

# Barton-under-Needwood Parish Council Meeting – 06.01.2022

The Figures stated below incorporate the Policing Area known as "Needwood". This incorporates the villages of Barton-under-Needwood, Catholme, Rangemore, Tatenhill and Wychnor. All figures, unless stated otherwise, incorporate a twelve month period which in this instance captures data from 23/12/2020 to 23/12/2021.

# **Crime**

#### Overall

12% increase this year compared to last year - 172 incidents last year to 193 incidents this year, an increase of 21 crimes.

# Biggest Reductions – Top Three

Drug Offences – 7 incidents last year to 4 incidents this year Theft Of Motor Vehicles – 4 incidents last year to 3 incidents this year Business Burglary – 9 incidents last year to 8 incidents this year

#### **Biggest Increase**

There has been an increase of reports of Vehicle Interference. This has risen from 1 incident last year to 6 incidents this year.

#### Pattern or Trend

Local Hot Spot locations are still being patrolled regularly with special attention being payed to Public Houses and the nuisance that comes from patrons late at night. Concerns have been raised regarding the Policing of Public Houses, although very few official reports are being made. Encourage residents to follow the proper channels and contact Police directly via 999 or 101. Contacting you PCSO via email is not the correct course of action for 999 calls.

# Focused Crime Prevention advice

# How to keep your vehicle safe and sound

Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. Here are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

#### **Always lock it**

Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured. So get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment.

#### Close windows and the sun roof to prevent 'fishing'

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say, a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Don't give them the opportunity.

# Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws

The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

#### Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels

Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle's wheels being stolen.

### Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle

Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tools chests, which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still, don't leave things in them if you can avoid it.

#### Take it with you or hide it

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what's stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

#### **Hide electrical items and leave no clues**

Leaving Sat Nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. Even if they can't see the Sat Nav or iPad they might still break in to see if it's stored in the car, out of sight.

#### **Tool theft from vans**

Vans are often targeted by thieves for the tools stored inside. If you have to leave tools in a van overnight, it's a good idea to mark them clearly with your name / company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are less desirable and more difficult to sell on.

Consider using a lockable cabinet within your van to store tools – a number of security rated products are available. Small cameras are also designed to record inside vehicles.

You can also take photographs of items of value, make a note of the serial numbers and consider registering them online at a property register site like Immobilise External Link.

# Park in well-lit and busier areas

It can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle. Parking in well-lit areas and busy streets increases the chances of a thief being seen, so they'll probably steer clear.

#### Take your documents with you

Having a vehicle's registration and insurance documents could let a thief pretend to be the owner. Which means they could sell it on quite easily. So, never leave any documents in the vehicle.

## **Choose your car park wisely**

If possible, always try to park in well-lit and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award.

## **ASB**

#### Overall

Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour have decreased over the year from 75 incidents last year to 49 incidents this year, a decrease of 35%.

# **Biggest Reduction**

There has been a decrease in reports of Substance Misuse -1 incident last year to 0 incidents this year

# **Biggest Increase**

There has been an increase in reports of Environmental Damage and Littering – 1 incident last year to 2 incidents this year

# **HOT Spot Locations**

The following areas are being patrolled as per our current patrol plan: Holland Park Sports Club, adjacent car parks and drive ways, the fishpond, Collinson Road Park and Oak Road Shops are all being patrolled as part of our Anti-Social Behaviour Patrol Plan. Also the industrial estates / business premises are being regularly patrolled. Special attention is being payed to the local Public Houses due to concerns being raised by the public, although very few reports have been made officially to Police. Without official Police reports being made little action can be taken. Encourage residents to contact Police directly so that any available officer can deal with it as soon as possible, rather than waiting for a PCSO who may be off duty.

