spread the buzz far and wide.

We are always looking out for;

- Musicians, groups and solo artists
- Local businesses and stallholders
- Community groups and charities
- Children's clubs or activity providers

If you would like to be involved in any of our events, please email events@greasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 01773 688848

The popular free shuttle bus service will return, connecting residential areas to the event and reinforcing its car-free message. As in previous years, there will be no on-site parking, with visitors encouraged to hop on the buses and enjoy the day stress-free. If driving is unavoidable, parking is available at many of our bus stops and participating venues, but not at Greasley Sports and Community Centre. This is so that we can pack the site full of as much free entertainment as possible whilst keeping you all safe.

The 2026 line-up will feature a packed programme of live music from talented local performers, alongside returning favourites and exciting new acts soon to be announced. We are still looking for performers, so please get in touch if you would like to be involved!

Families can once again look forward to live magic shows and interactive animal experiences, while new attractions for 2026 will include an expanded activity zone, additional walkabout performers, and even more hands-on workshops designed to keep children entertained and inspired throughout the day. Community organisations will play a central role, with charities and local groups showcasing their work, delivering demonstrations and engaging visitors with interactive displays. Free CPR training and water safety experts will be on hand from Victoria Park Leisure Centre, and several other community groups will also be running have-a-go sessions for you to try your hand at something new. There will also be an even wider selection of hot and cold food vendors, artisan stalls and small businesses, making it a true celebration of everything local.

Full event details, timings and performer announcements will be released in the coming months. Residents are encouraged to follow Greasley Parish Council’s channels for updates and information on how to get involved.



Who Deals With What?

The Parish Council is often the first point of contact when residents have a concern, and we are always pleased to help where we can. However, many of the issues raised with us fall under the responsibility of other local authorities. This can understandably be frustrating, particularly when residents contact us in good faith expecting a quick solution. We hope the information below helps explain how responsibilities are divided locally and why reporting to the correct authority makes such a difference.

Some of the most frequently raised – and understandably frustrating – issues at present are potholes, parking concerns and road markings. These are the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council, as the Highway Authority. While we are always happy to pass on concerns and raise awareness of recurring issues, we do not have the authority or budget to carry out highway repairs ourselves.

When matters are reported to the Parish Council, we must log them using the same public reporting system available to residents, which means we have no additional influence in progressing them. The County Council provides a straightforward online reporting system via its website, or residents can call 0300 123 5000. You may also contact your local County Councillor, who can raise concerns directly with the relevant department.

Similarly, bin collections, fly tipping and most grass cutting on public land are managed by Broxtowe Borough Council. Again, while we are very happy to guide residents and highlight concerns, these services are delivered and scheduled by the Borough Council. Reporting issues directly through Broxtowe’s “Do It Online” service via their website, or by calling 0115 917 7777, ensures they are logged straight onto the correct system and can be allocated for action. Residents may also wish to contact their local Borough Councillor for additional support with ongoing concerns.

The Parish Council is responsible for the following local facilities:

- Main Street Allotments
- Dovecote Recreation Ground
- Greenhills Park
- Greasley Sports and Community Centre

We take pride in maintaining and improving these spaces for the benefit of the community and are always keen to hear suggestions or feedback relating to them.

Although we do not have direct control over County or Borough services, we remain committed to supporting residents. We will continue to raise wider concerns where appropriate and advocate for our Parish, but the most effective and timely way to resolve individual issues is to report them directly to the relevant authority in the first instance.

If you are ever unsure who to contact, would like details of your local councillor, or feel you need further guidance, please do get in touch. We are always happy to help point you in the right direction.

Commemorative Tree Replacement

A commemorative tree planted in honour of Her late Majesty has been given a new lease of life following an act of vandalism last year. The original “Queen’s Tree” was planted to mark the Jubilee of Elizabeth II, serving as a lasting tribute within the community.

However, the tree was sadly ripped from the ground by vandals, leaving councillors and residents alike disappointed at the loss of a symbol intended to celebrate a significant moment in national history.

Determined to restore the tribute, the Parish Council has now replaced the damaged tree with a beautiful Tibetan cherry tree. Known for its striking bark and delicate blossom, the new tree has been carefully selected to provide year-round interest and to stand as a fitting and resilient memorial.

