

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parishes of Tickton and Routh held on Monday 20 April 2026 at Tickton Village Hall.

PRESENT Councillor Howard Sinkler (in the Chair)
40 Members of the Public including Parish Councillors and representatives of local organisations.
Mrs Michelle Middleton (Parish Clerk)
Environment Agency Representatives

Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Sinkler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Ward Councillor Smith, Ward Councillor Stewart, PCSO LeGrove, Tickton Primary School, St Pauls Church and Indoor Bowls.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 April 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

Chairman's Report 2025–26

I am pleased to present the Annual Chairman's Report for 2025–26.

The Annual Parish Meeting provides an important opportunity for our community to come together, reflect on the past year, and celebrate the many achievements and contributions that make our parish such a vibrant place to live.

I would like to extend my thanks to our Ward Councillors, Diana, Jeremy, and in particular Paul, for their continued support and assistance throughout the year.

Grounds Maintenance and Play Areas

We continue to maintain the land owned and managed by the Parish Council, and I am pleased to report that our grounds and recreational facilities remain well used by residents.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Handyman for his ongoing hard work in ensuring that our play areas and equipment are kept clean, safe, and in good condition.

Development Projects 2025–26

Over the past year, the Parish Council has delivered a number of key projects:

1. Installation of new safety surfacing and inclusive play equipment within our play areas, supporting children of all abilities.
2. In partnership with the Tickton Defibrillator Campaign Group, replacement of five defibrillator units and cabinets across the parishes.
3. Installation of two new bus shelters in Routh and Tickton.
4. Agreement from East Riding of Yorkshire Council to replace the water gauge at Hull Bridge as part of the Weel Bridge project, when conditions allow.
5. Continued efforts to secure funding for a community library.

We are extremely grateful to all our grant funders for their support, including:

- Routh Wind Farm Community Fund
- Withernwick Wind Farm Community Fund
- ERYC Active Grant
- ERYC Bus Shelter Replacement Fund

- The Defibrillator Group for their fundraising efforts

Our team works diligently to secure external funding, ensuring that the diverse aspirations of our residents can be achieved wherever possible.

Over the past ten years, we have successfully secured £184,750 in grant funding, contributing to projects with a total value of £236,890. We remain committed to making the best possible use of the Parish Precept and delivering excellent value for money. These achievements demonstrate both the importance of grant funding and the Parish Council's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality facilities.

Finance

The Parish Council approved a Precept of £39,800, resulting in an increase of 22 pence per month for a Band D property from 1 April 2026.

Main Issues in the Parishes

- **Road Safety:** The Parish Council is working closely with Ward Councillor Paul Smith and relevant authorities to secure measures aimed at improving safety along the A1035.
- **Weel Bridge:** East Riding of Yorkshire Council has closed the bridge to undertake major renovation works, which are expected to be completed by July 2026.
- **River Hull:** The Parish Council remains in ongoing dialogue with the Environment Agency, the Internal Drainage Board, and East Riding of Yorkshire Council to identify solutions to reduce flood risk in Tickton, Weel, and surrounding areas.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Young from the Environment Agency to speak with us this evening on matters of shared concern.

Acknowledgements

Before concluding, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all residents, volunteers, and community groups who work so hard to enhance wellbeing across our parish. I would also like to make special mention of a resident who is regularly seen litter picking throughout the parish—your efforts are greatly appreciated.

My thanks also go to Victoria, Julie, and Tim, our representatives on the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund Panel, for their time and dedication in representing the parishes of Tickton and Routh.

I would like to personally thank all fellow Councillors for their commitment and hard work over the past year, with particular appreciation to Vice Chairman, Councillor Stephen Caley.

Finally, sincere thanks to Michelle, our Clerk, whose professionalism and dedication ensure the Parish Council continues to operate effectively and strive for ongoing improvement.

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies for co-option. Anyone interested in applying can find further information on the website or by contacting the Clerk.

Report from Humberside Police

No report received.