# **Community engagement**

Contact details of the Ward Team are:-

- PCSO Tim Leathers <u>timothy.leathers@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk</u>
- PC John MacDonald john.macdonald@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk
- Sgt Helen Kirkland <u>helen.kirkland@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk</u>

#### **Smart Alert**

Be SMART and Keep Updated – Get FREE, Localised Crime Alerts and Community Safety advice by utilising the Staffordshire Smart Alert App. This is available FREE and is available for both Apple and Android devices. You can also get Email alerts through the following website; <a href="https://www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs//">www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs//</a>

#### Digital 101

Digital 101 means that Members of the public can now report non-emergency incidents or make general enquires to Staffordshire Police through the force's main Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Staffordshire Police is one of the first forces to facilitate crime reporting through social media and this development supports the force's ongoing work to develop new and more convenient ways for the public to make contact with the police, anywhere, any time. It's also the latest development in the force's transformational programme, following the launch of its new operating model last summer.

Staffordshire Police is committed to providing the best possible service to the communities it serves and to delivering a modern police service reflective of modern-day needs.

The service launched on 4th March 2019 and is available to the public 7am – midnight, seven days a week. Members of the public can contact the force through its Facebook Account using the message facility or Facebook Messenger, Twitter users can Direct Message us via the Staffordshire Police Twitter Account @StaffsPolice

Barton Parish Council			S. Rumsby	RFO	06-Jan-22								
Budget v Receipts & Paymo	ents 2021-22												
	2020-2021		2021-2022			2022-2023							
Local Authority Precept	64,893		63,876			75,500							
Danainta	Last Year	Budget	Actual to	Year End	Budget Diff	Budget	Durdenst Diff	0/	RF	FO Comments			
Receipts Total	2020-2021 57,533	2021-22 58,523	date 48,764	Projection 68,364	9,841	2022-23 40,815		% variance -30.26					
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Local Authority Grant/Other	1,865 11,531	1,865 12,000			5,520	1,865 12,000				ased on average year proje	-4:		
Burial Ground Allotments	1,268	1,613			-119	1,538				ased on average year proje	CHOIS		
Fishing	1,821	1,700				3,000							
Interest	407	100				3,000				terest rates low			
Holland Sports Club Lease	175	200			0	200				0% insurance premium			
Grants	14,254	18,000				0			10	770 Insurance premium			
VAT Reimbursement	6,040	7,500			-1,500	6,500							
Car Park	8,503	8,545			137	8,682				aintenance charge to Co-or	Store increase bas	sed on CPI dated	d May
Village Hall	7,428	7,000			3,022	7,000				cludes staff costs contra, n			,
Other	4,241	0			31	0				iscellaneous refunds		1	
