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CARLTON NEWS

November 2026

Christmas House at The Rectory

The Christmas House will be open from 5th to 8th November in support of *In The Pink* (Breast cancer rehabilitation) and *pasic* (Above & beyond for children with cancer). Admission £10. See Diary for times.

Village Green Christmas Lights Switch-on

The Carlton Village Society will be holding a gathering on Carlton Green on Sunday 6th December at 6pm to enjoy the switch-on of the village Christmas tree lights. Please join us for the switch-on count-down with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

Diana Scott

St Andrew's Church Christmas Lights Switch-on

The Christmas illuminations in the churchyard will be switched on at 6pm on Sunday 13th December. In the church, carols and Christmas songs will be led by the Carlton Rock Choir, and mulled wine and mince pies will be served by the Friends. There will be a bucket collection with the proceeds split 50/50 between the charities *Breast Cancer Now* and the *Friends of St Andrews Church.*

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Progressive Supper

The next Progressive Supper party will be held on Saturday November 7th.
For those uninitiated amongst us, participants are requested to provide one course of a 3-course meal to 4 or 6 other people and then move on to another house for other courses. We then all meet up at the Malt Shovel (25, Main Street) courtesy of Geoff and Joanne Stratford, for cheese and further liquid refreshment. Each participant is asked to make a donation of £10 for the Friends of St Andrews, a charity which helps to maintain the fabric of the church.

This event is a great way to meet new people in the village, especially for those who have only recently taken up residence in Carlton. It is a fun, social event and not a cookery competition so, if you want to know more, please call me.

Caroline Tupling 01455 290301

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Chatter Chairs – A Different Way to Fitness
This will now be a weekly event held every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm in St Andrew's church. This is half an hour's exercise followed by a cup of tea. Everyone is welcome, no need to book. Chatter Chair classes are £3.50 provided that you live in the borough.

Whist Group is in church on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4.30pm. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book. Tuition is available if needed.

Craft Afternoon: Gill Lawrence will be leading a craft workshop on paper flowers for Christmas, in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 22nd November from 2-4pm. Places are limited and can be booked by contacting Pat Lockwood. Payment of £7.00 in advance please. This will cover all materials and refreshments.

Light a Candle: Church will be open from 9.30am-4pm on Sunday 20th December for anyone who wishes to light a candle for a loved one who will not be with them this Christmas. Names can be hung on the Christmas tree, which will be in church.

Christingle: Thursday 24th December, 5.30pm. This service marks the beginning of Christmas and is held in aid of the Children's Society, which works to help young people and families. All the money collected during the service will be sent to them. We will be telling the Christmas story and I need young people to help me. There will be a rehearsal in church on Tuesday 23rd December at 10.30am. If your child would like to take part, please contact Pat Lockwood.

Thank you from the family of Angela Davies who died earlier this year. £320.00 was raised in memory of Angela and sent to *Worldwide Cancer Research*, which was very grateful to receive the donation. Melvyn would like to thank everyone who contributed to this donation and gathered to remember Angela's life.

Pancake Party - save the date - Tuesday February 9th 2027
Our Pancake Party will be at 7pm in St Andrew's church and everyone is welcome. There will be lots to eat and drink. There is no charge for the food but donations are welcome. In order to cater properly we need to know if you wish to join us by February 5th.

Pat Lockwood 01455 292542

Neighbourhood Watch

There were 4 reported crimes in Carlton in the 3 months June to August 2026. These were 1 burglary, 1 violence and/or sexual assault, 1 public order and 1 vehicle crime. The last 5 months have seen steadily increasing crime across the wider Bosworth/Ratby rural area and over 12 months a 65% increase in reported crime. Please help to keep the Carlton figures low by securing your property and vehicles at all times and keeping an eye out for your neighbours. Thank you!

Market Bosworth Beat Team
The Beat has increased night-time patrols in some villages as it has seen an increase in residential burglaries targeting high performance and luxury cars. Leicestershire Police would like to remind residents to take some simple steps to help keep their homes secure: lock all doors and windows, even when at home. Use timer switches on lights when away. Consider CCTV or a video doorbell. Keep vehicles locked and remove valuables from sight. Report a crime or suspicious activity to the police on 101. If a crime is in progress call 999. If you want to report anonymously you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Cyber crime
Fraud and cybercrime is not included in the crime statistics above but every day many people lose money to online and phone scams. If you have been affected Report Fraud is on 0300 123 2040.

