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Holme Pierrepont &
Gamston Parish Council
Newsletter

Spring 2026

A few words from the Vice Chair

Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of the Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council Newsletter.

In November, we held our 'Christmastime at Gamston Village Hall' celebration, and it was fantastic to see so many people brave the rain to enjoy the festivities. With Christmas crafts, face painting and balloon modelling, the children had plenty to keep them entertained. The Burton Joyce Training Brass Band, together with the Lady Bay and Ruddington choirs, filled the afternoon with seasonal music, before everyone came together for carol singing and shared hot mulled wine and mince pies. It was a lovely way to start the festive period and, thanks to the generosity of those who attended, the event

raised £293.12 for Rainbows, the hospice for children and young people.

We are now preparing for our Summer Play Day, which this year will be 'Fun in the Sun!', so we are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather will cooperate. This event will take place on Thursday 20th August, at Ambleside Play Park, so please save the date in your diary. Further details will be shared soon.

For more local news about what is going on in the parish, please read on.

Cynthia Stacey

Millennium Garden

Opposite the entrance to Holme Pierrepont Hall, on the corner of Holme Lane and Sanday's Lane, sits a small walled garden that has become a favourite place for walkers and cyclists to rest and watch the world go by.

The garden was built to celebrate the Millennium, with land kindly donated by the Hackett family and funding

provided by local residents with support from Tarmac.

Late last year, one of the garden walls was badly damaged when it is believed a vehicle reversed into it. While previous bumps to the wall had been easily repaired, this time it was estimated that a five-metre section had been knocked down.

Thanks to funding from the parish council, with generous support from Nottinghamshire County Councillor Roger Upton and Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Jonathan Wheeler, a talented craftsman has now restored the wall, and the garden is once again ready to be enjoyed by all.



Increase in Precept

Each year, parish councillors agree a budget to cover the costs for the year ahead, taking account of any expected income, which for Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council is revenue generated from hiring the village hall. The remaining amount is then raised through a precept, which in this parish is collected by Rushcliffe Borough Council and shown on the council tax bill, with the amount varying according to each property's valuation band.

Over the past few years, councillors have been mindful of the cost of living pressures and have used council reserves to help limit an increase in the precept. However, with costs rising and reserves reducing, this approach is no longer sustainable if the council is to protect its finances in uncertain times. As a result, the precept requirement for 2026/2027 has increased by 5.6%, which is an annual charge of £41.55, for a Band D property, an increase of £2.19 on the previous year.

The precept funds a range of services including the free community Summer Play Day and Christmastime events, the upkeep of Gamston Village Hall and Ambleside Play Park, care for parish green spaces, the provision and maintenance of defibrillators, as well as arranging the emptying of parish waste and dog bins. The council also represents local views to other statutory bodies and keeps residents informed about issues in the area through its newsletter, notice boards, website and Facebook page. While major projects, such as the recent play park upgrades, are funded through grants rather than the precept, the council plays an active role in securing this investment for the community. All parish councillors volunteer their time for free, but they are supported by the parish clerk and the bookings clerk who are paid part time staff. Together they ensure this valuable work continues for the benefit of the whole community.



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Finally, if you are a parishioner, and therefore contribute via the precept, you can benefit from a discount on hiring Gamston Village Hall. It is a lovely space with an outdoor lawn which is ideal for children's birthday parties. It is situated in a residential area with very limited parking, so the council would like to encourage local parishioners to use the facility. For more information and to check availability, please contact the bookings clerk at bookings@hpgpc.org.uk.

Hire Gamston Village Hall

An ideal venue for Party Events and Celebrations!

- Well-equipped kitchen facilities
- Indoor tables & chairs available
- Enclosed Village Green Area

Please contact Rebecca on **07786 141066**
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New bench

Following requests from residents, the parish council is delighted to confirm that a new bench has now been installed outside the perimeter fencing near the side entrance of Ambleside Play Park. Parents and carers visiting the play park with their children and dogs are now able to sit with their pets, whilst watching their children play within the dog free play area. The parish council would like to thank Nottinghamshire County Councillor Roger Upton, for helping to finance this addition.