Payments Payments	<u>Last Year</u> 2020-2021	Budget 2021-2022	Actual to date	Year End Projection	Budget Diff	Budget 2022-23 Draft	Budget Diff	% variance	RF	FO Comments			
Total	400 405	400.005	404.050	444 700	20,400								
Staff costs	120,495 48,423	108,365 51,171	101,658 38,008	144,793 65,156	36,428 13,985	116,293 52,671	7,928 1,500	7.32 2.93		JC rates awaited, increase	n NI contributions 9	minimum/living	wade
Employer Contributions	2,223	31,171	30,000	05,150	13,903	32,071	1,500	2.93	INU	oc rates awaited, increase	II INI COMMIDUMONS &	THIRIIIIIII	wage
Admin / T&D/Professional	9,033	11.000	7.929	Ü		11.000	0	0.00	Su	ubs. office supplies, rent. pl	one, stationery, pos	stage, insurance	, website, T&D, audit, legal
Election	1,875	1,875				1,875				stimated costs towards futu			,,,,
Burial Ground	2,177	2,000	1,370	2,000	0	2,100	100	5.00	Co	ommittee projections			
Donations & S137 payments	433	500	369	500	0	500	0	0.00	Ва	ased on previous years exp	enditure		
Capital Expenditure	23,563	4,000			0	3,000				quipment replacement			
Maintenance / Repairs )	1,918	2,500			0	2,500							
General	94	1,000			986	500				PC payments		4 1 000	
Lengthsman	836 7,962	1,500 13,280			986	2,508 17,300				vo lengthsmen employed a ee P&OS report 4/11/21	nd increase in living	wage April 2022	2
Parks & Open Spaces Allotments	1,016	2,339			0	2,439				ommittee projections plus re	nt and water hills		
Fishpond	2,834	3,000		3,000	0	5,500			Se	ee P&OS report 4/11/21	and water bills		
Car Park	2,697	1,000			200	1,200							
Village Enhancement	0	1,000			0	1,000			Inc	cludes provision for Commi	ınity Archive, Better	Barton Live & v	illage events
Other Projects	1,573	0			18,751	0							
Bank Charges	156	200		200	0	200							
VAT	7,948	6,000		7,000	1,000	6,000							
Village Hall contra	5,734	6,000	4,379	7,506	1,506	6,000	0	0.00					
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Precept 2022-2023	76,000		Bank Balan		31-Dec-21					Earmarked Future Prov	ision 2021-22		
Less Projected Payments	116,293		Lloyds Curre		2,000.00					Ring-fenced Reserves			
Draw on Reserves	-40,293		Lloyds Depo	sit A/C	60,269.34					Car Park Maintenance &	Resurface	£35,000.00	
D :	40.015		Lloyds High	interest A/C	450.00				-	Buriel Consultation 11 1		05 000 00	
Projected Income	40,815 <b>522</b>		Petty Cash National Sav	dings	150.00 73,846.60				-	Burial Ground remedial v Green Spaces projects	VOTKS	£5,000.00 £3,000.00	
Projected Surplus/Deficit	522		ivational 3a	viirya	13,040.00				-	Brook Clearance funds (	SCC)	£3,000.00 £426.80	
Working Capital	62,309		Less unnres	ented cheque	110.00				+	Election expenses	300)	£5,625.00	
General Reserve	73,847			outstanding	- 10.00							20,020.00	
Ring-fenced Reserves	49,052			Total	136,155.94							£49,051.80	
Minimum Reserve	37,000												
Net Funds	50,104												
PRECEPT CALCULATION Net Expenditure less Grant for	rom ESBC = Pr	ecept divid	ed by Taxba	se = Average	Band D Parish	Tax Rate							
	Expenditure	stimated Gran	Precept	Taxbase	Parish Rate					Diff %			
2022/2023	77865.00	1865	76000.00	1958.4	38.81					5.93 18.03			
2021/2022	65740.98	1865	63875.98	1942.7	32.88					0.00 0.00			
2020/2021	66758.28	1865	64893.28	1973.7	32.88					2.99 10			
2019/2020	60081.75	1865	58216.75	1947.7	29.89								