Rosi Yule
Carlton Neighbourhood Watch, 292212

Carlton Village Fete

As Chair of the Carlton Village Society, the group responsible for organising Carlton Fete on August 29th, I am writing to thank all those who braved the inclement weather to support us and enabled us to raise over £4,500 to pass on to support LOROS, Rainbows and other Carlton village charities. In addition, thank you to all those who volunteered to help set and run the fete.

Paul Davenport

National Garden Scheme Open Gardens 2027

Next June six gardens in Carlton will be opening for the NGS charity.
It's a great chance to see six very different and interesting gardens on your doorstep and enjoy tea and cake while raising money for Hospice at Home and MacMillan - which we could all need in future – as well as local charities.

In 2025 the National Garden Scheme (NGS) raised £3.9million for nursing charities and community projects; it celebrates its centenary in 2027. More information can be found at NGS.org.uk.

Please put the date **Saturday June 19th** in your diary and if you can offer some time to help with refreshments on the day it would be much appreciated - even an hour is a huge help. Please contact Liz or Judith for more information.

Liz Alun-Jones, liz.alunjones@gmail.com
Judith Boston, judithboston@btinternet.com

More Ramblings Of Mick Vann, "The Owl Man"

The breeding season is starting to come to an end and it's been a successful one, ringing numbers are up and some landowners have reiterated their commitment to helping barn owls and protecting their habitat. In one instance, from an owl box with 11 eggs, only two males made it and these were successfully ringed.

In Congerstone, Mrs Wright had five barn owls in her box, three male and two female: as you can see, she is very impressed with the results.



I found two males in a box on the A444. Altogether I've ringed 19 barn owls locally and missed about 10 more as we didn't realise they were breeding early. Now it's back to building more boxes and hoping for another successful year next year.

Owlman
mick.slwo@gmail.com

The Polecat Returns to Carlton's Woodlands

In May this year, we reported that polecats were captured on a wildlife camera in the Carlton area! These beautiful bandits, with black 'bandit masks' across their eyes, have only recently returned to the Midlands. It looks like they are here to stay as our wildlife camera recently captured more polecats exploring the bunny holes under a fallen tree!





As autumn gets underway, Carlton's other woodland animals are hunting, foraging and making homes for the winter. Bunnies are regular features under the tree and often pop out of the very hole that the polecat was exploring! Many of our woodland animals don't hibernate, but make food caches in the autumn. Squirrels are foraging and burying caches of food at this time of year. Wood mice are collecting and storing berries and seeds and switching to underground burrows. Bank voles are busy looking for late blackberries and hazelnuts—if the squirrels have left any!

You can read more about the polecat and see the cute animal videos here: https://www.ortonacademy.co.uk/post/woodland-animals-in-autumn-the-polecat-returns
Take an in-depth look at polecats here: https://www.ortonacademy.co.uk/post/polecats-are-back-the-return-of-britain-s-beautiful-bandits

Jane Orton

CLEAN WALKING FOR ALL



PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Notes From A Carlton Garden – October 2026

The garden has been breathing a sigh of relief after the hot, dry summer and sadly, we have lost a few of our less resilient shrubs. Our two baby silver birches have been seriously scorched, hopefully, they will recover.
It's been a great summer for butterflies and moths in the garden. Several people in the village have reported seeing Hummingbird Hawk-Moths in their gardens. These are beautiful little daytime flying moths that move in a similar way to Hummingbirds and are well worth checking out. Clouded Yellow Butterflies have also been around Bosworth and Carlton, one in the fields on the footpath behind the church.

One lucky resident reported hearing a Cuckoo in the village, earlier in the year. This is good news, as Cuckoos have been absent in the area for a number of years. The animals and birds have started to move back into the garden now that autumn is here. Squirrels seem to be particularly busy carrying nuts around in their mouths or paws and burying them. We can hear Tawny Owls calling to each other in the garden at night. Listening to them with the window open is magical.



