

WIGTOFT VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

March / April 2026

Just around the corner

I'm writing this on a cold, dark day. It's the season to hibernate. I'm not a fan of winter months, I don't like the dark. I'm more suited to spring and autumn.

Already I have snowdrops growing. Crocuses and daffodils are beginning to show themselves. I find they are always reliable!

In another month or so we will have lighter evenings and longer days. I can't wait. It will be a time to enjoy the beginning of spring perhaps!

Nature, as life itself, changes so quickly.

There are a few of us in the village who have experienced "Big Birthdays" of late - where have all those years gone! We have celebrated the good times but have thought about the not so good times also.

So, perhaps we must remember the ebb and flow of life and seasons.

When spring does appear perhaps we will share our time with friends, meeting together to laugh and--- perhaps cry.

But one thing is for sure, life is to be lived and enjoyed wherever possible.

Once again spring will come. Gardens will take on a life of their own. Spring cleaning will come into play. We will come out of hibernation.

Let us all enjoy the moment and embrace the journey of life.

Spring, is just around the corner.

In fact Spring officially starts on Friday March 20th

A Thank you to all

Thank you to all those who helped serve, and make cake for the Coffee and Cake and the Full English Breakfast mornings in the Village Hall throughout the winter months. Special thanks go to Sally and Sandra who do a grand job organising it all.

It was good to see so many people attend and enjoy this time of neighbourly chat.

We now look forward to Bacon Butty mornings in the Church.



**Don't forget, the clocks go forward
one hour at 2am
on Sunday 29th of March**



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Wigtoft Parish Council

You can find details from Wigtoft Parish Council, including members, meeting agendas, full meeting minutes etc, plus other information about the village on the Parish Council website at:

wigtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

There is lots of details there including previous meeting minutes going back to 2018 and details of how to contact the parish council.



Boston Borough Council

Bin Collection Dates for March / April



March

Friday 6th Green Bin
Friday 13th Blue / Brown Bin
Friday 20th Green Bin
Friday 22nd Purple / Brown Bin

April

Friday 3th Green Bin
Friday 10th Blue / Brown Bin
Friday 17th Green Bin
Friday 24th Purple / Brown Bin

Please remember that the Garden Waste Brown Bin subscription fee is due for renewal for the coming year, this year's fee is £55 for one bin

Wigtoft Village Activities and Events To Join In

Wigtoft Walkers

*Walking is one of the ways we can keep healthy and fit.
Also it enables us to enjoy the wonderful Lincolnshire countryside.
So why not join us.*

**Wednesday 25th March and Monday 20th April Starting
at 10 am outside the Village Hall.**

For further information contact Kim on 01205 460711



Litter Picking



*Our lovely village of Wigtoft needs your help.
Please join with the litter pickers*

10 am Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 7th April 7th

Everyone very welcome. For Further information
please contact Kim on 01205 460711.

We are a small, merry band of litter pickers in Wigtoft who meet up once a month. Occasionally we have to cancel due to inclement weather or other commitments and consequently the litter just piles up! Could I ask the many dog walkers who we have in the village to pick up litter as they see it and if there is any fly-tipping that they have seen, could they report it to Boston Borough Council using their website boston.gov.uk/reportflytipping or telephone 01205 314200

WIGTOFT & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS 2026



Hello everyone, it's a bit late but a Happy New Year to all

Our first meeting of the year will be on Monday March 16th 7 - 9pm. It will be our annual general meeting, we have got some new members but we are still looking for more,

We are a very friendly group.

We are also looking for speakers and gardening or craft ideas.

Our meetings are held on the third Monday each month.

Hope to see you soon

**All meetings are held on third Monday of the month at 7pm
in the Village Hall**

SCRAPS R US

Our next craft group meeting will be on March 24th at 10 -11.30am

Please come and join our friendly group for a coffee and a chat at Wigtoft Village Hall.

You can bring along your own craft work.

Look forward to seeing you



St. Peter & St. Paul Church

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH

As I said in the last issue of the newsletter I would let you know how much the Christmas Tree Festival made for the Church. I now have the final total and it is £2,177.78. We at the Church would like to thank everyone who helped put this event on for us, and also Father Christmas for all his work with the children and adults who came in the Church. Most of all we would like to give a very big THANK YOU to everyone of you that supported this event, without you we could not raise this amount of money.

