

## Parish Highways Warden

Damian Lang, is the eyes and ears on the Parish Road network and a key point of contact between our community and West Northamptonshire Council.

*\*If you would like to report any of the issues below please email: [highwaywarden@billing-pc.gov.uk](mailto:highwaywarden@billing-pc.gov.uk)\**

Bridges	Pedestrian crossings
Ditches	Road markings & street lighting
Drains & drain covers	Traffic signals & signs
Footpaths	Verges
Kerbs	Utilities
Rights of way	Fly tipping
Roads & bus stops	

## Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are at 7.30 pm at the Bernard Weston Pavilion on the Playing Fields at Great Billing Pocket Park. Agendas and approved Minutes may be found on the website. Forthcoming meetings will be held on:

Mon 11th April 2022	Mon 11th Jul 2022
Mon 9th May 2022	Mon 12th Sept 2022
Mon 13th June 2022	

## Your Local Councillors

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Find out more: [www.billing-pc.gov.uk/councillors/](http://www.billing-pc.gov.uk/councillors/)

# Happy Easter 2022

Billing Parish Church Easter Services April 2022

THU 14	<b>Starts: 19.30</b> Maundy Thursday Communion (All Saints Little Billing)
FRI 15	<b>10.00:</b> Good Friday Reflection (St Andrews Great Billing)  <b>14.00:</b> Good Friday Reflection (All Saints Little Billing)
SAT 16	<b>14.00:</b> Family Easter Egg Hunt (St Andrews church & church yard)  <b>15.30:</b> Family Easter Egg Service (St Andrews Great Billing)
SUN 17	<b>09.00:</b> Easter Sunday Celebration (All Saints Little Billing)  <b>10.30:</b> Easter Sunday Celebration (St Andrews Great Billing)  <b>16.00:</b> Family Easter Sunday Celebration (St Andrews Great Billing)



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# BILLING PARISH COUNCIL

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## Grab your Walking Shoes!

### COME AND JOIN THE BILLING WELLBEING WALKING GROUP

*Improve your physical fitness but to also improve your mental health.*

You can join them for two free walks which start from Bellinge Community House and then explore the area around Billing. The shorter of the walks starts at 10:00 am for around 40 minutes and then an extended walk at 10:45am for an hour. There is also chance at the end of each walk for coffee and chat in Bellinge Community House



**BUY NOW!**

## Trees On Bellinge Field

*These trees are available for purchase and can be dedicated to any person, event, pet the purchaser desires.*

Of the trees planted there are currently only 12 available. A further planting of two trees will be made. If you are interested in purchasing a tree, please contact the clerk for further details.

**FREE ENTRY**



## Billing Summer Fayre Returns

Saturday, June 25th is the date for the 2022 Billing Summer Fayre, and as usual it will be held at The Bernard Weston Pavilion and Sports Field in GT Billing between 1pm and 5pm.

**Are you apart of a group who would like to fundraise by having a stall at the Fayre**

Or do you support a charity and would like to raise some funds during the afternoon? We have loads of pitches available on the playing field. They are free if raising funds for a local group or for a charity or available for £15.00 each if you wish to have a stall for commercial purposes.

If you are interested in booking a stall, please contact the Green Space Manager, Paul Marks:

[greenspacemanager@billing-pc.gov.uk](mailto:greenspacemanager@billing-pc.gov.uk)  
07725 856784





Our vision is a litter free Northamptonshire by 2030.

## Wombles seek your help to clean up the parish

Have you noticed many litter picking volunteers, or red/purple bags on the side of the road ready for collection?

This is the work of The Northants Litter Wombles.

The wombles formed in January 2021 during the covid-19 pandemic, as a group they noticed the litter problem that plagues Northamptonshire.

Deciding enough was enough, this group of like-minded people forged their Facebook community. With the objective to rid Northampton of this issue one litter pick at a time.

The group are growing at a phenomenal rate, currently at 2700 members made up of over 35 groups in the county.

Their impact has been huge, collecting over 33,000 bags of litter, in addition to hundreds of tonnes of larger items from the towns and countryside this has saved the taxpayer over £1.2m.

Their aim is to eradicate litter in the parish. But to do this attitudes need to change and your help is needed. The only cure for litter is each and every one of us who live in the parish playing our part and not dropping litter in the first place.

The group has bought lots of litter picking equipment for people to borrow so if you are a school, business or just a caring individual who wants to take part then please call Steve Bishop who is one of the main organisers on 07833 100979.

Join their group

@northantslitterwombles

## THE ELWES ARMS

An important part of the history of Great Billing, The Elwes Arms plans to continue to be a very important part of life in Great Billing.

@elwesarmsgreatbilling

### History

The Elwes Arms formally known as the Stag's Head which was built in 1629 and was owned by the Elwes family for 140 years before being sold.

