

MINUTES OF BANTON AND ASHTON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING Held from 6pm on Thursday 8th May 2025 at the Reading Room, Bainton

Present were Cllr S Lucas (Chairman of the Parish Council), Cllr W Gibson and Cllr M Lucas.

Newly appointed City and Ward Councillor, Mr Kevin Tighe

Clerk Mrs J Rice

6 residents and a representative from Anglian Water

Cllr Chairman S Lucas did introductions, thanked those present for coming and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr S Taylor.
2. Minutes of the last parish meeting on 7th May 2024. These were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
3. Report from new Ward Councillor. Cllr K Tighe gave some feedback on the role since his appointment following the election on 1/5/25. He said there could be surgeries going forward, possibly in the Reading Room and he stated that although the role is different from that of a Parish Councillor, the direction and objective is united to make Bainton and Ashton an even better places to live.
4. Annual report from the Chairman on last year's activities and an update on parish projects not covered below. Cllr Lucas gave her report for 24/25 – see below.
5. Finance report from the Clerk for 24/25 – see below.
6. Annual reports/updates from village groups: see below a) The Bainton and Ashton Parish Council Allotment Association – Jane Hope - see below b) The Langdyke Trust and John Clare Countryside, incl Nature Recovery Group/Verges – Cliff and Julie Stanton - see below c) The Buttercross Club – Sheila Bratley – see below d) The Reading Room – Ian Abbott-Donnelly – see below e) St Mary's Church – Gary not able to attend, report below f) The Poors Charity – not able to attend – report below g) The Good Neighbours (Rural Peterborough) Scheme – not able to attend, report submitted h) The Bainton Traffic Calming Group and Speedwatch – Rob McNeish – see below i) Anglian Water Multi-Agency groundwater flooding – Peter Gilles attended from AW – see report below
7. Concerns or issues from residents or village groups – a chance for residents and groups to raise any item they wish to be considered by the Parish Council. A concern over the Lime trees in Tallington Road was raised and the Clerk said she would report them to Peterborough City Council to survey them. It was reported that the Family Day this year is postponed to 21 st September 2025 and includes the apple and cider day.

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

Membership and Governance

During the last year the Parish Council was reduced to 3 councilors, the minimum necessary to be quorate. Our attempts to recruit new councilors to our constitution of 5 were unsuccessful. With the resignation of Irene Walsh in June the PC became untenable, with the potential for Peterborough City Council then taking over the PC. We were

therefore very grateful that, despite working globally, 2 residents; Stephen Taylor and Bill Gibson volunteered to join the PC so that we could continue to function.

The PC has therefore considered measures to secure the future of the PC, including amalgamation. Discussion has taken place with Ufford PC to explore the potential of working together more closely and possibly amalgamating in the future. We have a number of common issues to address and have agreed to meet together to consider our response. However, given the current proposals from central government to restructure local government, PCC would not be considering any potential amalgamation of PCs in the near future. The current situation leaves the PC in a vulnerable position as a number of the current councilors intend not to continue after this year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Clerk, Jenny Rice, who continues to bring a wealth of experience to the role. She continues to provide excellent legal, procedural, and financial advice and ensures the smooth running of the Council.

To support the general work of the PC we have 3 residents working groups.

These are **Traffic and Speed Reduction**, **Nature Recovery** and **Planning**. We would like to thank those residents who are members of these groups and support their community and the work of the PC.

Parish Issues and Council Action

Speeding Traffic in Bainton.

Two Auto Speed Watch cameras were purchased and installed by the PC to add to the existing mobile MVAS camera, both to record speeds and act as a deterrent. Work continues to analyse the data obtained so far, and discussions with the relevant Police Superintendent continue towards Cambridgeshire Constabulary formally adopting the Speedwatch system.

Parish Councillors and our Bainton Traffic Residents Group also organised a meeting in Bainton Reading Rooms with our Police and Crime Commissioner and our local MP.

The Neighbourhood Police Team have also met with the PC and members of the Traffic Residents Group.