St Peter & St Paul Church, Wigtoft Events for 2026

Dates for your diaries.

Flower Festival Sat 25th & Sun 26th April also Sun 3rd & Mon 4th May 10am to 3pm

Cream Teas 27th June 2pm to 4pm

Craft Weekend 5th & 6th September 10am to 3pm

MacMillan Coffee Morning 18th September 10am to 12noon

Harvest Event 4th October Service at 3pm Harvest Meal 4pm followed by Auction

Christmas Tree Festival 28th & 29th November also 5th & 6th December 10am to 3p.m

Carol Service 6th December at 3-30pm

Church Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings will be back at the Church from Saturday 4th April.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Church. We will be serving the usual food. The Church will be open from 10am to 12noon, and we hope to keep our prices the same.

New Forget-Me-Not Club.

On the third Thursday of each month we will be holding the New Forget-Me-Not Club. This club will start on Thursday 19th March and will run from 10am to 12noon.

There will be dominos, cards, jigsaws and craft. Teas, coffee and cakes will be served.

If you would like somewhere to go for two hours to meet other people then please come along.

You do not have to do any of the things mentioned above you can just come for a good chat.

We will be there to give you a very warm welcome.

St Peter & St Paul Flower Festival

If you would like to sponsor some of the flowers at the Flower Festival, which is being held on the weekends of the 25th & 26th of April and the 3rd & 4th of May, could you please contact Jean on 01205 460546 or Jane on 01205 460714.

Wigtoft Church PCC

A Message From The Vicar Of Wigtoft

Dear All,

'And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils.'

Thus wrote the poet laureate William Wordsworth. I suppose I was quite fortunate that my first job after leaving college was based in Grasmere. It was a fairly temporary arrangement, but it meant I had the summer, and the winter travelling along the road from Rydal to my destination in all kinds of weather. The scenery is breath-taking as you may know I am sure, and passing Rydal Water on a regular basis was quite spectacular.

Wordsworth's house being a great feature of the village there. I possibly suggest with a reasonable lack of statistical, but rather anecdotal knowledge that it is his most well-known poem. A certain generation informing me that they learned every word of it at school.

Yet all of us share the poet's sentiment at this time of year, our own pleasure filled with the wonderful sight of bright yellow trumpets, which herald the coming of spring. They are present in our fields, and on the roadside, as well as our gardens.

Many of the paintings of the resurrection, particularly in the high renaissance period, have angelic trumpets proclaiming that Christ has risen from the tomb. I often think, as the church is decorated with such flowers that the daffodils fulfil this role for us. They triumph the good news that Christ has completed his mission on earth, and gives to each of us the hope of life eternal. Their bright yellow colour shining through the gloom to fanfare our holy season.

May I wish you a very Happy Easter,

With very best wishes,

Fr Mark Williams

Advance Notice

The Church Annual General Meeting will be on 18th of May at 6p.m in the Church.

Please make a note of this and do come and join us.

This is your Church and without your help we would not be able keep going. If any of you wish to go on the Church Electoral Roll then please contact me or a PCC member for a form.

From Jane Barkham on behalf of Wigtoft PCC

St Peter & St Paul Church Services

March

Sunday 1st Holy Communion 9:30 am - Rev. Mark Williams

Sunday 8th Holy Communion 9:30 am - Rev. Sue Hentley

Sunday 29th Group Holy Communion 10:30 am

April

Sunday 5th Holy Communion 9:30 am - Rev. Mark Williams

Sunday 12th Holy Communion 9:30 am 9.30 am - Rev. Sue Hentley

Please do come and join us, all are welcome.

Wigtoft Village Hall News

By the time you receive this issue we will finally have winter behind us and be moving into Spring and at the end of the month be changing the clocks to lighter nights. It will also mean that Saturday 28th March will be the last Tea & Cake morning at the Village Hall. From April it will move over to the Church for the Summer.

We would like to give thanks to all those over the winter months that have helped, donated and supported us during the coffee mornings.