The change of name to the Elwes Arms took place in January 1880. During the 1870s and 80s there was a rash of cases of drunken and unruly after hours drinking as well as one or two reports of drunken and unruly landlords!

### The community

For more than 35 years the Elwes Arms has been run

by the current team of Steve and Angie Marsh and has continued to be in the heart of the community. As well as football and darts teams



and thriving golf society the Elwes has always been at the forefront of fundraising activities and it is believed that over £250,000 in total has been raised for a number of good causes both national and local.

In 2022 the Elwes will start another fundraising programme, it hasn't yet been decided what funds will be raised for but look out for news on our Facebook.

Elwes is set to create a recipe collection made up of modern takes on traditional recipes submitted to the pub by customers and locals and published as a book with each of the 52 recipes that make it into the book being served for one week each on the pub's menu. Place your recipe suggestion in at:

elwes.arms@sky.com

## Bellinge Community House

Bellinge Community House is back open and running a weekly timetable of sessions as well as additional adult learning courses and sessions for families and children. We have a new management team consisting of Laura (House Manager) and Julie (Office Manager) and a wonderful team of volunteers who support us.

Laura and Julie are pleased to have joined and are getting to know some of the community, are keen to encourage other members of the community to come and say Hi, attend the sessions and are always keen to receive new suggestions and welcome new volunteers.

Keep an eye on our Facebook and twitter pages and also the house noticeboard.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
<b>Wellbeing Walk With Bob Entwistle</b>  10:00 - 10:40 <b>Beginners</b>  10:45 - 11:45 - <b>Intermediate</b>  <b>Billing Joggers Running club</b> 6pm for all abilities £1 per week	<b>Coffee Morning</b>  9:30am - 11:30am  £1 donation	<b>Sewing Group With Linda</b>  Machines can be provided, everyone welcome.  £1 for refreshments.	<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b> 9:30 - 11:30 £1 refreshments  <b>Community Hub 1 Drop In</b> 11:00 - 13:00 Advice & support plus referrals with adult social services  <b>Police Surgery With PCSO Mike Harrison</b> (1st Thursday of the month) 12:00 - 13:00	Closed
House open: 9:30am - 2:30pm	House open: 9:30am - 2:30pm	House open: 9:30am - 2:30pm	House open: 9:30am - 2:30pm	Closed

## Community Matters

Ecton Brook Residents Association was formed with the aim to make a community to be proud of.

The committee organise litter picks, tend to the resident's flower beds down by the shop and organise free to enter activities for the children of the area. Our busiest time lately was December where we organised our first Advent Windows trail, went carol singing and then had a visit from Father Christmas. The children and adults alike seemed to enjoy themselves.

Our first activity for 2022 will be a rock ladybird hunt for the children with a prize for every ladybird found.

@ECTON BROOK RESIDENTS GROUP

## Community Spaces and Bellinge Community Centre

At Community Spaces Northampton (CSN), we manage eight community centres across the town, providing opportunities for activities, services and experiences with the aim of creating a greater sense of connection, engagement and belonging for local people.

Within Billing Parish, our charity manages Bellinge Community Centre. This centre is home to Bellinge Community Pre-School, along with a number of groups including Free 2 Talk Youth Club, dance classes and a bingo session.

www.communityspacesnn.org/venues  
marketing@communityspacesnn.org  
07762 324884.



Education

## Bellinge Community Pre-School invests in children

Our children are the future of our community.

Consistently, Bellinge Community Pre-School has been an Outstanding setting for the last 13 years. Our team of professional staff have continued to train in order to support the various needs of the children. And as such, our provision of services has also increased. We are now Portage certified, supporting children with extra needs and ensuring that all children's needs are met.



During the Pandemic, we continued to work and adapt to new ways of keeping everyone as safe as possible. Funding from the government has been allocated to schools to support the consequences of the pandemic.

However, the early years have been completely ignored. With

funding continuing to go down, we anticipate this may yet have long term negative consequences for our deprived local community.

Still, we celebrate having fought to keep our services available and have managed not to close down. **Thankfully** We have had some financial support from our Billing Parish Council, the Co-op, through the cause you have yourselves helped raise money. And our local Deers Leap Pub have continuously raised money for us to buy equipment for the children too.

We thank you all for your continued support.

With our staff focusing to help the children and their families more than ever, we are applying different strategies & resources to improve the children's future. Research shows that children who start school with poor language and self-help skills, will be affected throughout their life.

**Anticipating** this will have long term negative consequences for our deprived local community and we urge you, as a community, to help us in whatever way you can, as we try to find ways to support the children and their families

FAMILIES WELCOME

CALLING ALL WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

WATER SPORTS OPEN DAY.

Saturday 14th May

Northampton Sailing Club is holding an open day at Pitsford Reservoir for anyone interested in water sports.

www.northamptonssailingclub.org