

Carlton Parish Council Annual Report - May 2026

Chairman's Report 2025-26

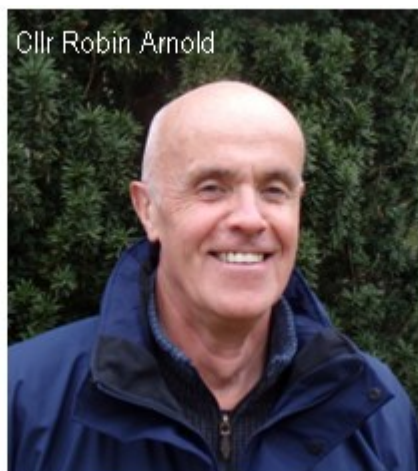
Carlton is a small rural hamlet of about 160 dwellings. We may appear to be a sleepy village but beneath the surface there is a willing army of volunteers and enthusiasts working to promote the life of the community.

Thirty-four years ago Carlton was the first local community to carry out litter picking along local roads, collecting tons of rubbish discarded predominantly by passing motorists. In addition to the litter pickers we have an enthusiastic group of gardeners who meet regularly to maintain and improve the appearance of the village by planting bulbs, cutting back trees and hedges, levelling graves and clearing pavements.

Carlton News is put together and delivered by volunteers and is attracting articles on local issues by parishioners. Local walkers help to keep our public rights of way clear of obstructions and accessible. These groups are all supported by the Parish Council and without this willing labour we would have to employ contractors paid for out of the council tax.



Carlton Rock Choir – Christmas Lights Switch-on 2025



Back in June an open gardens day was held; the weather was perfect and several hundred attendees raised funds for charity.

The annual village fete has been held in various locations for as long as I can remember. Thankfully this tradition has been continued with the formation of the Carlton Village Society. In August they ran a larger and very successful event incorporating the Horticultural & Produce Show, charity auction, musical performances, car and dog shows. The proceeds were donated to LOROS (£2,500), the Friends (£1,000) and the Parochial Church Council (£1,000).

The third Christmas Lights Switch-on event took place at the church and attendees enjoyed a rousing performance from the Carlton Rock Choir followed by light refreshments provided by the Friends of St Andrews.

Moving forward, the eastern section of the churchyard wall has been monitored for structural movement since 2018, and now needs to be rebuilt. Regrettably the tall Austrian pine tree growing near the wall will have to be removed. We are also taking the opportunity to widen the pavement, and are hoping to attract grant funding to offset some of the costs. Unfortunately the free flow of traffic along Main Street will be restricted while the works are in progress. Once again, we would appreciate some help from volunteers to carry out some of the lesser skilled tasks.

Last year the Parish Council held seven ordinary meetings plus one extraordinary meeting to review a planning application for housing and open space off Barton Road. The church was full for this meeting and the public feeling strong in supporting our objections to the proposal. I thank everyone who attended and submitted written comments to the Planning Department which strengthened their decision to refuse the development. Another example of the community pulling together when necessary.

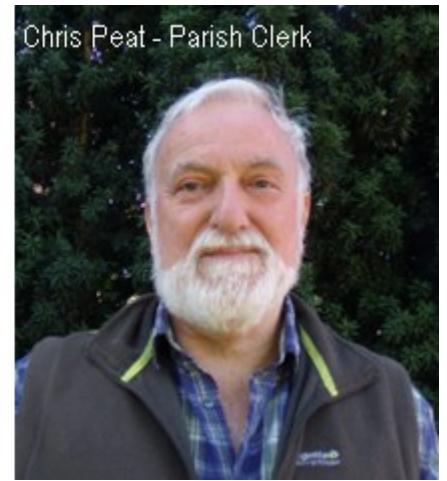
Over the past year we commented on nine planning applications and were represented at seven meetings of other bodies, including a parishes meeting arranged by Dr Luke Evans MP.



Cllr Ian Sarson



Cllr Mick Vann



Chris Peat - Parish Clerk

A second defibrillator has been installed at The Gate Hangs Well to serve the eastern end of the village, and we thank the landlords for their support and the Borough Council and the Carlton Charity Lands for grants towards the cost.

Finally my congratulations go to Josh Melen for his election to Leicestershire County Council, and my thanks to my fellow Councillors, the army of volunteers and all the organisations and bodies who give their time and energy to keep the village running smoothly.

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New defibrillator at The Gate Hangs Well

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Financial summary for 2025-26

RECURRENT PAYMENTS	£
Clerk's salary	3400
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	1484
Clerk - reimbursement of costs	834
Carlton Greens & Little Lane maintenance	548
Diamond Jubilee Orchard maintenance	477
Donations (Xmas lights, First Responders, Horticultural Show, NatureSpot)	375
Insurance	370
Annual subscriptions (LRALC, NALC, ICO)	335
Printing Carlton News	260
Room hires	192
Play equipment annual inspection & repairs	139
Payroll administration	132
Defibrillator kiosk	126
HMRC	100
Audit	90
Bank charges	76
Printing (Annual Report, Horticultural Show schedule)	56
ICO registration	47

NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS	
Defibrillator at Gate Hangs Well	1629
Churchyard wall surveys	1195
Playbark for toddlers play area	1080
Grant (Carlton Village Society)	200
Replacement batteries for Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign	176
Signage (Defibrillator, dog fouling)	141
Total VAT on payments	991

RECEIPTS	£
Precept on H&BBC	10000
Grants & financial contributions	1325
Bank interest	1095
Fee income	700
VAT refunds	666
Rents	1
Total receipts	13787
Brought forward at start of financial year	53456
Total of receipts and balances	67243
Total payments	14453

END OF YEAR BALANCE **52790**

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2026-08 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. Details of these funds can be found in Report 2026-10. I am happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)