

# Sewage Nightmares

## ACUTE SEWAGE AND FLOODING PROBLEMS PLAGUE RESIDENTS

The Parish Council is concerned about the serious sewage and flooding issues residents are experiencing. We have escalated the matter to senior executives at Yorkshire Water (YW), as this is the organisation responsible for providing an adequate sewerage system for the village. YW representatives have been out multiple times in the last couple of weeks. We have also spoken to ERYC and our Ward Councillors, not just about what is going on with the sewage now, but also about the flooding more generally.

Obviously, the water table is exceptionally high, which means the problems that we are facing are very acute. The surface water is draining into the sewers, which causes them to overload. As our climate changes and we get more rain, the drains and sewerage system in Newbald are proving totally inadequate. We can assure you that we are campaigning for both short term emergency measures and long-term remedial action to be carried out. Unfortunately, we are not the only parish suffering with problems of surface water, overflowing drains and sewage leaks, so YW's resources are stretched. You will appreciate there is no overnight solution for this. Any work to upgrade the sewerage system to the standard required will be a major and expensive undertaking. However, it needs to be done.

It will help if we can demonstrate the extent of public unhappiness. Please take the time to report to YW how you are being impacted on 0345 1242424. You could also contact Ofwat ([Ofwat.gov.uk](http://Ofwat.gov.uk)) and CCW ([ccwater.org.uk](http://ccwater.org.uk)) as they can bring pressure to bear on YW. The Environment Agency is keen to hear about any sewage leaks into the beck. Please let them know on 0800 807060. They are keeping a log to use as evidence to force YW to improve the sewerage system. Many thanks to Cllr. Beccy O'Sullivan, Cllr. John Howard and Jack Marshall for their hard work lobbying on the village's behalf. Jack has set up a [Whatsapp group](#) for residents to share relevant information.



### SOUTH NEWBALD ROAD

#### NEW STREETLIGHT INSTALLED

After receiving many requests, and having consulted with nearby residents, we decided to install a new streetlight on South Newbald Road at the bottom of Trundlegate. This part of the village has always been particularly dark, and we are pleased that pedestrians and motorists will now feel much safer here. We know from past surveys that many residents do not want any extra streetlights in the village, but we felt that this one light was particularly important. We always must strike a balance between safety and minimising light pollution. Thank you to Cllr. Geoff Lewis for his hard work on this project.



### PROJECT GREEN

#### NATIVE TREES PLANTED

After securing funding, we have planted 19 large saplings around the village - at the Church, Village Hall, cemetery, the Mires, the Little Beckies and on Trundlegate. We hope to plant many more soon as part of "Project Green Newbald", which will see us playing our part in protecting the environment for future generations.

### DOG FOULING

#### NEW DETERRENTS

We have ordered four permanent signs to go near the four main entrances to the village - Westgate, South Newbald Road, Beverley Road and Burgate. These will remind negligent dog owners of the importance of picking up after their pets. Let's keep Newbald clean and safe.

### INTENSIVE PIG FARM DOWN CLIFFE ROAD

#### U-TURN SEES FULL PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

Despite our best efforts, and after initially turning it down, ERYC has granted permission for the pig farm to go ahead. While we normally support rural businesses, we consider this development to be inappropriate. It will be detrimental to the environment, wildlife, residential amenity, existing businesses and the highway. One resident is pursuing a judicial review to challenge ERYC's handling of the case. Her legal arguments are strong. We fully support her.

## PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES

## COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We are sad to say goodbye to Cllr. Simon Dongray-Burke who has chosen to leave us. We would like to say a big thank you to him for his years of help and support. He has made a very valuable contribution to the Parish Council and will be greatly missed.

If you would like to join Newbald Parish Council, please contact us to register your interest. Further information about the role is available on our website. The Clerk or any councillor would be very happy to answer any questions you may have. We are a friendly bunch and look forward to welcoming a new person onboard soon.

## KEEPING NEWBALD TIDY

## CAN YOU DO YOUR BIT?

While we do not have enough volunteers to form an official "Village Tidy" group, we would like to encourage residents to look after the section of roads outside their houses and more widely if possible. If we all carry out small tasks as we notice them, we could make a big difference to Newbald.

NPC would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Dave Brook for the many hours you selflessly dedicate to help keep Newbald clean and tidy.

## WHAT NEEDS DOING?

Many of you have expressed appreciation for the recent work we have done to edge some of the roadside footpaths. As part of our mission to improve the look of the village, please let us know of any maintenance jobs you feel would be beneficial. We will do what we can within budgetary constraints.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

## FEASIBILITY STUDY DONE

The feasibility study looking at the Newbald Community Renewable Energy Scheme has shown that it is currently not viable. However, this may change in the medium term so we will keep an eye on the situation. Thank you to everyone who took part. For further details, please see the website.

## NYPP - CHURCH ROOMS

## EXCITING FACELIFT PLANNED FOR THE ROOMS

NYPP has recently secured funding from Sober Hill Wind Farm to begin the first phase of our exciting renovation project to bring the old Church Rooms into the 21st Century! The project involves a full facelift to the main hall including new lighting, furniture, and arcade games. (See illustration below.) We are also on the lookout for a bigger pool table so please get in touch if you hear of anything that might be suitable. Thank you to everyone who has provided input and feedback during our planning process.