Report from Ward Councillor

Over the past twelve months, we as ward councillors have been involved in a wide range of work across the ward. This has included tackling speeding concerns in villages in partnership with residents and parish councils, as well as addressing complex planning matters—both supporting and opposing applications where appropriate.

Within this parish specifically, we have worked closely with residents in Weel to secure the temporary closure of the Household Recycling Centre to align with essential bridge renovation

works. More recently, a community meeting has been held as we begin to address ongoing safety concerns on the A1035.

As we enter the final year of our elected term, our focus is on continuing to support residents and parish councils while setting realistic, deliverable priorities. With upcoming boundary changes and a reduction in ward councillors from three to two, it remains unclear how our roles may be affected.

Key priorities for the coming year include securing a speed reduction on the A1035 and obtaining assurances regarding the RWF panel.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) continues to face challenges. Although a balanced budget has been achieved this year, briefings indicate that changes will be necessary to ensure the continued delivery of local services. At present, however, there is no immediate cause for concern, and we can reassure parish councils and residents that the overall position remains stable.

To report on the public meeting held on 15 April 2026 a number of potential measures to improve safety on the A1035 have been identified. These include the introduction of double white lines to prevent overtaking, the possible use of average speed cameras and reductions in speed limits—from 50mph to 40mph, and from 40mph to 30mph where appropriate.

Additional suggestions include requesting up-to-date traffic data, improving signage at junctions and for merging traffic, better management of escort vehicles and wide loads, and stronger enforcement of existing speed limits.

It should be noted that several concerns raised at the meeting related to issues within the village itself rather than the A1035. It was agreed these should be addressed separately to ensure a clear and focused approach.

At this stage, my recommendation is to prioritise securing a reduction from 50mph to 40mph as an initial step, before progressing other measures.

While the final decisions do not rest with me, my advice is offered with the practical considerations of timescales and budget firmly in mind.

Environment Agency (East Yorkshire): “The Future of the River Hull: Protecting a Vital Local Waterway” The Environment Agency (EA) confirmed that imaging appears to show narrowing of a stretch of the River near Raich Carter Way in Hull. Investigations are in preliminary stages on how widening can be achieved and disposal of the amount of material. It was noted that it may not just be a case of dredging as this could unfound the embankments.

The EA advised that the ownership of channel side assets are unclear. The walls of the river are inspected annually in September. The sheet piled wall is inspected twice a year along with clearance of vegetation and minor defect repairs. The embankment grass is cut twice a year and removal of any broadleaf species. Balsam removed if not flowered and banks maintained for invasive non-native species and vermin when funding permits.

The EAs outlined their role and responsibilities which include permissive powers to mitigate flood risk to resident properties. The last time the river was seriously maintained was 1983. It would cost millions to dredge the river which could be achieved long term with government funding. The EA apply for grants to undertake essential work identified throughout the catchment. The EA work closely with the Internal Drainage Boards.

The EA confirmed that there was no navigation board on the River Hull through the parishes of Tickton and Routh. ERYC Planning Enforcement is investigating unauthorised moorings from Beverley Beck to Weel Bridge. It was noted that vessels upstream of Weel Bridge are not considered a flood risk; Weel Bridge is a pinch point. The EA installed concrete blocks on the section near Weel Bridge to prevent damage to the embankment.

To conclude, the EA acknowledges that something needs to be done. This cannot be done alone and would require a collective response and agreement from relevant stakeholders. Major investment on the pumping stations. Revival of the River Hull Advisory Board and River Hull Integrated Catchment Strategy. The EA is investigating water injection dredging as a conveyance mechanism that moves sediment on the riverbed.

Reports from Local Groups

Local groups in attendance presented on activities during the year including: -

- Tickton Village Hall
- FITTA Groups
- Tickton WI
- Wildlife Round Up
- Routh Wind Farm Community Fund
- Tickton Defibrillator Group
- Tickton Youth Club
- Youth Kaf & Food Bank
- Coronation Petanque

Please refer to Appendix A for full reports.

Electors' Open forum

The Chairman was thanked for continued support and voluntary work in the community throughout the year.

The Routh Wind Farm Community Fund representative replied to questions raised: -

Q1: Does the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund (RWFCF) consider offering the 'small grant' as this is helpful for one off projects.

