



Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

Non-confidential

June Events

Report to: Planning & Development Committee 05-25

Report by: Administration Officer

Power/duty which decision falls under: Local Government Act 1972, s.142 - power to provide information, or to assist others in doing so, about...matters affecting the inhabitants of the area.

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

- Protect and enhance our green spaces and street scene
- Preserve and enhance heritage assets, environmental assets and wildlife
- Improve the well-being of residents
- To foster public participation and engagement
- To recognise the climate and biodiversity emergency and consider as the basis of all decision and policy making

Public Sector Equality Duty

Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality Act

Proposed activities are inclusive and accessible to all residents. Communications will be designed to reach a broad audience. Any in-person engagement will be free to attend and held in accessible locations. Materials will use clear language and visuals to aid understanding.

Duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity

Consider how the policy/decision will contribute to conserving or enhancing biodiversity

Love Your Burial Ground Week actively encourages appreciation of local wildlife and habitats.

Consideration on carbon reduction:

Focus on local, low-impact activity such as walking, using local venues, and promoting outdoor spaces.

No travel, additional energy use, or materials are expected to be required beyond existing council resources.

Consideration of risk management in relation to the proposal¹

The proposal is low-risk and primarily communications-based. The following areas of potential risk have been considered:

- **Decision making** – Approval sought through the appropriate committee with clear scope and rationale.
- **Finances** – Low direct costs. Activity to be delivered within existing staff resource.
- **Property** – Use of the burial ground will be passive and respectful; no infrastructure changes or events planned.
- **Staff** – Minimal impact; light communications workload and to be pre-scheduled. Any engagement activities will be optional and within capacity.
- **Events** – No formal events are planned; only light-touch engagement (e.g. walk or taster session) may occur with safeguards in place.
- **Legal** – No anticipated legal implications. Any public-facing activity will follow safeguarding and health and safety procedures if required.
- **Written/verbal communication** – All messaging will be approved in line with existing council communications protocols.

Does the report consider any new activity? If ‘Yes’, has a risk assessment, including risk management proposals, been included for consideration and adoption by the council?
(Financial Regulation 17b)

Yes - Risk assessment to be drafted for Love your Burial Ground Activities.

¹Risk areas to consider - strategic/operational, likelihood/impact, add to risk register? Any contingency planning needed?

REPORT

1. Background

- **Love Your Burial Ground Week (7-15 June)** is a national campaign led by *Caring for God's Acre*, encouraging communities to engage with, and appreciate, burial grounds as places of heritage, biodiversity, and quiet reflection.
- **World Wellbeing Week (24-30 June)** promotes physical, mental, emotional, and social wellbeing, offering opportunities to showcase local initiatives and encourage community connections.

2. Proposed Approach

Given the timescales, it is proposed that activity is communications based with some light engagement where capacity allows.

Love Your Burial Ground Week (Sat 7–Sun 15 June)

1. Promote via social media and website, highlighting:
 - The nature and historical value of Saxilby burial ground
 - The role of local volunteers in its upkeep
 - Share the Love Your Burial Ground Resources
2. Arrange a family activity² supported by councillors/volunteers/local organisations. Liaise with local groups and organisations such as Saxilby Nature Project, Saxilby C of E School, St Botolph's Church, and Saxilby Scouts and Guides
 - a. Part of 'Messy Church' activities (NB. June's Messy Church will be held on Sunday 1 June, before Love Your Burial Ground Week)
 - b. An activity with school groups and/or scout and guide groups
3. Share Caring for God's Acre resources (eg. Downloadable activity sheets or guides) with residents via the website and social media. Printed copies could be made available in the library and/or St Botolphs Church.

World Wellbeing Week (Tue 24 – Mon 30 June)

4. Social media campaign encouraging small acts that support wellbeing, eg.
 - a. Connect with a friend at a local café
 - b. Try a new physical activity
 - c. Visit a local green space
5. Explore the possibility of holding 'drop-in' or 'have a go' type events and activities in liaison with local organisations and businesses, supported by councillors/volunteers if available. For example:
 - a. Promoting coffee and cake mornings for the Welcome Hub and monthly coffee morning
 - b. Sports sessions – tie in with promoting club training sessions e.g. tennis, bowls, cricket etc
 - c. Information and advice from local GP surgeries

6. Financial and Time Implications

None identified at present. Proposals are based on staff time for communications and low-cost engagement only. Some time will need to be spent liaising with local organisations and businesses if in-person events/activities are to be held.

² Resources: <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Childrens-Activities-2025-compressed.pdf>

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Planning and Development Committee notes the report and agrees for:

Love Your Burial Ground Week (Sat 7–Sun 15 June)

1. Comms campaign scheduled for the Love Your Burial Ground Week via social media, council website, and the Foss Focus
2. Officers to contact the church and scouts/guides to seek to arrange an event linking with Messy Church and scouts/guides sessions in June.

World Wellbeing Week (Tue 24 – Mon 30 June)

3. Comms campaign scheduled for World Wellbeing Week based on small acts of kindness
4. Officers to contact the church, scouts/guides, school to seek to arrange an event linking with Messy Church/scouts/guides sessions/school assembly in June/July encouraging small acts that support wellbeing
5. Promoting coffee and cake mornings for the Welcome Hub and June monthly coffee morning – and offer provision of cakes
6. Officers to local sports clubs and offer to promote (online, social media, Foss Focus, noticeboard) the days and times of their training sessions during world wellbeing week and seek agreement for visitors to attend a training session for free during the week.
7. Officers to contact local GP surgeries and see if they want any information/advice sharing in the community and to local groups and if so to action. E.g. Steps2change talking therapy
8. Councillors to contact officers if they would like to support the above events.