*Planned facelift for the hall in the Church Rooms.*

As the youth club can't presently meet face to face, we're running weekly Zoom meetings which have proved to be great fun and very successful - but we still cannot wait until we can open our doors again and restart all our youth club activities including a new Friday night session for senior school age people. We are also having discussion about starting a new toddler group, if this is something you'd be interested in attending please get in touch. Thank you to everyone who has continued to pay their subs throughout lockdown - your support is very much appreciated.

To give a little back to the community, we're running a Meals on Wheels style service during the month of March. Aimed at older members of the community who may live alone, or those who currently find it a challenge to make a home cooked meal, the service will include a nutritious, freshly cooked 2 course meal, delivered to your home. All meals will be cooked at the old Church Rooms, where we have recently installed two new ovens, following strict social distancing and Covid safe guidelines. We have capacity for more orders so if you'd like a copy of the menu and order details please contact Emma on 07852 226761.

We're also holding a **Pop-up Pizza Café on Friday 26th March**, to celebrate the end of school term. Menu & order details to follow.

For more information about all our activities please check out our social media channels:

Insta: @theroomsnewbald Facebook: @NYPP16 Twitter: @NYPP16 or you can email us at Newbaldypp@outlook.com.



## SOBER HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

## AWARDS MADE IN FEBRUARY 2021

**Newbald Village Hall** has been granted £5,549.71 towards the refurbishment of the Hall roof and exterior walls.  
**St. Nicholas' Church** has been awarded £3,349.80 towards important stonework restoration.  
**Newbald Young People's Project** has been granted £7,920.00 towards the refurbishment of the main hall.

*Below: Emma Hibbs wraps cakes ready for Newbald Natter home deliveries.*



## NEWBALD NATTER

### DELIVERING DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES

Despite not being able to hold our regular face to face Natter sessions, our fantastic volunteers continue to bake and deliver scrummy, homemade cakes & bakes on 2nd Thursday of the month. We cast our net a bit wider in February so if you unexpectedly received a yummy parcel, we hope you managed to enjoy with a nice hot cuppa. A big thank you to all our volunteers who kindly donate their time to show others we're thinking of them. If you would like to be included on our rounds, please call Emma on 07852 226761 to register.

## FRIENDS OF NEWBALD SCHOOL- FONS

### FUN COVID SAFE EASTER EGG HUNT

FONS are not able to hold their usual Easter Egg Hunt this year but we are arranging a free Covid-safe egg hunt just for fun, which will run right over the Easter Holidays from the 27<sup>th</sup> March to the 12 April. The map and more information will be made available via [Facebook on Friends Of Newbald Primary School](#) and other pages, as well as the Nextdoor site. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.



## NEWBALD WI

### TALKS AND ACTIVITIES AROUND

Newbald WI has succeeded in keeping contact with its members by using technology. We have held Coffee mornings, Book clubs, Craft clubs and Speaker meetings on Zoom.

In January Gill Killeen showed us how to decorate wooden kitchen items using Pyrography - etching patterns using a heated stylus.

In February Rev Francis Loftus gave us an illuminating talk about "Meeting with a Maharajah". He explained how he was asked by a mutual friend to assist the Maharajah's daughter set up a Senior school in Jaipur. He was treated to an all-expenses paid trip and entertained by the Jaipur Royal family. We were shown slides of the Royal palaces and surrounding areas.

In March Hannah is giving us a taste of Yoga to relax us all in these uncertain times.

A fortnight later Mary Wells is showing us how to paint a Watercolour scene.

We will be kept busy with all our activities as we continue to support the People's Pantry in Market Weighton and we are sewing and knitting for various charities.



Although we miss physically meeting our friends, Zoom enables us to keep social contact in a warm, safe environment.

## NEWBALD VILLAGE HALL

### RESTORATION WORK TO IMPROVE THE MAIN HALL



NEWBALD VILLAGE HALL

Covid restrictions and the weather have taken the optimism out of many, but not your committee at Newbald Village Hall. Although closed, via Zoom meetings, we have been busy thinking how best to look after your 'hub'. A building survey we had done advised us to consider re-roofing the main hall. (Felt has a life expectancy of 17 years and it has not been touched since the Hall was built in the 1970s!) The wooden boarded exterior walling is also beyond repair and needs replacing. We intended to do all this alongside an extension for additional storage and a dedicated bar but, as most funding for capital projects is supporting Covid issues, we were unsure we would secure the necessary funding at this time. However, funding is available for restoration work. We applied to ACRE who have given up to 20% of certain costs and have agreed to award us £10,000 towards this work. The roof and walling work totals around £48,500. Newbald Village Hall was awarded over £15,000 from ERYC and government funds to keep our charity going with no income over the pandemic, which will go some way to the costs. We are applying now to other funders for support. It's no good having a Newbald hub where the fabric of the building is decaying! We are hoping for success in getting this work done before next winter ... and we know we can rely on your support as always and that you will keep your fingers crossed we achieve the funding required.