A1: The administrator shall report this back to the Panel.

Q2: When is the closing date for the RWFCF.

A2: The fund usually opens annually in October, closes in March and the Panel meet in May to award funding.

Q3 Does the RWFCF administrator promote the fund locally.

A3: Promotional material will be sent to Clerks to share on social media.

The Environment Agency received the following questions prior to the meeting many of which were responded to in the presentation: -

Q1. The River Hull and its potential leakage and possible over topping, this has been a long and constant concern for people of Tickton and Routh for many years.

We see little attention by the EA on this matter indeed they could not even get the flood risk correct until we pointed this error out ... a couple of years ago along with the failure to advise what if anything the EA intended to do for both these problems. Along with these problems was the refusal to dredge the river along this stretch. Look at the problems that has happened in other parts of the country that is looked after by the EA!

How much water is diverted further upstream, one assumes to stop that area flooding, this does not alleviate the problem either upstream, mid-stream, or downstream.

A1: *We understand the concerns about the River Hull, particularly around the risk of leakage, overtopping and the impact on communities in Tickton and Routh. We know how long these issues have affected local people and why they matter.*

Our role is to protect homes, habitats and the places that sustain us. That means making sure the information we use to assess flood risk is accurate and reliable. Where errors have been

identified in the past, including those you raised, we have reviewed and corrected them to improve our assessments.

We carefully plan how the River Hull is managed. Decisions such as dredging are based on national policy and evidence. While dredging can increase capacity in some locations, it is not always the most effective way to reduce flood risk and can sometimes increase risk elsewhere or harm the wider environment. Instead, we focus on a range of approaches, including targeted maintenance, monitoring embankments and working with natural processes to reduce risk over the long term.

Flood risk in the River Hull catchment is influenced by natural processes as well as existing control structures. We do not move water simply to shift risk from one community to another. Decisions are made across the whole catchment, so risk is managed as fairly and effectively as possible.

We understand why flooding elsewhere in the country raises concerns locally. However, every river system is different, and our approach is tailored to the specific conditions in each catchment.

We continue to monitor flood defences along the River Hull, including assessing the risk of leakage and overtopping. Where work is needed, we prioritise it based on risk, funding and the benefits it will bring to local communities.

We know how important this issue is for local people. We will continue to use your concerns to inform our work and help shape plans to protect communities along the River Hull.

Q2: The EA response regarding maintenance of the River Hull confirmed that the EA is responsible for banks, walls, and embankments along the River Hull from the Crown & Anchor to Beverley Beck. Whilst grass cutting and assessments of the outer embankment is being carried out twice a year, there is nothing being done by the EA on the river side. Significant vegetation growth within the river is narrowing the channel. Does the EA plan to remove this vegetation or is this managed decline?

A2: *Our role is to help protect homes, communities and the environment from flooding. We have powers to maintain and improve main rivers so water can flow more freely, and levels can be managed for the people, places and wildlife that depend on them.*

These powers are discretionary. This means we do not have to carry out work everywhere but instead focus our efforts where they will make the most difference. Decisions are based on risk, evidence and available funding, so we can target action to the areas of greatest need.

We regularly inspect and maintain flood defences along main rivers. This includes routine work such as grass cutting and carrying out twice-yearly checks of embankments to make sure they remain safe, stable and effective.

For the river channel itself, including vegetation in the water, we take a risk-based approach. We understand that vegetation can sometimes narrow a channel or affect how water flows. However, it can also play an important role in supporting wildlife and helping stabilise riverbanks.

We do not remove all vegetation as a matter of course. Instead, we act where there is clear evidence that it is increasing flood risk—for example by blocking the flow of water, contributing to debris build-up or increasing the risk of overtopping. Decisions are based on site inspections, evidence and, where needed, modelling, alongside an assessment of risk and available resources. This approach is about managing the river in a balanced and sustainable way, not reducing our involvement. It allows us to focus action where it will most effectively reduce flood risk while protecting the wider environment.

We keep conditions under review. If risks change, we will adjust our maintenance activity accordingly.