The Traffic Residents Group continues to work closely with the Parish Council and will make recommendations to it. Cllr Taylor and Cllr Gibson are the PC representatives on this group.

Change of Speed Limits

The priority is to identify and action effective measures which will reduce actual traffic speeds below the 30mph limit and improve the general safety of the area.

To this end the PC has formally requested Peterborough City Council to implement the setting up of a 20mph speed limit through Bainton to replace the existing 30mph signs.

In May 2024 PCC publish their Traffic Order and carried out consultation with residents.

There was broad agreement to support 20mph on the B1443 through Bainton.

Disappointingly, despite numerous contacts we are still waiting for PCC to install the 20mph signs. We have complained about the unacceptably slow progress to action this work and will ask our recently elected Ward Councilor to take up this matter for us.

The PC are working with other local parishes across the Barnack Ward to develop measures which would reduce speeding, not only within but between villages. However, despite agreement for all parishes across the Barnack Ward, we have yet to have any progress on action to reduce speeding traffic across The Barnack Ward

In conclusion, on behalf of the PC, I'd like to thank the residents traffic group on their hard work to push forward the implementation of effective traffic controls, including the adoption of the use of the Speed Watch data by the police.

Churchyard and Burial Site.

Rev Gary has alerted the PC that the churchyard will soon become full and therefore unable to accept further burials. Once this happens, probably by the end of this year, the PC would take on responsibility for looking after the church yard. The PC is also tasked with finding a new burial site.

We are currently exploring possible land and the possibility of working together with other local parishes with the same issue. This is considerable challenge for the very small PC, not least securing funding. We are advised that PCC would not assist us as there are sufficient burial sites available across the Peterborough area.

Bainton Play Area

The PC has secured funding of £25,000 from Augean Landfill to refurbish and improve the play area. This includes 4 new pieces of equipment, a playhouse and trim trail. Thanks to our Clerk Jenny for securing the grant and liaising with residents.

Bainton Telephone Box.

The PC has adopted the disused telephone box.

The box needs cleaning and painting, and we are looking for a working group to assist with this please. The current proposal is to install some shelves and have a second-hand book swap. However, we would be interested to hear of any other suggestions from residents for its use

Planning

The parish council's response to planning applications has been coordinated once more this year by Cllr Martin Lucas. Following a suggestion by resident Mr. David Hare, an informal working group has been set up to assist Martin.

The Local Plan

Peterborough City Council is required to undertake an update of its local plan up to 2043. We are currently at stage 2 of the planning process following a call for land for potential development.

In our Parish the only submission is by Plants Eggs. This site has been identified as being potentially able to have up to 18 homes. Locally there is further development proposed for Helpston and Glington but much of this is opposed by local residents' groups.

The land already owned by Homes England, to the north of Castor and adjacent to Castor Hanglands National Nature Reserve, is once again being proposed for several thousand houses. This would have an impact on traffic in our locality as well as environmental damage to the countryside.

PCC are currently consulting on the draft plan and residents are urged to comment on the plan if they wish. Parish Councilors attend consultation meetings on their behalf.

Anti-Social Behavior on High Field Road Ashton.

On most days cars park along the length of the road, particularly towards the south end. The stops are usually for no more than an hour, occur mostly during the day, and usually involve solitary men.

Although there may be times when the drivers are simply taking a break there have been reported incidents of inappropriate behavior including deliberate exposure. Passing residents have made reports to the police and some have met with officers of our local neighbourhood team. The police say that they have increased patrols in the area at the request of the PC.

As a footnote the continued parking on the verges has created several large compacted barren areas which are having a real impact on the integrity of the area as a County Wildlife Area.

The PC has held a site visit recently with representatives from PCC, Highways, Conservation Officers, and the Wildlife Trust to consider how we can reduce parking and the verges can be more effectively protected. A number of proposals were discussed including protecting the areas and increased signage. We have sought advice from the

Langdyke Trust and the Nene Park Trust and we met today with PCC to try to reach agreement on action to be taken. This is proving to be challenging!

Flooding in Bainton and Ashton.