We are all longing to reopen Newbald Village Hall, start new classes and restart old ones, listen to live music again and join in a good cake and natter. We have had internal electric doors installed and the lobby and kitchen have had a lick of paint. Our lights are up and working in the car park and Sancton Wind Farm Fund has awarded us funds to install security cameras on site. Newbald Parish Council has given us a Cherry tree planted at the front. Let's hope the blossom will herald a Spring reopening!

Again, thank you for your support, stay optimistic and stay safe.  
Newbald Village Hall Committee



## NPFA NEW FENCE

The NPFA again has not much to report. Sadly, we have no events planned for 2021 due to current government guidelines.

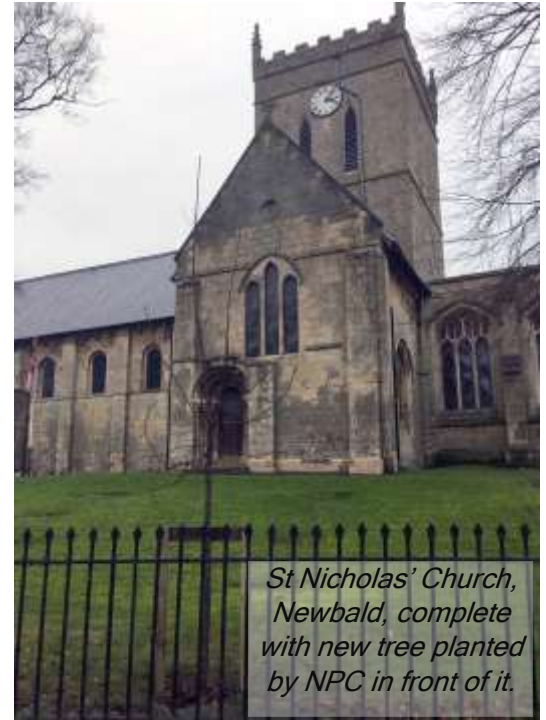
Although unable to have meetings, we will continue to maintain the playing field and playground. We have secured funding to install a new perimeter fence around the playground. This has been achieved through Sober Hill Wind Farm, ERYC and Sancton Hill Wind Farm for which we are extremely grateful. This is due to take place sometime this year - not sure of exact dates but will confirm through social media sites. Can we please ask for patience and understanding when we do begin this work?

We are aware of the Spring water run-off from the fields onto South Newbald Road. This is seasonal and with the recent thaw from the snow, volumes are higher than normal. As always proceed with caution during this time.

## ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH HISTORY BOOKLET RAISES FUNDS

Howard Fuller has created a booklet named "A Look Back in Time - Newbald". All profits raised will be donated to support the ongoing stonework repairs and maintenance of St. Nicholas' Church, Newbald. The 36-page booklet is packed full of historical information. It sheds new light on the village and its people during one of its greatest periods of change - its Enclosure in 1778. It also takes a new look at the history of our only Grade One listed building, St. Nicholas Church, built circa 1140.

Sales of the booklet have already been very strong, such that the first print run has already sold out. If you are interested in securing a copy, please contact Howard Fuller (author) on 07854 354648 or email [howardbfuller@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:howardbfuller@yahoo.co.uk). The price is £7.95. Many thanks to those of you that have already bought this for your support of the church. Thank you too to Howard for his dedication and hard work in creating this.



## NEW FOOD BANK DONATION POINT

A message from Harry Latham:

Did you know that this winter the Trussell Trust forecasted that there would be a 61% increase in the need for food parcels in the wake of the pandemic? My sister and I became involved with the Trussell Trust after completing the 'Reverse Advent Calendar Challenge'. With their permission I am now setting up a food bank donation point in the porch in St Nicholas' of Newbald as part of my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. They require tinned or long-life food and at the moment they also have a shortage of toiletries. (items suitable for whole family use). If you have any items to donate please place them in the trug, in the porch. If you have any questions, please call me on 801170 or email [harrylatham07@gmail.com](mailto:harrylatham07@gmail.com).

## ERYC HEALTHY LIFESTYLES-EAST RIDING RESIDENTS' SURVEY- ARE FACILITIES ADEQUATE?

ERYC is hoping to increase the health and wellbeing opportunities in the area once Covid restrictions ease. If you have opinions about what social or exercise groups you would like to see, please let the Parish Council know and we will pass that information on to the relevant team at ERYC. Thank you.

## PARISH COUNCIL- ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2021 ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Council will this year take place on Wednesday 5th May. Unfortunately, as the Covid situation is still uncertain, they will take place on Zoom. Members of the public are welcome to attend. (Please contact the Clerk for the link.) The Annual Parish Meeting is your opportunity to raise any issues or concerns you may have with Councillors and other residents. It will take place from 7pm until 7.30pm. The Annual Meeting of the Council will be directly afterwards. Our next ordinary council meeting is on 12th April, again on Zoom. The agendas for all meetings will be published nearer the time on our website and on the noticeboard on the Green.

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