# Barton under Needwood Parish Council - Receipts and Payments Summary

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Total Spend

General payments

2021-2022 Receipts	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total to Date
Rents	825.00			43.75	16.67	0.00	0.00				0.00		1,493.75
Interest	0.50			0.53	0.53		0.59				0.00		4.76
ESBC	31,937.99				0.00						0.00		63,875.98
Burial Ground	2,150.00				1,580.00						0.00		10,220.00
Fishpond	630.00		i	350.00	661.10		1		<b>†</b>	70.00	0.00	0.00	3,586.31
VAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Car Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,682.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,682.00
BVH Sal, Tax & NIC	544.57	586.49	575.17	593.93	600.95	684.01	572.77	543.97	1,144.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,846.35
Other	5.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.89
Grants/donations	0.00	0.00	14,500.00	25.00	10.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,035.00
Total Income	36,093.95	1,716.98	18,109.22	1,013.21	2,869.25	34,617.47	1,988.36	11,046.55	3,250.05	70.00	0.00	0.00	110,775.04
Payments													Total to Date
Bank Charges	11.25	7.85	23.25	24.10	0.00	8.95	17.60		11.10	14.70	0.00	0.00	135.35
Salaries & Wages	2,953.49	2,726.80	2,720.66	2,963.00	2,727.80	2,954.09	2,799.08	2,790.17	3,300.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,935.78
HMRC	951.66	1,129.60	1,029.80	1,014.82	1,178.36	1,042.52	1,290.64	1,039.34	1,003.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,680.08
Nest Pensions	256.81	280.51	258.68	258.70	280.51	258.68	280.51	258.68	258.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,391.76
Admin	746.82	275.85	2,877.62	642.25	89.99	894.66	708.68	1,327.04	305.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,868.53
Burial Ground	388.34	11.99	33.34	445.22	299.06	16.67	33.39	16.67	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,369.68
Allotments	0.00	0.00	38.38	13.94	223.82	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	401.14
Fishpond	718.55	782.50	0.00	521.48	133.16	300.00	560.25	112.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,128.44
Donations & S137	85.70	0.00	0.00	50.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	113.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	368.70
Parks & Open Spaces	414.23	1,502.63	902.85	3,492.85	1,127.76	1,765.41	1,111.12	1,092.85	120.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,529.88
Capital Expenditure	0.00	0.00	315.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,752.48	0.00	436.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,504.51
Maintenance & Repair	30.12	0.00	0.00	50.00	120.00	0.00	195.69	0.00	1,088.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,484.44

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Barton under Needwood Pa	rish Council	Bank Reco	ncil	iation as per	statements at:		31-Dec-21
Lloyds Current A/C			£	2,000.00			
Lloyds Deposit (Instant Acces	s) A/C		£	60,269.34			
National Savings			£	73,846.60			
Petty Cash			£	150.00			
Total Bank Balances						£	136,265.94
Add Credits not on Statement							
					£0.00	£	136,265.94
Less unpresented payments:-							
		3426		50.00			
		0.20		30.00			
				30.00			
					£110.00	£	136,155.94
Opening Balances :-	Pank Sta	tements as at	210	March 2021			
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Lloyds Current A/C	£	2,001.00					
Lloyds Deposit A/C	£	56,534.85					
National Savings	£	73,846.60					
Petty Cash	£	150.00					
Parish Council -		Total	£	132,532.45			
Add Receipts to date	£	112,570.04					
Less Expenditure to date		108,946.55					
Total Cash and Investments a	s at -		£	136,155.94			
					<u>Difference</u>	£	0.00
RFO, S. Rumsby							

															Budget
	Budget	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total to Date	Remaining
Burial Ground	2,000.00	388.34	11.99	33.34	445.22	299.06	16.67	33.39	16.67	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,369.68	630.32
Allotments	2,339.00	0.00	0.00	38.38	13.94	223.82	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	401.14	1,937.86
Fishpond	3,000.00	718.55	782.50	0.00	521.48	133.16	300.00	560.25	112.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,128.44	-128.44
Parks & Open Spaces	13,280.00	414.23	1,502.63	902.85	3,492.85	1,127.76	1,765.41	1,111.12	1,092.85	120.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,529.88	1,750.12
VEC	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00

Barton under Needwood	Parish Council - Scheduled Payments	presented to Full Coun	cil	Item 6.1
		£	£	£
Payee		Value Gross	VAT	NET
Salaries total		4,482.75		4,482.75
Nest		301.51		301.51
HMRC		1,411.48		1,411.48
Mitmark	Collinson park CCTV	96.00	16.00	80.00
S van Daesdonk	Chairmans expenses	89.45		89.45
Eon	Annual maintenance charges	1,045.31		
Eon	Collinson park CCTV	40.18	1.91	38.27
Source for Business	Water Burial Ground	91.90		91.90
Source for Business	Water Allotments	238.63		238.63
SSE	Electric Fishpond	128.37	6.11	122.26
Hardy Signs	3 x lockable casings N'boards	1,404.00	234.00	1,170.00
Lloyds	Bank Charges	£ 14.70		14.70
S. Gaynor	Fence replacement St James Gdn	£ 274.00		274.00
		Total Net Payments		8,314.95