Potential flooding and water management remains an issue for Bainton and Ashton. Cllr Lucas leads represents the PC

At regular meetings with relevant agencies. This means that those agencies are much more aware of issues that we face and able to act more quickly and effectively than before.

The proper dispersal of surface water is the joint responsibility of Peterborough City Council, Anglia Water, and the Welland Internal Drainage Board. It's also the responsibility of local residents and landowners to ensure that ditches on their property boundary are properly maintained.

Peterborough City Council have also been contacted to make them aware of the issues.

Following requests from the Parish Council, a representative of the Welland Internal Drainage Board came along to a meeting with residents and the PC. Anglian Water Board were also contacted regarding the over flowing drains and steps have been taken by them to improve the drains. However, the major problem is the increasing levels of surface water.

BAPC are very happy to report that given the number of agencies involved we have been able to secure regular meetings with all involved agencies so that the problems experienced by Bainton and Ashton can be discussed and hopefully actions agreed.

The cars have now been removed from land adjacent to the B1443.

Projects

John Clare Countryside - Nature Recovery Working Group.

Local efforts to protect the natural environment are coordinated by our Nature Recovery Group made up of residents and chaired by Julie Stanton. Particular thanks are due to both Julie and Cliff Stanton for their exceptional expertise and commitment.

This group has continued to meet to work to deliver our plans and to co-ordinate with the 19 Parishes that are part of the John Clare Countryside Project lead by the Langdyke Trust. The JCC project plans and delivery strategy have been updated to reflect recent developments, notably the formal involvement and endorsement of the large local estates of Milton, Burghley and Walcott.

The PC is represented by Susie Lucas in the John Clare Countryside Steering Group, which is comprised of representatives from the Langdyke Trust, The Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Nene Park Trust, and Peterborough Environmental Trust.

We have also worked with the Church to organise the annual Primrose Festival

We have sown wildflower seeds on the Penny Farthing verge in Ashton and tackled the removal of nettles.

Restoration of the Sheep Wash

The PC has obtained grants totaling four thousand pounds from the Langdyke Trust and Milton Estates to fund the refurbishment of the Sheepwash. Our thanks to both organisations.

I am pleased to report that the work is now almost completed. Work is also underway to improve the proximate habitat through planting and steps to encourage wildlife. A new additional seat is being purchased and we very much hope that this area is a pleasant place for residents to visit.

Good Neighbor Scheme

This continues to develop across the Peterborough Local Parishes and includes volunteers from Bainton and Ashton ready to support residents. We recognise their work and thank them for their practical commitment to our community.

Susie Lucas is the local vice-chair and a trustee.

Regular Meetings Attended by Parish Councillors

Barnack Ward Meeting
Rural Peterborough Good Neighbor Scheme
JCC Steering Group
Parish Councils Liaison Group
Nature Recovery Working Group
Traffic Working Group
Allotment Association
Police Liaison
Church Liaison
PC Planning meetings
Ufford Liaison

In Conclusion

Firstly, sincere thanks to my fellow parish Councilors for their hard work and practical commitment to supporting our community.

I would like to thank all the residents who are contributing to our Parish Working Groups. Their input contributes hugely to the work of the PC.

Thanks also to those many residents of Bainton and Ashton who work with the PC and other village groups to try and make our Parish a great place to live.

Lastly, please don't forget, we need you. We need to hear your views, your ideas, and your concerns. We always welcome residents' attendance and participation in our meetings, and we are always looking for more councillors.

Thank you.