To help safeguard the replacement, a protective yet decorative metal cage has been installed around the tree. The design not only offers essential protection against further damage but also enhances the appearance of the site.

The adjacent bench was installed following Her late Majesty’s passing, to provide a place for people to enjoy the shade of the tree as it grows and remember both Elizabeth II and our own lost loved ones.

Plaques to accompany the tree and bench will be installed in the near future, formally marking their purpose as a commemoration.

The Council hopes the new planting will once again become a point of pride for the community, a lasting reminder of the Jubilee and a symbol of respect, resilience, and renewal.





Become a Parish Councillor; Make a Difference

Greasley Parish Council currently has vacancies for Parish Councillors, and we're looking for enthusiastic, community-minded residents to join our team.

Being a Parish Councillor is a rewarding way to make a real difference in your local area. Parish Councils are the first tier of local government, representing residents' views, supporting community projects, and helping to shape the future of local services, facilities, and events. Councillors work together to make decisions that benefit everyone - from improving public spaces and supporting local groups, to organising much-loved community events like the Greasley Gathering and the Christmas Cracker.

What does a Parish Councillor do?

Parish Councillors are volunteers who care about their community and give as much or as little time as they can. The role is flexible, varied, and open to everyone - whether you're a lifelong resident or new to the area. Councillors:

- Represent the views and needs of local residents.
- Help to organise and support community events and initiatives.
- Contribute to improving local facilities, open spaces, and services.
- Work in partnership with other organisations, such as the Borough and County Councils, to tackle issues that matter to Greasley.
- Attend meetings, take part in discussions, and help make decisions that shape the parish for the better.



At Greasley Parish Council, we're proud to be involved in a wide range of ongoing projects that directly benefit our community. These include organising the popular Greasley Gathering event along with many others throughout the year, managing and improving the Greasley Sports and Community Centre through ongoing renovations and upgrades, and maintaining our two beautiful local parks and the Parish allotment complex. We also carefully manage council finances to ensure value for money for residents, while continuing to plan ahead for the next year - identifying new opportunities to enhance local spaces, support community activities, and invest in facilities that make Greasley a great place to live.



Who can apply?

You don't need any special qualifications - just an interest in your community and a willingness to get involved. You must be over 18 and live or work within 3 miles of Greasley Parish. Training and support are provided, and all views and ideas are welcomed. We value a wide range of perspectives, so if you're passionate about Greasley, no matter your age, background, or experience, we'd love to hear from you.

Whether you can give a few hours a month or more, your contribution will make a positive impact on our parish and the people who live here.

Interested?

If you'd like to find out more or have an informal chat about the role, please contact the Parish Office on 01773 688848 or email clerk@greasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk. You can also visit our website at www.GreasleyParishCouncil.gov.uk for more information or pop along to a Parish Council meeting at 7pm on the second Monday of every month in the Committee Room at Greasley Sports and Community Centre.

This is your chance to play an active role in your community - to share your ideas, represent your neighbours, and help shape the place we all call home.



Useful Information

GREASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Greasley Parish Office,
Greasley Sports and Community Centre,
Dovecote Road,
Newthorpe
NG16 3QN
Telephone 01773 688848
Email; Clerk@Greasley.org

GREASLEY SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Greasley Sports and Community Centre,
Dovecote Road,
Newthorpe
NG16 3QN
Telephone 01773 760072
Email; Info@GreasleySportsAndCommunityCentre.co.uk

Upcoming Events

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Second Monday of Every Month
7pm, Committee Room,
Greasley Sports and Community Centre

EASTER EGG-STAVAGANZA

Easter egg hunt
Easter Weekend 2026
Dovecote Recreation Ground

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 11th May 2026
Greasley Sports and Community Centre

GREASLEY GATHERING

Monday 25th May 2026
Greasley Sports and Community Centre
Venues across the Parish

GREASLEY SOUNDS

Monday 31st August 2026
Greasley Sports and Community Centre
Venues across the Parish

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 8th November 2026
St Mary's Church, Greasley

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Friday 4th December 2026 5pm-7pm
Greasley Sports and Community Centre

For updates on local events, meetings
and important information, please
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