Local knowledge plays an important part in this work. Your observations about vegetation narrowing the channel are helpful and will be considered as part of our ongoing inspections and maintenance planning.

If there are specific locations where vegetation is causing concern, please share these with us. This helps us assess whether further action is needed and make sure our work is focused where it matters most.

Q3: Widening the channel would increase the capacity of the river to hold water – are there plans to have abandoned and sunken boats removed to stop additional silting around them?

A3: *We understand your concern that objects in the river, such as sunken or abandoned boats, can affect how water flows. These obstructions can reduce the space available for water, and over time may also encourage silt to build up, which can further increase flood risk, especially during higher water levels.*

We are aware that in-channel obstructions can influence flood risk. However, responsibility for removing boats does not always sit with us. Depending on the situation, it may rest with the boat owner, landowner, navigation authority or require action between several organisations.

Where a vessel is clearly increasing flood risk—for example by restricting flow, creating blockages or contributing to sediment build-up—we will assess whether action is needed. In these cases, we work with the relevant partners to support or facilitate removal where appropriate. Decisions are based on evidence from site inspections and an assessment of risk, alongside environmental considerations and available resources.

We are currently working with East Riding of Yorkshire Council to understand whether there are specific locations or vessels causing concern. This will help us focus our assessments and take action where it is most needed.

Removing obstructions such as derelict boats can be part of maintaining the river channel, alongside managing vegetation and monitoring sediment. As with all our work, these activities are prioritised where there is clear evidence of increased flood risk.

Local information is important in helping us build a clear picture. The concerns you have raised will be considered as part of our ongoing monitoring and maintenance of this stretch of the River Hull.

If you are aware of particular locations where boats or other obstructions are causing issues, please let us know. This helps us target our inspections and take action where it will make the greatest difference.

Q4: What plans do the EA have for removing the blockage of the River Hull nearer to Stoneferry/Kingswood? Too much water is kept in the upper reaches of the River Hull which creates flood risk locally. Most people can remember when the River Hull was markedly tidal. This has not been witnessed since dredging was stopped and the blockage created towards the Kingswood area of Hull.

A4: *We understand your concern that restrictions in the river channel—such as sediment build-up, structures or other obstructions—can affect how water flows. When the channel is more restricted, or when tidal influence is reduced downstream, this can lead to higher water levels upstream, particularly during periods of heavy rainfall.*

The River Hull around Stoneferry and Kingswood is a complex part of the catchment. Water levels here are influenced by a number of factors, including flood defences such as the Hull Tidal Barrier, as well as long-term changes in sediment and how the surrounding land is used. These systems are designed to manage river flows while also protecting Hull from tidal flooding.

We do not maintain blockages in the river to hold water upstream. However, natural changes over time—such as sediment build-up or reduced dredging—can alter the shape and depth of the channel. This can affect how easily water moves through the system compared to how the river behaved in the past.

Decisions about dredging or changing the channel are made carefully and based on evidence. Large-scale dredging is not always the best solution, as it can be expensive, disturb the environment and, in some cases, only provide short-term benefits if sediment quickly returns. We recognise that the River Hull may have felt more tidal in the past. Changes like this are usually the result of a combination of flood defences, sediment movement and how key structures are operated, rather than a single blockage. The current system is designed to reduce tidal flood risk to Hull, which can change how the tide behaves further upstream.

We continue to monitor river levels, sediment and how the channel is performing in this area. Where there is clear evidence that restrictions or sediment build-up are increasing flood risk, we will consider targeted action. This may include removing obstructions or carrying out local maintenance where it will make the most difference.

We understand your concern that higher water levels upstream could increase flood risk for communities such as Tickton and Routh. That is why we manage the River Hull as a whole system, making sure that action in one place does not increase risk elsewhere.

Your local knowledge is important in helping us understand how the river is changing. If there are specific locations where restrictions to flow appear particularly significant, please share these with us so we can investigate further.

Q5: Does the EA categorise solar farms as critical infrastructure (or 'significant infrastructure')? If so, the risk category for Tickton and Weel should be raised to high as there is a proliferation of approved solar farms in the area which would be impacted if the River Hull banks failed.