PLANNING – All matters have been referred to the Planning Committee and their comments appear in italics below, the Committee meet fortnightly 5pm, in the Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall. Please contact the clerk for dates should you wish to attend any Planning Meetings

- 01470 112 Park Road: Erection of a single storey rear extension, front porch and conversion of part of existing garage and utility room, including raising of height to form additional living accommodation Cllrs have no objection to this and commend the front porch roof pitch for matching that of the main roof.
- 01433 114 Main Street: Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a Minor Material Amendment to planning permission P/2019/01366 relating to the demolition of existing outbuilding/garage and single storey attached flat roof extension to facilitate the erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension and erection of a glazed canopy without complying with Condition 2 by way of increasing the size of the single storey element of the proposed extension and additional windows and rooflight no objections
- 01519 70 Church Lane: Conversion of existing garage into additional living accommodation and store with associated roof alterations and installation of roof light to existing roof no objections
- 01336 JTHS replacement classrooms further additional information from architects to address BPC concerns –
  The Planning Committee note that the further information supplied contains photographs which indicate that this is a revised
  application for a building already constructed and as such is unlikely to be required to be changed in any way. We do not see
  this as a reason to modify our original objections
- 01497 11 Westmead Road: Erection of single storey side and rear extensions, front porch and rear dormer extension We object to this application. We are concerned that this proposed extension is not in keeping with the character of the area. Policy SP24 requires any proposal to display high quality design and contribute positively to the area. The height and scale proposed would conflict with DP1 and the bulk and mass would have an unnecessarily overbearing impact on the neighbouring property, contrary to DP3
- 01473 Land South of, Ashcroft House, Small Meadows: Change of use of land to equestrian (Sui Generis) & erection of stable block with associated concrete apron for private use No objection to this application but if approved we would like to see as a condition a requirement that no further substantial development is allowed on this site without submission of a further planning application.
- 01569 Deer House, Dunstall Road : Cut back from building to give a 2.5 3m radial clearance to one Sycamore tree (T1) no objections
- Consultation on Removal of Permitted Development Rights from C3 (Dwelling House) to C4 (Small House of Multiple Occupation) in Burton on Trent 8/12/21 – 17/1/22
- 01596 43 Fallowfield Drive: Demolition of existing garage to facilitate the erection of a single storey side extension and front porch We have no objection to this proposal but are concerned about the materials described in the application. This shows red brick for the extension and red brick for the existing building. The houses on this development are of a lightish brown brick rather than what is usually described as red. There should be a requirement for the bricks and tiles of the extension to match those of the existing building. We suggest suitable samples are provided prior to construction commencing
- 01580 70 The Green: Erection of a single storey rear extension and erection of a rear dormer to facilitate additional living accommodation no objections
- 01505 Errisbeg House, Barton Turn : Erection of a cabin to be used as a dog grooming salon (Sui Generis)
- 01664 7 Holly Road : Erection of a single storey side and front extension including pitched roof over existing flat roof

#### ESBC Decisions - Permissions

- 01295 227 Efflinch Lane: Erection of single storey front and rear extensions
- 01406 63 Causer Road: Conversion of existing detached garage to form additional living accommodation and driveway
  extension
- 01336 John Taylor High School: Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a Minor
  Material Amendment of planning permission P/2021/00076 relating to the erection of a single storey detached building to
  form 8 classrooms including removal of existing 3 no double classroom modular units without complying with Condition 2 by
  way of amendments to modular unit drawings.

# CORRESPONDENCE as circulated to Council

#### 7.1. GENERAL

- 7.1.1. Residents concerns re removal of bins at Barton Marina Clerk responded
- 7.1.2. Response from Rolleston on Dove PC regarding planning matters in conservation areas.
- 7.1.3. Request for letter of support St James Church railings application (non financial support)
- 7.1.4. Copy letter of residents concerns raised with Cllr Jessel re flooding Main Street.
- 7.1.5. St James Church Christmas Star in need of replacement, meeting suggested.