Susie Lucas B&A Parish Council Chair
6 May 2025

Finance report 24/25

EXPENDITURE AGAINST BUDGET		BAINTON AND ASHTON 2024 - 2025		
Ex VAT		BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	% of Budget
Payments				
Staff costs inc hmrc and back pay		4500	4306.05	95.69%
Clerk expenses, mileage, h/ office		600	585.6	97.60%
Insurance		500	421.75	84.35% better deal obtained
Room Hire		250	264.75	105.90%
Council/or expenses/admin/bank		250	165.51	66.20%
Subscriptions/P news/ICO/GNS		350	410.53	117.29% Good Neighbours sub
Training/conference		350	250	71.43%
Audit		300	125	41.67% no external audit
Footpaths in below			0	
Verges contract below			0	
Parks & Open Spaces/verges		2250	2862.5	127.22% grass cutting more
Allotments maintenance		250	250	100.00%
Allotments rent		250	350	140.00% rent increased
Allotments water		220	187.28	85.13%
Asset Maintenance/Washdyke		600	705.54	117.59%
Website & email/correspondence		250	345	138.00% new web costs
s137 payments/ donations		300	50	16.67%
Events		500	343.08	68.62%
Total Payments		0 11720	11622.59	99.17%
		Budget	Cum.	
Receipts (excluding VAT)				
Precept		12725	12725	100%
Grant PCC/grass		2250	2250	100%
Verges contract			0	
Water bill payment/receipt		200	196.06	98%
allotment rent		250	350	140%
Interest		45	332.02	738% Interest rates high.
Grants Comm Leadership fund		0	987.68	#DIV/0!
Other receipts (not in budget)			0	#DIV/0!
Village project			0	#DIV/0!
Total Receipts		15470	16840.76	109%
Projects/extra expenditure	C/F in reserves	Budget	Spent	
Sheepwash C/F £4000	4000		0	#DIV/0!
NRP C/F 1000	1000		64.8	#DIV/0!
Traffic calming/CF	2200	1500	358	24%
Highfield Road ASB etc		500	0	0%
To reserves		1750	0	0%
CLF bulbs	0	500	108.39	22%
			0	
			0	
Total Reserves/projects	7200	3750	531.19	14%
BANK RECONCILIATION 2024/2025				
	Bank reconciliation			March
			£	
	B/F balance			11076.55
	plus receipts		to date	17115.6
			month	84.84
	less payments		to date	12430.84
			month	757.33
	Balance			15761.31
	Bank statement		Unity Bank current	2200.44
			Instant access	13560.87
				15761.31
	less/plus adjustments			
	Agrees with balance above			15761.31
HEADLINES OF FINANCES AT END OF YEAR				
NOTES				
Basic budget is 99% spent at the end of the year.				
Budget lines with greatest variance are general expenses, training and audit costs, allotment water, donations and events are all underspent.				
Overspent is grass cutting, allotment rent increased by tenant, subscriptions (Good Neighbours), asset maintenance and (new) website costs.				
Project spend is underspent and bank balance contains monies for Nature Recovery (from a grant), Sheepwash refurb not billed for, traffic calming mea				
not completed by City Council and some Leadership Fund grants still not spent.				
Receipts included higher interest payments on savings account, and leadership fund 1k				
Bank balance is £15761. This includes earmarked reserves of 9.4k (4k Sheepwash grant, 1k N/R grant, traffic calming 3.3k and CLF monies of 1.1k)				
General reserves to carry forward is £6361, which is a recommended 50% of precept.				

Bainton traffic calming group parish council report

We are now another year on with our endeavours to slow down the traffic coming through the village and despite our best efforts we remain no further forward.

The camera data confirms a majority of cars are routinely speeding. We continue to manage the cameras on a daily basis which involves looking at and checking and verifying every image that the cameras take every day and today will be Day 873 of continuous camera management.

The Data the cameras produce provide clear and indisputable evidence of drivers breaking the law by not only exceeding the speed limit but also driving with no tax, mot, or driving a car that is registered as sorn and being off the road.

Despite this we have to date been unable to convince the police to use this data, and despite numerous meetings and false promises, the only police presence we have is infrequent speed checks when the police stop for a short time before heading elsewhere.

Our relationship with Cambridgeshire police and the superintendent in charge of speedwatch came to an end in December 2024, when we were accused of being too impatient in our expectations and were told that they were no longer willing to work with us from that point.

To date we have no relationship or contact with Cambridgeshire police.

We continue to await the implementation of the 20 mph speed limit which has long been promised as imminent, and that is still the case now.