Hummingbird Hawk Moth. Jurgen, Pixabay

Now is a good time to plan ahead with planting bulbs, taking cuttings, sowing hardy annuals such as Cornflower and Nigella and chopping back any excessive growth on trees or in hedges. All of this applies to our garden.
As autumn tightens its grip, look out for migrating bird such as Fieldfare and Redwing, the changing colours of the trees around the village and check for any hibernating hedgehogs before lighting fires. If you see anything unusual in your garden or around the village, please let me know.
You can also report sightings on Naturespot. www.naturespot.org
Useful Apps reminder:
Merlin https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/ for birdsong.
Obsidentify https://observation.org/apps/obsidentify/ for photographic ID- both are free and very helpful.
Happy gardening.

Judith Boston – wildlife gardener

Grants for Young People

This year the Trustees of the Carlton Charity Lands have awarded six grants to young people in the village towards the cost of course work fees, student accommodation, transport and the purchase of IT equipment. These grants are not means-tested and available to all young people between 16 and 23 years old who live in Carlton. Applications may be made at any time.

Contact franco@onesti.co.uk or davenporthazel@gmail.com for more details and an application pack.

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Churchyard wall – the initial application for a Faculty was rejected because the Church Authorities required quotations for the works and a resolution in support from the PCC. Quotations of £16,884 for the building works and £1,600 for removal of the Austrian pine tree have now been received and accepted, the PCC has passed a resolution approving of the project and the Faculty application has been re-submitted. No work can be done until the Faculty has been granted, so it is hoped that work on site can begin in the Spring.

Mounting posts for SID – have now been installed and are in use. These posts will result in a significant cost saving over time.

Ash die-back disease – roadside ash trees in the Parish were surveyed on 30th July and 44% were assessed as healthy. The recent hot and dry conditions favour the trees, and 15 trees previously recorded as infected have recovered (See Report 2026-17 for more details).

Speed & Traffic Monitoring

In June the Speed Indicator Device (SID) was fixed to street lighting column18 in Main Street to monitor eastbound vehicles. 25,267 vehicles were counted, an average of 617/day with an average speed of 23.3mph and an 85th percentile speed of 29.2mph.

In July/August the SID was turned round to monitor westbound vehicles. 27,406 vehicles were counted, an average of 669/day with an average speed of 25.1mph and an 85th percentile speed of 31.7mph.

Full reports can be found on the Traffic & Speed Monitoring page of the PC website.- www.carltonpc.co.uk

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Dates for Your Diary

Chatter Chairs in the Community Hub, Tuesdays from 2.30pm
Progressive Whist Drive in the Community Hub, Wednesdays 2-4.30pm
Coffee Morning in The Gate Hangs Well, Fridays 11am

November 2026

5th	Thur	12noon-7pm Carlton Christmas House, the Rectory
6th	Fri	10am-7pm Carlton Christmas House, the Rectory
7th	Sat	10am-7pm Carlton Christmas House, the Rectory
		7-11pm Progressive Supper
8th	Sun	Remembrance Sunday. No church service in Carlton
		10am-3pm Carlton Christmas House, the Rectory
11th	Wed	7pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
22nd	Sun	9am Communion, St Andrew's Church
		2-4pm. Craft workshop, Community Hub

December

6th	Sun	10am Lessons & Carols, followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies, St Andrew's Church
		6pm Christmas tree lights switch-on, Carlton Green
13th	Sun	9am Communion, St Andrew's Church
		6pm Christmas lights switch-on and concert, St Andrew's Church
24th	Thur	5.30pm Christingle, St Andrew's Church

January 2027

10th	Sun	9am Communion, St Andrew's Church
13th	Wed	7pm Carlton Parish Council annual finance meeting, Community Hub
15th	Fri	Deadline for contributions to the February edition of Carlton News
24th	Sun	9am Communion, St Andrew's Church

February

9th	Tue	7pm Pancake Party, St Andrew's Church

Emergency contact numbers

Dial 999 and ask for Police, Fire or Ambulance if there is immediate danger or a crime is being committed. If a cardiac arrest is suspected the ambulance service will give you the code to access the community defibrillator. Ring 05603-680-268 for a volunteer to bring the community defibrillator to you.

Crimes are best reported on-line at www.leics.police.uk/report-online. The alternative is to ring 101, but be aware that this service can be very slow. Individual officers can be contacted by voicemail by ringing 101 and then quoting their collar number.

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