A5: *We understand your comment about the growing number of solar farms in areas such as Tickton and Weel and your question as to whether they are viewed as critical infrastructure and if the local flood risk category should be increased as a consequence.*

Solar farms are not classed in the same way as critical infrastructure such as hospitals, emergency services or key utilities. However, they can still play an important role in energy generation and national resilience.

When we assess flood risk, we follow a national framework that groups different types of development by how vulnerable they are to flooding. Solar farms are generally considered "less vulnerable." This means that while flood risk is considered when planning new developments, their presence on its own would not usually change the overall flood risk category of a wider community. Flood risk classifications are mainly based on the likelihood and impact of flooding on people, homes and essential infrastructure. They are not normally changed because of individual developments. However, we do consider the combined impact of multiple developments, including solar farms, as part of wider planning decisions and catchment management.

Where new development is proposed, developers must show that:

- it will be safe for its lifetime*
- it will not increase flood risk elsewhere*
- suitable mitigation measures are in place*

If a number of developments together are likely to affect how water is stored, how it drains, or how flooding could impact access or infrastructure, this can be looked at as part of wider planning and flood risk reviews. Any change to formal flood risk classifications would need to be supported by clear technical evidence.

We understand your concern about the potential impact on these sites if there were a failure of the River Hull defences, particularly given the number of schemes coming forward. While this does not directly change how flood risk is formally classified, it is an important issue for local resilience, emergency planning and the potential economic impact on the area.

We will continue to work with the local planning authority to make sure the wider impact of development is properly understood and managed.

Q6: Is the EA aware of undulations in the B road known as Weel Road which look to have been caused by seepage from the river? If so, what action are they proposing to stop this? If not, can

the EA liaise with ERYC highways department to assess and evaluate and formulate remedial action?

A6: *We take concerns about seepage and the condition of flood embankments very seriously. These issues can indicate early signs of weakness and, if left unchecked, may increase the risk of flooding.*

Changes in the road surface, such as dips or undulations, can sometimes be linked to water movement below ground or prolonged saturation. This is why they need to be looked at carefully alongside the condition of nearby flood defences.

We were not previously aware of this specific location. If we had been, it would normally be included in our routine inspections of the riverbank and flood embankments. Where we identify signs of seepage or instability, we carry out further investigation to understand the cause and assess the level of risk. This can include more detailed surveys or specialist assessments, followed by repair work where needed.

Based on the concerns you have raised, we will now take this forward by:

inspecting the section of Weel Road and the adjacent riverbank

assessing whether there is a link between the road deformation and seepage from the River Hull

checking whether the integrity of the flood defence embankment is affected

We will do this in partnership with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, as they are responsible for the highway. Working together will help us understand both the condition of the road and any implications for flood risk.

As part of this, we will:

- *liaise with the council's highways team to share information*
- *carry out a joint site inspection*
- *agree any next steps, including monitoring or repair work if needed*

You are right to raise this. Identifying potential issues early allows us to act before they become more serious, helping to protect local communities and infrastructure.

Interested parties were invited to stay behind to speak with the Environment Agency team or email YORKS.AP.HH@environment-agency.gov.uk with any questions or comments.

The Village Hall Chairman offered use of the hall to the Environment Agency to facilitate meetings with stakeholders.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the groups for their presentations and their contribution to the parishes and closed the meeting at 8:45pm

Signed: _____ **(Chairman) Date:** _____

APPENDIX A

Tickton Village Hall Report

The Chairman thanked the retired Chairman and Secretary for their work as Trustees. A celebration will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday, 25 April 2026.

The Village Hall Committee currently has 13 Trustees.

The Committee has secured external funding to replace foundation bricks and damp-proof course. Installed 46 solar panels providing free electricity as well as replacing windows and external doors. The Village Hall had planned on extending at the front of the building. However, due to estimated costs of £400k+ these plans have been deferred, and the Committee has agreed to reuse the existing space.