We must also thank all of you that came and drank gallons of tea/coffee and ate lots and lots of cake ! Without you **all** we absolutely would not have been able to have done it. A HUGE THANK YOU from everyone at the Village Hall. Whilst it has been wonderful to have been able to get together, catch up and have a laugh, we will through you have also raised money to help us pay our bills and keep open. In the next issue we will be able to report back exactly what this figure is.

We can however report that through events such as Christmas and Easter Wreath Making, Christmas Fayre and Crafts we have raised a magnificent £1492.

In addition to the Saturday Tea and Cake until the end of March we also have a couple of other events coming up. Sunday 22nd March is our Quiz and Bingo with Sausage & Mash Lunch. 1pm to 3pm £10 per ticket, and finally Easter Wreath Making on Saturday 28th March 2pm to 4pm £20 per ticket, limited spaces. As always if you want to come along to one of these events ring Sandra on 01205 460536 or Sally on 01205 460117.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Easter
From the Village Hall Committee



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US AT OUR

Easter Wreath Making

ON SATURDAY 28TH MARCH
2PM - 4PM AT WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

Tickets £20 to include everything to make a wreath plus tea and cake

JUST 20 PLACES AVAILABLE SO CONTACT SANDRA ON 01205 460536 OR SALLY ON 01205 460117 TO GET YOURS

Wigtoft Village Hall Calendar For March & April

March 2026

- Mon 2nd Parish Council 6.30pm
- Sat 7th Full English Breakfast 9am -12
- Sat 14th Coffee & Cake 10am -12
- Mon 16th Garden Club 7 - 9pm
- Sat 21st Coffee & Cake 10am -12
- Sun 22nd Sausage & Mash Lunch, Quiz 1-3
- Tues 24th Scraps 10 -11.30am
- Sat 28th Coffee & Cake 10am -12

April 2026

- Mon 13th Parish Council 7pm
- Mon 20th Garden Club 7pm
- Tues 28th Scraps 10 -1am

JOIN US FOR
**BINGO
& QUIZ**

Plus Sausage & Mash Lunch

**Sunday 22nd March
1pm to 3pm**

At Wigtoft Village Hall

Tickets £10 to include
2 course lunch

Get tickets from Sandra on 01205 460536 or
Sally on 01205 460117 or The Village Hall on
Saturday mornings between 10am and 12 noon

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

The Village Hall is available for hire
at a cost of just £10 per hour.

This includes use of all the facilities
including all crockery, cutlery etc.

For further information or to check
the booking diary contact
Virna on 01205 460259

Easter Funnies

How many Easter eggs can you fit
into an empty basket
Only 1 after that basket is not empty

Why does the Easter Bunny have
such a good complexion
He eggs-foliates

Dog Fouling



Dog Fouling – Sadly, it would seem that there are some people who walk their dog in the village that are not picking up after them.

Great effort is made to keep our village free from litter and looking its best for all of us to enjoy, but having dog mess on our paths is not only unsightly, it is a health hazard and is actually illegal.

So please, enjoy exercising your pooch and pick up after your dog so that others can also enjoy their walk and their environment.

We are privileged to have a lovely park in Wigtoft that many families enjoy visiting, both from within the village and outside the village. A great deal of time, effort and money is spent keeping it a safe and fun place for both younger and older children to play.

Unfortunately recently there have been occasions where people have ignored both the signs of “No Dogs Allowed” and have not only taken them into the park and let them off lead, but also into the smaller younger children’s play area too.

In order to keep the park safe for all children to play and not to have the hazard of dog mess please adhere to the signs and do not bring dogs into the park.
Thank you



**STRICTLY
NO DOGS**
ON PLAYING FIELDS
Please respect that
children play here

FARMING THE BIRDS & THE BEES

The last time I wrote for the magazine I focused on some of the brilliant food produced on the farm, this time I thought I would concentrate on an equally important part of our farming life and that is the environment in which we work.

Is vitally important for me to provide space on the farm for wildlife in all its forms. We have several self-sown spinneys on the farm as well as grass margins, uncropped field corners, hedgerows, areas of pollen and nectar mix, old orchards and of course all the dykes and drains synonymous with farming in the Fens.

