

Update from Events WG – 9th September 2025

(4) The previous Burial Ground Volunteer Morning went well and was attended by Councillors, Assistant Clerk and a member of the public. A lot was achieved during the session and there was visible improvement. Would like to make this a regular session.

(5) Other volunteering options include tidying/maintaining the planted area outside Barnards Garage – maybe see if the Lindsey Gardening Association Group would be interested in taking this on. Chris Broadwith would like for volunteers to help do up Mill Lane to make it more aesthetic/welcoming for the football teams – he will be submitting an email to the Office with his proposals

(6+7) An initial meeting has been arranged (11/09/25) to discuss the Well-Being clinics, more details to follow, Likewise, initial contact has been made regarding the Better Housing, Better Health Charity – awaiting a response after 17th September.

(8) Sports Day feedback – we have some groups signed up already. Need to keep promoting to get more groups on board. Peter Hewes has said that as it is a council event, the council needs to check any food vendors have all required documents, and if walking football takes place, it goes through the council so there are no issues around insurance.

(9) Feedback was given on the Family Fun Day. Overall, it was a good event and lovely to see it catered well for children. A couple of comments were made that will be fed back via the upcoming debrief meeting.

(10) National Recycling week:

Yard sale posters are out, and we already have had sign-ups

Litter-picking still to be arranged, though it was noted that there are residents who already litter-pick around the village.

Still waiting to hear about a recycled craft workshop that the sports hub may be running.

Cllr Saunders is progressing with recycling craft posts for comms.

(11) Rev Jane wishes to set up a Remembrance Working Group and asked for Council representatives – as per her email 28/08/25. Councillors have been proposed/seconded subject to P&D approval.

(12) A Christmas Light Switch-on/Events meeting, has been set up. Admin Assistant has contacted all relevant parties to attend. Councillors to sit in meeting have been proposed/seconded subject to P&D approval.

(13) Looked at potential events for next year and have started putting together a draft 2026 calendar.

Recommendations to planning and development committee:

a. To note the update

b. To note the action log

- (4) To resolve to hold regular Burial Ground Volunteer sessions – once a month between April to October, with Cllr Saunders to liaise with office/Grounds Manager.
- (5) To resolve to approve volunteer sessions to maintain the planted area outside Barnards Garage and Mill Lane facilities.
- (11) To resolve to approve Events WG members represent the council on the Churches Remembrance Working Group.
- (12) To resolve to approve Events WG members represent the council on the Christmas Light Switch-on/Events meetings.
- (13) To note the draft 2026 calendar.

Appendix A: Request from football club for Mill Lane maintenance

Note: A meeting is being set-up to agree an action plan

Proposal to Saxilby Parish Council: Enhancing Facilities at Mill Lane Changing Facility

Introduction:

The Saxilby Athletic Under 9's (Lionesses) girls' football team was formed just under a year ago and has rapidly grown to 18 members. We've had a successful summer, participating in tournaments and winning one. We're now entering the Lincolnshire Women's & Girls' County League and will play 8 home games at the village's 7-a-side pitch on Mill Lane.

Request:

In conjunction with AFC Saxilby, we are seeking permission and funding from Saxilby Parish Council for minor refurbishment of the building adjacent to the pitch, which is currently in a worn state. Our request is for:

- Various Paint (including brushes, tape etc) – repaint the exterior doors, handrail, corridors and changing rooms.
- Retention hook for main door when open (very heavy and slams shut in the wind).
- Gutter Clips and down pipe - Repair the guttering system.
- Wood, hinges and locks - Replace/repair the kitchen hatch.
- Wood, Install new steps to the kitchen hatch.
- Request grounds keepers to strim and weed around the building.
- Bench to be repainted.
- New signs for home & away dressing room external doors and welcome sign, positioned either between dressing room doors or by the main entrance.

Purpose:

Our goal is to create a welcoming space for home and away teams, spectators, and officials.

We plan to use the building for its intended purpose:

- Provide changing room facilities for home and away teams
- Make toilets available for use during matches and training
- Sell tea and coffee to spectators during home games

Benefits:

This project will not only enhance the facilities for our girls' football team but also benefit the wider community by providing a clean, safe, and welcoming space for various users.

Volunteer Support:

We have a team of dedicated parent helpers willing to contribute their time and effort to complete the refurbishment work.

We believe this project will have a positive impact on our teams and the community, and we look forward to working with Saxilby Parish Council to make it a reality.