An electronic booking system will go live on 1 May 2026, and the website is currently being revamped. Policies and procedures have been brought up to date. The parking bays in the car park have been repainting and new fencing and gates have been installed. Tickton Little Theatre has not had an active group since covid; therefore, a decision was made to sell the equipment to utilise space.

Next steps include replacing the boiler and radiators costings £33k, £19k has been secured to date. A survey on refurbishing the toilets will be undertaken with a view to replacement August 2027. The Committee is also looking at writing a book on the history of the Village Hal

FITTA Groups Report

Tickton's F.I.T.T.A. Group is now in its fifteenth year and are still expanding activities for the 30 ladies and four gents who attend regularly.

Primarily a social group with day-time activities provided in a safe and friendly environment.

Activities are: -

- Light indoor exercise including Boccia and New Age Kurling; outdoor exercise and pétanque - weather permitting.
- Crafts, Needlework, Dressmaking, Woodcraft and Art.
- Support with IT, smartphones, iPads etc.
- The "lunch club" is very popular – and it can be breakfast or afternoon tea - all at local eateries. Last week it was Whitehead's at Hornsea.
- Film shows.
- New this year is a very popular addition - the Board Games afternoon, held alternate months with the film shows.

Over many years, the group has made poppies for the War Memorial.

The small subscription covers the room hire and refreshments.

All activities are open to both men and women and advertised on the village hall noticeboards.

Wildlife Roundup Report

The reason I started writing Wildlife Roundup for the Community Magazine was to make everyone aware of the problems facing our wildlife and their environment. I focused on three distinct groups: hedgehogs, birds and other species.

Hedgehogs have experienced an enormous decline in the last fifty years and are now listed as a vulnerable species in the UK. There is a distinction between those that are found in a rural environment and those that prefer an urban environment, where numbers are more stable, as opposed to those in rural areas, where hedgehog numbers have decreased by 75% since the year 2000. Major threats to hedgehogs are habitat loss, scarcity of their usual food, and road fatalities – the latter account for roughly 335,000 annually.

Our **wild bird** population has declined significantly, with an estimated loss of c73million since 1973. Reasons include habitat loss, climate change, and a more industrialised way of agriculture. During the last fifty years alone roughly 30million house sparrows and 20million starlings have been lost. The list of critically threatened species has gone from 36 in 1996 to 70 in 2021. This decline is due to the loss of insects and nesting sites; the loss of specialised habitats by woodland management, and climate change which has affected breeding and food availability.

Other wildlife which has seen a decline in populations are moths, which have declined by 55%. Seabird populations have declined by 37% and currently 16% of ALL species are now at risk of being lost forever, including birds, amphibians, reptiles and terrestrial mammals.

The most common wildlife to be spotted these days are foxes, rabbits and deer. Pollinator species have decreased by an average of 18%.

On the other hand, the domestic pet populations (dogs, cats, rabbits) are on the rise.

So, if we can all be more aware of the plant and animal life around us, and all do our little bit to make life easier for these creatures and plants, it will help to slow down the enormous decline in their populations.

Tickton WI Report – to follow

We offer unlimited opportunities for learning, fun and friendship with interesting speakers, workshops and social gatherings and, of course, our meetings always include cake!

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, at 7 o'clock in the evening in the Small Hall at the Village Hall, which has proved to be a really convenient time and venue for members. From last March we've had a French-themed evening complete with French cheese and wine, a social evening of quizzes and games on the May Bank Holiday Monday, an evening of tricks and illusions with a lady member of the Magic Circle, followed in July by an interesting look at the work of the Wolds Hedgehog Society with advice on how to attract and look after this prickly native to our gardens.

More local knowledge was gathered during our August outing to the Hornsea Museum, with lunch at an interesting restaurant too, and the Beverley Town Hand Bell Ringers entertained us in September, and many members were very willing to 'have a go'. We made good use of the WiFi capabilities of the hall during the year, especially in October when we accessed the Learning Hub for a talk about Westminster (more interesting than you would expect from the title), and then during the festive period members were given a craft workshop about gift-bag making and door wreaths made from natural materials to be found in our gardens and hedgerows. The usual Christmas social activities were enjoyed throughout December, including a festive afternoon tea between Christmas and New Year.