Going forward, we will see what effect the reduced speed limit has when it eventually comes into play, and for now at least we will be able to see via the camera data what change that brings about.

Towards the years end, we will have to discuss the speed cameras and make a decision whether we should continue to produce data which no one wants or is prepared to use.

Once we see the new speed limit in operation for a time and are able to assess what difference it had made, the traffic calming group will meet to discuss what additional measures could be taken to slow down the flow of traffic entering and leaving the village. This will be in consultation with the parish council.

Rob McNeish

Report from Nature Recovery Group

Cliff and Julie Stanton updated the meeting on recent activities. The Sheepwash has had pond plants put in the “dip” by volunteer Mike Horne who continues to support the project whenever he can. The new fencing has recently been completed (paid for by a grant received 2 years ago) and has removeable bars for easier access to the area. The signage will be replaced and also two new rustic benches will be installed. Some clearance work will be looked at in Autumn for overgrown brambles near the old bench. Diversity of flowers is increasing and improving on the County Wildlife sites in Bainton Green Road with more bulbs and wildflowers appearing in either side of the verges.

Report from Bainton and Ashton Allotments for 2024-25

After a very wet start last year the allotments did well, with satisfying amounts of fruit and vegetables being produced. This year has also started well with all plots looking great and growing well, but a little rain at this time would be appreciated. Although a lean time of year for food ready for the table the asparagus and rhubarb as the first to show are performing well.

We have no vacancies at the moment with 23 ploholders taking on either a full size, half, quarter or mini plot.

The plots are looking very green and tidy, but remedial work to the infrastructure is an ongoing requirement with posts and fencing etc being a major expense. So could I make a request for the annual grant from the Parish Council that helps us to manage this issue ourselves.

We continue to have annual coffee mornings and for the last two years one of our allotmenters with his friends and family have provided wonderful food for a curry evening on the allotments. We have been very lucky with glorious weather on both occasions – hard work but thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees.

Report from the Buttercross Club by Sheila Bratley

The club goes from strength to strength and the subs are still held at a very reasonable £10. It is a friendship club with interesting talks and last year these included quilting, auctioneering and ukuleles! A demo on chair yoga was held and this is now being held every week in the Reading Room. If the speakers do not charge, the club makes a charity donation and £500 was paid to charity last year.

Report on the Reading Room, by Ian Abbott-Donnelly

It was reported that activity is up to pre-Covid level and the hall is financially viable now, especially helped by the low maintenance of the newly refurbished building plus the elections being held there is good for the finances.

There are 10 new groups using the hall regularly and parties are increasing in number, and there is a good choice of activities for residents, plus regular meetings being held there. A positive situation all round.

St Mary's Church Report 24/25

Our normal service pattern remains the same. 9am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and 4.30pm on the 1st and 3rd. It is really good to report an increase in numbers attending each of our services. With attendees from right across the benefice.

The 3rd Sundays in particular are picking up good numbers where we see a more informal type of service which has for example had "God in the Garden" as its theme.

During Holy Week and Easter, it was again good to be able to have such a variety of services, taken by different worship leaders. All well attended. The Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard also proved popular.

Over Christmas we again saw an increase in the size of our congregation to that of last year.

The enacted nativity this year was held in the church with good attendance, serving refreshments after the service. This service then tied in with Santa arriving in St Mary's Close afterwards.

The Carol service again was well attended with people coming along from the village who previously had perhaps not attended a church service. Great to have some popular Christmas songs to sing along to at the end also. Refreshments were served at the end of the service.

Christmas Day again very well attended with a very light hearted service very family/children centric.

The proposed renovation works to our church are still being worked on so that we can get DAC approval. Our original architect has resigned but has been replaced with an architect who is also on the DAC, via Rev'd Gary.

The plans and work surrounding the crack monitoring in the church have been an immense amount of work for which we give our thanks to Nigel Clough. It is very much appreciated.

Our Lady Chapel has been cleared as much as possible with all items not needed - on a weekly basis - now being stored in a barn.