I was interested in how well we were doing compared to other farms in the area, so with the help of The Soil Association Exchange, we did some bench marking assessments to see how we compared. This is a very thorough assessment and involves several visits to the farm during the year to record all sorts of environmental factors. These are our scores for biodiversity. Bird species 91%, Flora 89%, Hedgerows 72%, Crop diversity 59%, Habitat management 48%, Space for nature 39%, and connectivity 44%. Our overall score across all these metrics was 57%. I was pleased with our score but realised that there is always room for improvement. But why go to all this bother you may well ask. I'm delighted to see a lot of healthy wildlife on the farm but there are also positive farming benefits to be gained, for example natural pest control, ladybirds are the real goodies here, eating aphids that could potentially spread virus. Improved pollination, all flowering crops rely heavily on insects to pollinate so it is more bees the better! Healthy soils cycle nutrients more effectively, so earthworms, bacteria and fungi all play a vital role in keeping our soils healthy to produce good yields.

So, as you pass by the fields surrounding the village it is not only the crops that you can see growing that are important to us, it is also the seen and unseen wildlife that plays a vital role in modern day farming and hopefully you enjoy seeing some of it as much as I do.

Matt Tunnard

News From Boston

Good News - Boston Music Festival 2026

I know that it is a bit early, but just a note of your diary.

There will be a free Music Festival in Central Park, Boston, the B-Fest 2026, on Sunday August 2nd. There will be national tribute bands and local artists. There will be plenty of entertainment plus food and drink stalls.

So go along and enjoy yourself.

Not So Good News - Local Banks

Two banks are going to close in Boston, both the NatWest and Santander branches will close in the summer. Fortunately the branches in Spalding will remain open, but the Santander one is only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 - 3pm and on Saturdays from 9.30 - 12.30pm and it is closed on the other days

Wigtoft Bowls Club

As I write this we have had nothing but rain and grey days day after day, but hopefully by the time this issue is published we will have turned a corner and be enjoying blue skies and a bit of sunshine, which is just what we need to be able to prepare the bowls green for this season which starts at the beginning of May.

In the coming weeks we will be very busy rolling the green, feeding it, scarifying and mowing it, so that hopefully we will have a lovely green to bowl on this season.

Our Open Day this year will be Sunday 12th April, 2pm to 4pm. We would encourage anyone that is even vaguely interested to come along and give it a go, you may surprise yourself at how easy and enjoyable it is. We are only a small club and very lucky to have a bowling green in the village (even if it is a little difficult to find!!), and really need new members to keep the club alive and going. We would be happy for anyone to join us even if you don't become a bowler, you could help us with keeping the green up to scratch mowing, feeding etc.

We have spare bowls and lots of experience between us, so do come along and give it a go. All that we ask is that you wear flat shoes.

Join us for a chat and a cup of tea on the 12th, you will be very welcome. You can find us down the alleyway to the left of Stanhope Cottage almost opposite the Church. Follow the blue sign near the Church.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about helping with the green or joining us please give me a call on 07919991429

Peter - Secretary Wigtoft Bowls Club



Join the Fun!

LAWN BOWLS

Why Play?

- ✓ Great exercise
- ✓ Easy to learn
- ✓ Perfect for all

**Open Day Sunday 12th April
2pm to 4pm
at Wigtoft Bowls Club**

Open to All Skill Levels - Beginners very welcome
We have Bowls for you to have a go with and experienced players to show you how to play
You just need to wear flat shoes
Refreshments also being served

Find us on Google Maps PE20 2NJ Down the alleyway at the side of Stanhope Cottage follow the blue sign near the Church
For further information contact Peter on 07919991429

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Easter Word Search

Try and find the Easter words listed below in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally. You will find the solution on page 15



BASKET
 BUNNY
 CANDY
 CARROT
 CHICKS
 CHOCOLATE
 DAFFODIL
 DECORATE
 EASTER
 EGGS
 FLOWER
 HUNT
 JELLYBEANS
 PARADE
 SPRING
 SUNDAY



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Easter Jokes

What do you call a rabbit with fleas

Bugs Bunny

What do you get when you pour hot water into a rabbit hole

Hot cross bunnies

How does the Easter bunny keep its hair looking so good

Hare spray

Funny Story

An elderly man owned a large farm for several years and he had a large pond in the far end of his property. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond since he hadn't been there for a while. He grabbed a big white bucket to bring back some fruit before starting the long walk to the remote area.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was several young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence, and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him "We're not coming out until you leave"

The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out the pond naked".

Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the crocodile"

Some old men can still think fast !!

SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

(The Church with the yellow door)



FLOWER FESTIVAL

Theme: **TRANSPORT**

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
1st and 2nd MAY
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



There will be **CLASSIC CARS**

Various Stalls, a Tombola and a Raffle
Serving Light Refreshments



THISTLE MARKET GARDEN of Sutterton
(This is a charity which provides work for
Adults with Disabilities)
will be selling
Plants and Vegetables



SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

The Church with the Yellow Door

SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday 1st Barry Richardson (WL)
Sunday 8th Own Arrangement
Sunday 15th At Kirton
Sunday 22nd Odile Stringer
Sunday 29th Own Arrangement

SERVICES FOR APRIL

Good Friday 3rd Darren Charlton 3pm
Easter Sunday 5th Jim Stobart
Sunday 12th Darren Charlton (HC)
Sunday 19th Own Arrangement
Sunday 26th John Hewitt

All services are at 10am followed by tea and biscuits

MARCH & APRIL COFFEE MORNINGS

Held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month
(4th and 18th of March & 1st and 15th April)
10 a.m. to 12 noon

All Are Welcome

Contact: Darren Charlton Mobile: 07354 662522

Wigtoft Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON the 1st December 2025

SHORTENED FORM OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL CONDENSED FOR THE NEWSLETTER. A FULL VERSION OF THE MINUTES CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

Present: Cllr I Mills; Cllr S Baxter; Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Collingwood and Cllr K Redhead.

Public Forum – none. (The Public Forum does not form part of the meeting of the Parish Council)

Chairperson's remarks – Thanks to Cllr Leggott for the work he has done on the Christmas Lights and the goal nets in the playing field.

Financial matters: To resolve to accept the accounts for payment for November 2025, to be checked and signed by two Councillors at this meeting. Clerk to present budget figures for the year to date. Bank balance £11869.19 as at 25.11.25. To receive and resolve to accept the checked bank reconciliation to 30.9.25 from Cllr Brigham. To discuss and agree any action regarding AVG Anti Track and VPN add-ons to the existing AVG Internet protection software.

The accounts for payment for November were checked against the invoices to the list, confirmed as correct and signed by Cllrs Redhead and Baxter. It was resolved to agree the payments. The clerk had circulated the budget figures up to date for the current financial year to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The clerk advised that there was nothing new to comment on or explain for the current year to date. It was resolved to accept the budget figures year to date as an accurate copy of the Parish Council's receipts and payments and the balance of the bank account at £11869.19. Cllr Brigham, who was not present at the meeting, had sent the checked bank reconciliation. It was resolved to accept the bank reconciliation to 30.9.25. The clerk advised Council that the AVG VPN add on started as a free trial and AVG should have advised before the free trial was up. This didn't happen and the charge of £66.66 plus vat of £13.33 for a one year subscription was debited to the Council's bank account. The AVG anti track is on a free trial until December but the clerk felt it was not beneficial to pay for this service. It was resolved not to continue with the anti-track after the free trial and to retrospectively agree to the payment of £66.66 + vat £13.33 for the VPN. . Clerk to diarise for next year for Council to decide if they wish to continue with the VPN add on.

Date	Details of Payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	VAT not reclaimable
15.11.25	Pay	291.20		
15.11.25	PAYE	72.80		
30.11.25	Payroll services	18.00		
15.11.25	Clerk use of home as office	35.00		
10.10.25	Monthly bank charges	4.25		
12.11.25	Mobile phone monthly plan	6.00		
13.11.25	Grass cutting	180.00	36.00	
19.11.25	Interim internal audit	60.00		
31.10.25	Secure VPN internet protection	66.66	13.33	
30.10.25	HP Instant Ink	11.24	2.25	
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RECEIPTS				
	None			

EN0210007 Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire - EIA Scoping and Consultation and Regulation 11 Notification Following a discussion, it was resolved unanimously that there were no comments to make about the above. **Clerk to advise Planning Inspectorate.**

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Redhead – a resident had voiced concerns about lorries parked on the side of the road. The clerk reminded Council that this has been discussed in full in a previous meeting and unless the law has been breached, there is nothing that can be done. A further concern was that the resident was not consulted about money spent. Parish Councillors are elected to make decisions within the law about how money is spent. Full information is published for transparency within the minutes and other documents on the Parish Council website. Residents are reminded that they are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and may speak within the public forum if they have any questions. Residents can also contact the Parish Clerk who can add an item to the agenda for discussion. Cllr Redhead had a query about the trees on Wigtoft Road. The clerk advised that an update has been provided on this topic in a previous meeting and the County Council are dealing with it.