2026 began with a talk on the History of Tickton, followed by our health and wellbeing session in February with volunteer ladies from the Hull and East Riding Breast Friends. All things Welsh was the theme for our meeting in March, complete with Welsh cakes and Bara Brith and, of course, a Welsh quiz. Plus, as the meeting was so near Easter, there was also an Easter quiz, and this finished our year with a chocolate egg and smiles all round.

Members always enjoy coffee mornings at various venues, the Knit'n'Natter sessions (still knitting hats for premature babies and comforter hearts for bereaved parents), and visits to local theatres and, more importantly, the friendship, support and a sense of belonging to the community that the WI gives. We make monthly donations to the Food Bank and many of our speakers donate their fee to charities of their choice. Our programme from April 2026 to March 2027 is in place and promises to be as varied and interesting as always. New members are always very welcome at any of our meetings – 7 o'clock on the fourth Monday of every month, except August when we have our yearly outing.

That completes our annual review of the year from April 2025 to March 2026.

Routh Wind Farm Community Fund Report

The 25-year agreement, established in 2011, provides an indexed annual contribution, rising from approximately £38,000 at inception to around £55,000 in 2025–26.

The Routh Wind Farm Community Fund invites applications each year from local community groups and organisations. Applications are reviewed by the Panel at its May meeting, where grants are awarded based on agreed criteria and the level of available funding.

The Fund is administered by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Rural Funding Team. Annual Reports are available on East Riding of Yorkshire Councils website www.eastriding.gov.uk/council/grants-and-funding/rural-funding/routh-wind-farm-community-fund/ for those interested in exploring examples of previously supported projects.

For further information, or to share ideas and suggestions, please email: ruralfunding@eastriding.gov.uk

Tickton Defibrillator Campaign Group Report

The parishes of Tickton and Routh are served by five defibrillators located at Tickton Village Hall, The Micro Pig (Tickton), BATA (Hull Bridge), The Nags Head (Routh), and Kembali (Weel).

In May 2025, it was identified that these units required replacement. Funding was secured through the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund, alongside local fundraising efforts, enabling all defibrillators to be upgraded to improved, more robust units with new cabinets.

All life-saving equipment is registered on The Circuit, ensuring it is accessible to emergency services.

Within the first week following installation, one of the units was successfully deployed.

The group will continue to raise funds to support ongoing maintenance, including replacement pads and batteries, and plans are in place to deliver a community training session.

Thanks, and appreciation are extended to the volunteers who regularly check and maintain the defibrillators, as well as to all those who have contributed to fundraising efforts.

Tickton Youth Club (Beverley Rural Youth) Report

The youth clubs based in Tickton and Leconfield operate collectively under the name Beverley Rural Youth.

The Tickton club is particularly well attended, recording 938 visits from young people in the village over the course of the year. Attendance levels are consistently high, with sessions often nearing full capacity.

Members benefit from a supportive and inclusive environment that fosters increased confidence, stronger peer relationships, and a safe space to socialise. The club also provides valuable opportunities for emotional development and the cultivation of leadership skills.

Youth Kaf & Food Bank Report

The Youth Kaf has been operating successfully for many years. Since taking over in 2017, subscription fees have been supplemented by an initiative encouraging each attendee to bring an item for the food bank, helping to address local food shortages.

The Kaf is currently supported by a dedicated team of eight volunteers and meets monthly, offering a range of activities including games, crafts, and a tuck shop.

In my role as a school governor, I am proud to highlight that the children involved are excellent ambassadors for the school.

The food bank continues to receive strong community support, with donations exceeding 40,000 items. Our village has contributed more than any other in the East Riding area—an outstanding and commendable achievement.

Coronation Petanque Report

A group of around 20 residents regularly meets each Monday at 1:00pm to play on the Coronation Pétanque Court.

Two members of the group have progressed to represent Yorkshire in both regional and national championships, reflecting the strength and enthusiasm within the community.