We have a new noticeboard, with many thanks to Graham Fletcher for organising and installing such. It gives a new, fresh and modern look to the outside of the church, and is now visible from the other side of the church wall.

Our church remains very clean as we have now a regular paid cleaner. It has made such a difference coming into a clean church each week.

The Collection Plate remains at the back of church and has proved to be profitable in certain services. We will need to see if a retiring collection has increased the weekly giving.

Our Bainton & Ashton Fete raised enough funds so we could donate monies to 5 local charities at £100 each.

We had over 20 people attend a talk from the Peterborough U3A which proved to be most profitable, our thanks go out to Phil Richards for providing the talk. Refreshments we also provided by not only Bainton people but also from a parishioner from Helpston. Brilliant to see our benefice working together.

The music each week is going well, and our thanks go out to Graham for collating and playing the hymns.

We had a good Primrose Festival, held on a very late Mothering Sunday which meant the primroses were at their peak.

Due to the lack of burial space, we will in the not too distant future need to make plans to “close” the churchyard. Ashes can still be interned, as there is ample space for such.

It would be good to have additional people come forward to help with Sides man and intercession duties.

Gary Alderson

2/5/25

BAINTON POORS ESTATE

The Trustees were pleased to note that there were no significant items of capital expenditure relating to the Reading Room in 2024 (and so far in 2025) and, following the refurbishment project, the building remains well received by all those using the property.

The Accounts, prepared to the end of September 2024, show that the Charity is in good financial shape and retains a healthy cash balance.

We have continued to provide the Reading Room Committee with financial support, a grant of £2,000, to assist with the ongoing running costs whilst user numbers are rebuilding after the lockdown induced closure of the building.

The Trustees held their AGM in December and for the third consecutive year the Charity did not make any grant or loan payments to individuals in the villages who are suffering financial hardship. We DO have funds available for this purpose. Indeed, apart from ownership of, and responsibility for, the Reading Room, it is the main purpose of the Charity. Unfortunately, we yet again did not receive any direct applications for assistance. We did have two third party referrals but on investigation concluded that assistance would not have fallen within the Charity’s remit. We were, however pleased to put the applicants in touch with the Church’s hardship fund which was able to assist.

We would very much like to resume such grants and would ask all villagers to let any of the Trustees know if they are aware of anyone/family who may need such help particularly if the cost-of-living upsurge continues. All approaches will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

We have recently received a request from the Parish Council as to whether any land within the Charity’s ownership could be made available for use as a burial ground if the churchyard is closed for future burials. The Trustees are exploring the possibilities/practicalities with its lawyer and land agent.

At the AGM our long-standing clerk, Philip Robson, announced that he was retiring from practice as a solicitor. We have engaged Philip’s old practice, Chattertons, to continue to provide clerking services on a temporary basis until a new Clerk can be found. We will shortly be advertising the position.

Nigel Clough

May 2025

Good Neighbours Report for Bainton & Ashton Parish Council 8th May 2025

Name of Parish Council	Bainton & Ashton Parish Council
Commencement of Associate Membership	2021/22
Area – GP Surgery	Lakeside Stamford *tbc
Nominated Trustee	Susie Lucas
Lead Volunteer	None assigned – GNRP central team manage and co-ordinate the service for the parish.

Annual Membership Fee	£FREE 22/23 & 24/25 - £165 25/26
Households	132
Number of current Registered Volunteers	3 (plus 4 in surrounds, who assist in covering parish and across neighbouring villages)
2024: <u>Overall support</u> across 15 parish members	1600 support hours, fulfilling over 1200 support sessions, the most frequent being for befriending and transport to medical appointments and shopping.
Bainton & Ashton **data from 2 systems, and under review – estimated for the purpose of this report.	<p>Across 2024: Estimated due to reporting changes, and capturing whole area/postcodes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 registered clients • 15 121 support occasion • 18 Transport
Activity 2025/26	
<p>The focus of this coming year is to extend the support we can give in member parishes, in both 121 support in the home, transport to medical and social isolation.</p> <p>In Bainton & Ashton we will be reaching out to and work more closely with GPs, and running a campaign to recruit additional volunteers and clients.</p> <p>We also aim to work with each parish to identify needs in the community, and how GNRP might support those.</p>	

Overview:

Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough, was set up as a charity in October 2020, with the objective of relieving the needs of the poor, sick, elderly, and disabled residents of the rural areas of Peterborough. Our primary aim is to keep people well and safe in their own home for longer. The Charity is now operational in 15 Parish Council areas in the rural areas of Peterborough.

