

Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report - May 2025



Chairman's Report 2024-25

Carlton is a small village in West Leicestershire about one mile north of the historic town of Market Bosworth, with a population of 300 registered electors.

This year's review covers the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 and I am pleased to report that it has been a generally quiet year within the Parish with no major incidents or problems.

For several years we have been monitoring traffic speeds and all of the data indicates that the vast majority of drivers comply with the law and I thank them all for that.

Unfortunately, however, there are always a few inconsiderate motorists who ignore the speed limits and endanger life. Our request for a 20 mph speed limit in the village was refused.

Parking on pavements is also a constant problem, the main culprits appearing to be delivery drivers, workmen and visitors. It is not an offence to park on a pavement providing sufficient space is left to allow the safe passage of pedestrians, wheelchairs and pushchairs. So please help everyone by asking your visitors to leave sufficient space or to park wholly on the road which creates a chicane and slows down traffic.



Cllr Stuart Tupling - Chairman



Cllr Robin Arnold



Cllr Judith Boston



Carlton Gardening Group

If any of you have some free time then irrespective of gardening knowledge the group welcomes willing helpers. This year they have removed overhanging trees in Little Lane and installed a second noticeboard near the Main Street/Barton Road junction, courtesy of a grant from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, plus of course all the constant maintenance tasks around the village.

The bus shelters have been treated with preservative and Market Bosworth Rotary volunteers have repainted the village seats.

Churchyard and Cemetery

The cemetery fencing has been replaced and the adjacent footpath widened. Furthermore, the stile at Westfields Farm has been replaced with a kissing gate thanks to a local authority grant, along with two other stiles in neighbouring parishes.

After many years the church gate has been repaired and a solar powered replica lamp installed above thanks to a grant from the Patston Trust. We continue to monitor the churchyard wall for structural movement.

The Horticultural & Produce Show received 67 entries which was down on the previous year, probably as a result of the bad weather. I would like to thank Bill Sharp for inaugurating the show in 2002, and welcome Judith Boston to the team.

The second Christmas lights switch-on was well attended on a miserable wet evening and raised £146 for local charities. The event was organised by 'The Friends' with entertainment from the Carlton Rock Choir.



Cllr Ian Sarson



Cllr Mick Vann



Chris Peat - Parish Clerk

The Council

The Parish Council consists of five elected unpaid volunteer Councillors supported by Chris Peat their Clerk, who is in law the Proper Officer of the Council. All Councillors are subject to the adopted Code of Conduct.

We held six meetings through the year in St Andrew's Community Hub, all open to the public. Everyone is welcome to attend, and should you have any ideas or suggestions please contact myself or a member of the team Attendance was Tupling 6, Arnold 5, Boston 5, Sarson 5, Vann 6, Clerk 6, members of the public 14. We considered 13 planning applications and were represented at four meetings of other bodies. In addition to the above, the whole Council attended a bespoke training course.

I would like to congratulate Dr Luke Evans on his re-election as our MP, and thank Mandie Bristlin for editing Carlton News and welcome Peter Gannon who has taken over.

Finally my thanks go to all of the team, the army of volunteers and all the organisations and bodies who give their expertise, time and effort to keep the village running smoothly.

Stuart G Tupling Chairman

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Financial summary for 2024-25

RECURRENT PAYMENTS	£
Clerk's salary	2250
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	1440
Clerk - reimbursement of costs	896
Insurance	415
Diamond Jubilee Orchard maintenance	386
Carlton Greens & Little Lane maintenance	532
Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show)	270
Annual subscriptions (LRALC, NALC, ICO)	324
Play equipment annual inspection & repairs	90
Payroll administration	132
Room hires	180
Bank charges	131
Audit	85
Defibrillator kiosk	110
Training	318
Christmas lighting	50
ICO registration	35
Administration / miscellaneous	35
NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS	
Replacement fencing in Cemetery Field	1000
Replacement of stile by kissing gate	748
Noticeboard at Main St/Barton Rd	907
Lamp for church gate	365
Repair of church gate	80
Total VAT on payments	666
RECEIPTS	£
Precept on H&BBC	9200
Bank interest	675
Fee income	250
Grants & financial contributions	700
VAT refunds	556
Book sales	74
Rents	1
Total receipts	11456
Brought forward at start of financial year	53179
Total of receipts and balances	64635
Total payments	11445
END OF YEAR BALANCE	53190

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2025-05 and on the Finance pages of the PC's website. The PC also runs four earmarked funds, which are not included in the figures above - one is the Parish Amenities Fund which is supported by public donations and which pays for things like printing Carlton News. Details of these funds can be found in Report 2025-07. I am happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)