New participants are always welcome to come along and try pétanque. The sport is suitable for all age groups and abilities, with equipment available to support those with limited mobility.

The Church In Tickton Report

The Church in Tickton, which is a legal partnership between the Methodist and Church of England Christian denominations, continues to maintain two church buildings in the village. The church buildings are used every Sunday for a service and for other church-related activities. They are available to parishioners to celebrate life events such as Christenings, Weddings, Blessings and Funerals, and the Methodist church is also available for groups or individuals to hire. There has been an increasing amount of confusion about who is entitled to ask for a wedding, christening or funeral at our churches and I would be happy to talk to anyone informally if they are unsure.

The church hosts foodbank boxes at both their buildings which are exceptionally well-supported.

During this year our work with children has grown, Youth Kaf - a monthly event for years 5,6, and 7 has a regular, loyal group of supporting volunteers which means that numbers of 20 plus young people can be

looked after safely at each event. We are also thankful for the very generous support of Noel from the village post office, and to the school who publicise our activities.

Other events which are growing in popularity are activities for families based on the church year. Harvest and Christmas crafts days were held in the Methodist church and Easter garden making at St. Pauls. We hope to add to these this coming year as well as holding our Annual Garden Party in St. Pauls. churchyard.

We continue working closely with the village school and all classes visit the church buildings and work with church staff to learn about our heritage and explore ideas.

Both buildings and the churchyard at St. Pauls are well maintained and the churchyard grounds benefit from skilled and hardworking volunteers. The Methodist church has this year needed roofing work to be done and we are grateful to the wind farm charities for supporting this.

Tickton Primary School Report

Tickton Church of England Primary school currently has 185 children on role. Over 50% of those children live outside of the catchment area but families choose Tickton. The majority of children who join the school also attend Tickton pre-school in the village hall. We work closely with the pre-school team and they also provide wrap around care for our children during term time. At a time of falling birth rates both nationally and locally, where most primary schools are reducing their provision, we remain sustainable, our numbers have recently increased, and our village school is thriving.

The continued success of the school has an impact on traffic at the start and end of the school day. This is a common problem at all schools and we do our best to engage with the community and educate our families regarding road safety. We patrol Green Lane before school, engage with 'park and side' initiatives, working closely with the PCSO and take advice from the ERYC traffic enforcement team. Our PFA have also just funded some new road safety banners for our perimeter. We are also supporting the currently review of the A1035.

Our previous head teacher, Chris Brown, retired last summer after 35 years and I now have the privilege of leading our school. I have been a part of the Tickton School community for 15 years and, alongside a very committed team, we are working together to continue to develop the school for the community we serve.

This year we have undertaken a 2-year, whole school, play development programme (OPAL play) to enable our children to use our grounds to engage in active, open ended, adventurous, child led play. We know that lots of children spend increasing amounts of time indoors on electronic devices. In our commitment to support mental health and wellbeing, play has become a highly valued part of the day for all our children from ages 4-11.

We are also working to enhance our children's school distinctiveness. We are working in partnership with the local village churches to provide opportunities for our children to develop their spirituality.

The majority of our children transition to Beverley Longcroft, Beverley High or Beverley Grammar. A smaller number of children transition to Hornsea School and Language College.

Tickton Indoor Bowls Club Report

The first season where competitions and trophies awarded, was in 1990 and since then, the Club has continued to thrive.

All eight Club competitions at the Village Hall were completed and the winner's presentation evening is to be held in May at the Crown and Anchor.

For anyone wanting to try out bowls for the first time, we offer opportunities for people to try the game out before committing to joining. All playing equipment is available to use and there is advice and guidance for all new players. The annual joining fee is £10.

Tickton Indoor bowls club registered one team into the Humberside League competitions for the current season, with the "Tickton Titans" finishing top of Division Two. Promotion awaits!

Tickton's Humberside teams compete against Clubs stretching out over the East Riding. Members are also given the opportunity to play at County Level.

The Club's Pre-Season meeting for 2026-2027 will be held on Monday 24 August. The playing season will start on Monday 7th September 2026 and will run through the winter months until April 2027.

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