Cllr Baxter – street light out outside the Vicarage. He will send photos and the clerk will add to “Fix my Street”.

Cllr Mills – will report issues about Fishmere End on “Fix my Street”

Cllr Leggott – there are issues with the surface of Burtoft Lane North. Will send photos to the clerk who will report on “Fix my Street”.

Clerk's report

The Wicksteed playing field annual inspection has not been actioned yet.

I have still not received confirmation from the Newsletter regarding their receipt of the donation sent.

The gov.uk email domain and email addresses – I have set up the email address for the Parish Council/ clerk. It is clerk@wigtoft-pc.gov.uk. Please use this for any new emails you send me. The Councillors email addresses are set up and the relevant information will be passed on in due course. I am going to be working with Tony Shaw, the Webmaster for LALC who is going to help me find the best way to set these up to make access as simple as possible.

National Grid – trees in playing field. I chased a reply and someone rang me. They couldn't tell me when they would let us have the information and I have heard no more. I will chase it again. No further contact has been made. This is a status quo situation.

Cllr Brigham has reported the damaged road surface on Asperton Road via Fix My Street.

Awaiting photos from Cllr Mills about the footpath in front of the chicken farm.

Awaiting posters and leaflets from Borough Councillor Cantwell to help recruit residents on to the Five Villages

It was resolved to change the meeting scheduled for 2.2.26 to 19.1.26. Clerk to amend details on website and advise the relevant interested parties.

To review the Internal Audit feedback and to agree to any actions to be taken

The clerk read out each item on the list and the actions were recorded on the list. It was resolved to agree to the actions listed and post a copy of the report and actions on the Parish Council's website.

To review the Play Area inspection undertaken by Cllr Baxter in November and decide if any actions are needed.

Cllr Baxter advised Council that he had not had time to do the November check. It was resolved that Cllr Baxter would do the December check as early in the month as possible.

To ratify the agreement to spend £66.65 plus vat to replace 2 x 5m lengths of the Christmas lights purchased in October 23 which have failed which was resolved by a majority by email in line with Financial Regulation 6.8 (v).

It was resolved to ratify this agreement to spend..

Meeting closed at 20.00. Next meeting is on the 19.1.26 at 19.00 at the Village Hall.

WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Chairman and Committee,

The Parish Council are hosting the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 pm prior to the usual monthly meeting on the 2nd of March 2026 in the Village Hall. The Councilors would be delighted if any or all the committee members could attend. This meeting is an annual event. The Chairman will deliver his annual report and it will be an opportunity for groups within the village to talk about their activities and any future plans they may have. Groups or individuals may also ask the Parish Council questions. The meeting is open to all residents and groups within the village and will end at 7 pm. I have added the agenda to the bottom of this letter. We hope to see you there.

Ann Fletcher, Clerk

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held on 2.3.26 from 18.30 to 19.00 in Wigtoft Village Hall

Wigtoft Parish Council invites all electors, residents and groups/organisations from the Parish of Wigtoft to the above meeting.

1. To confirm and sign the notes as minutes from the last meeting held on the 3rd of March 2025.
 2. To receive the annual report of Wigtoft Parish Council from the Chair, Councillor Ian Mills.
 3. To receive any presentations from groups/organisations from within the village.
- Public Forum – individual residents may share comments, views and matter of local interest and ask questions of the Parish Council.

Meeting ends at 19.00 to be followed by the usual monthly meeting.

DATES FOR THE MEETINGS OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MARCH TO MAY 2026

Monday 2nd March 2026, 7pm (This meeting follows the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 pm)

Monday 13th April 2026, 7.30pm

Monday 11th May 2026, 7.30pm (This meeting includes the Annual Parish Council meeting.)

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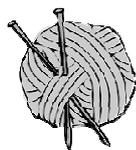
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