Rural communities often face unique challenges, including isolation, limited access to services, and a lack of social opportunities. Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough (GNRP) is a local initiative dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for rural Peterborough residents by promoting community support and volunteering. Working in partnership with parishes, and health providers, the non-emergency, community-led charity enriches the lives of vulnerable, lonely, or isolated individuals in the rural areas of Peterborough.

The Charity objectives focus upon reducing social isolation and loneliness and improving health and wellbeing to support continued independence. Our main activities include:

1. Organisational Development. GNRP is a young organisation and work is ongoing to
 - publicise and promote the Charity's activities across the rural communities of Peterborough.
 - evaluate need and monitor impact of activities.
 - develop efficient communication with parish councils, volunteers, community members and partner organisations via our website and social media.
 - Provide administrative support for the wider Peterborough parish council network by hosting quarterly meetings and Working Group meetings.
2. Recruitment, training and support for community volunteers.
3. Support activities provided by community volunteers to residents include befriending; supported leisure activities, such walking or access to Warm Hubs; sitting service for housebound residents, transport to medical appointments; short term/ one off household support such as basic DIY and shopping.
4. Developing Partnerships to improve support provision. This includes working with statutory and voluntary sector organisations such as GP Practices and their social prescribers, NHS, Adult Social Services as well as British Red Cross, Dementia Care Services, Age UK and Carers and includes:

- Signposting and referrals to ensure the most appropriate service provides support and avoids duplication.

We are hoping to achieve a well-known and respected organisation providing a quality service to those in need. Our achievements will relate to 4 key objectives:

- 1 Develop a sustainable organisation with a wide range of associate members
 - Increased understanding of the needs of people in rural Peterborough,
 - Increased awareness of GNRP within the rural parishes of Peterborough and understanding of the benefits of our support and achievements leading to an increase in the number of associate members. Parish councils feel well supported through administrative support provided and the new working group developing local priorities.
 - Implementation of a new business plan and fundraising strategy with successful applications for further funding for the next 3 years made.
- 2 increased number and range of volunteers.
 - Volunteering opportunities will have been promoted across parishes. Number of volunteers and skills available increased.
 - Volunteers feel well trained and supported and are positively engaged with a good retention rate achieved.
- 3 Relieve the needs of the poor, sick, elderly or disabled residents of rural parishes
 - Appropriate activities meeting the needs and wishes of local parish residents will have been offered and provided where needed.
 - Clients will feel less lonely and less socially isolated and will show improvements in health and wellbeing.
4. Improved partnerships with statutory, voluntary and community services.
 - Meetings and events attended developing a wider range of partnership opportunities.
 - Increased number of referrals received from partner organisations as well as an increase in the number of referrals made from GNRP to local services.

Residents can access services by calling or emailing the central 'Help' team, who then work with the client, and/or family to register their requirements and liaise with local volunteers to secure support.

By working together, we can create a stronger, more connected rural community in Peterborough.

t: 07765 552073 e: help@goodneighboursrp.org.uk www.goodneighboursrp.org.uk

Anglian Water and Flood Mitigation Group

The representative who attended gave an update on the ongoing work and activities helping to improve the situation locally. He reported the sewer network being at 100% capacity and that work had been completed at a property having internal and external issues with sewage. An idea to mitigate the risks further by having a large overflow container at above ground level on the verge was rejected and alternatives are being explored. The pumping station is up to capacity and fully functioning. Regular multi-agency flood meetings are helping to inform Councillors across the ward of activity and issues. A flood mitigation group looks at the issues happening all over the villages and tries to work with nature to prevent major flooding in future.