#### 7.2. SCC/HIGHWAYS

7.2.1. Cllr Jessel: reports and communications, funding opportunities

#### 7.3. *ESBC*

- 7.3.1. Gambling Policy Consultation
- 7.3.2. Update regarding Bellways S106 land and the Queen's Canopy
- 7.3.3. Notification of Association of Democratic Officers' petition to campaign for remote meetings

#### 7.4. POLICE

7.4.1. Report

#### 7.5. SPCA/NALC/SLCC

7.5.1. SPCA – Newsletters, training circulars

#### 7.1.2

From: Adrian Wedgwood <xxxxx

Date: 11 December 2021 at 10:03:57 GMT

To: svd

Subject: Churchyard Railings
Reply-To: Adrian Wedgwood <xxxx

Dear Sue,

Following our discussion I'd be grateful for the Parish Council's formal support for the repair & restoration project for St. James' churchyard railings so that these can match the Council's major improvements to the War Memorial & village centre Conservation area and the visual amenity benefit for the whole community of Barton under Needwood.

It is understood that legislation prevents the Council from providing financial support.

I am keen to include the Council's letter of support with applications made in January onwards to grant making bodies and am aiming to get the work done in 2022.

Regards.

Adrian Wedgwood

Name: Adrian Wedgwood

Organisation: St James Barton PCC

Telephone: xxxx Email: xxxx Comments

Dear Siobhan, I am leading a project for the PCC to renovate, repair the 50+ areas of damage, restore, strip & repaint the wrought iron railings & pedestrian gates around the churchyard from Church Lane along Main Street up to the recently renovated gateway to Main Street. Quotations from specialist contractors indicate this work to complement the Parish Council's impressive improvements to 'the square' & war memorial will cost some £38k including VAT. Having canvassed opinion this major project is believed to be beyond the abilities & resources of volunteers. I am therefore pursuing various organisations to seek grant aid as St James' has other higher priority projects taking our limited financial resources connected with the maintenance of our Listed buildings. Without full grant aid this railings project cannot proceed. Following discussions with your Chair I understand that your Council is unable to assist financially with this. Please could I ask if your Council could assist our grant applications with a letter indicating your enthusiastic support for this project that will be of substantial visual amenity benefit to our Community? I am confident of obtaining consents for this 'like for like' restoration from Lichfield Diocese & ESBC Planning within the Conservation Area. I would be grateful if such a letter, addressed to me at St James Barton PCC could be provided as a matter of urgency as I have several applications in progress that are seeking that evidence of community support. If grant aid is forthcoming I aim to complete the project in time for Remembrance in November this year. Thank you for your help. Adrian Wedgwood St James Barton PCC project manager

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From: Vic Trigwell

**Date:** 6 January 2022 at 10:53:00 GMT **To:** Clerk, SVD cc: L Young, Rev Andy

Subject: Church/Village Star

Reply-To: Vic Trigwell

Hi Susanne and Siobhan,

The star on the tower comes to the end of its Christmas duties tonight, so hopefully you will kindly make the usual payments.

You may recall that a couple of years ago I raised the issue that the star is getting quite old now (about 15 years) and I am worried that it will fail during a Christmas season. At the time you thought we should await the arrival of the new Vicar so he/she could be involved.

Before we forget about Christmas and tuck the Star cosily away in the Village Hall, I would like to register that it would be good to have a think about the issue and get ourselves organised for next Christmas. It would also be fairly easy to bring things more up to date to avoid the hazardous areas of the current system (I am not going up the tower in 15 years time!!).

It would be good to hear you views and hopefully agree to a get together of Parish Council and Church to have a chat about the future.

Many Thanks for PC help over the years.

Kind Regards

Vic