

Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy

Derbyshire's farming community plays a vital role in our countryside and economy, but farming can bring significant pressures, from rising costs and changing weather to disease, isolation and uncertainty.

Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy (DRC) provides pastoral and spiritual support to farmers, farm workers and their families, whether they have a Christian faith, another faith or none.

Led by Rev. Phil Michell, with Agricultural Chaplains Alison Fletcher and Rev. Pete Evens, the team regularly visits farms, Bakewell Livestock Market, agricultural shows and rural events across Derbyshire. They provide a listening ear and practical support, as well as organising services, farm visits, the annual Harvest Supper and other events celebrating rural life and the farming year.

The Chaplaincy also produces DRC News for farmers across the county.

To find out more or ask for support:
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Offering Spiritual and Pastoral Support to the Agricultural and Rural Community

Join the Sandiacre Community Network

The Sandiacre Community Network brings together local voluntary and community groups, organisations, statutory partners and residents to help make Sandiacre a healthier and more connected community.

Members meet every eight weeks to identify local needs and priorities, share ideas and develop opportunities for residents. The Network's Community Wellness Action Plan aims to help people of all ages access activities and opportunities that improve health and wellbeing.

Local groups are encouraged to join the Network, whether they are developing a new project or already running activities in Sandiacre. Members can access a range of support and resources to help their work benefit the local community.

The Network is coordinated by Erewash Voluntary Action and supported by Derbyshire County Council Public Health.

Interested in getting involved? Contact Clare Ejiofor for more information: 07849 115938 clare3@erewashcvs.org.uk

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HAVE YOUR SAY — COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Sandiacre Parish Council would like to hear from you about ways we can improve our local community. Please take a few minutes to send us your comments, either via email to clerk@sandiacreparishcouncil.org.uk or by returning this questionnaire to the Parish Council Office, 19b Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire, NG10 5FJ.

1. Please tell us what you enjoy about Sandiacre.	2. And what would you like to see improved?	3. Thinking specifically about the village centre, how would you like to see it improved?



Sandiacre Matters

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL'S NEWSLETTER — AUTUMN 2026

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the new style community newsletter produced by the Parish Council to support local groups and organisations promote their work, publicise activities and showcase forthcoming events, and which highlights the work and services of the Council.

Everyone is welcome to provide articles and content to share a platform for all the valuable work being undertaken by local volunteers throughout the year and details may be sent to Michelle Bloor, our Clerk, who can arrange editorial space in preparation for the next edition.

Casual vacancy

The Parish Council recently gave notice that a vacancy for the South Ward had arisen following the resignation of Cllr Alfrey, due to his work schedule. As an election was not called, there remains a vacancy that the Parish Council is now seeking to fill by co-option.

The Council plays an important role in representing residents at grassroots level and can influence important matters, which helps to shape the future of the local area. Serving as a Parish Councillor can be a rewarding experience and one that make a positive difference to the lives of others.

Residents interested in learning more about becoming a Parish Councillor are encouraged to contact myself, or our Clerk, for further information on the workings of local democracy and community decision-making.

Junction 25A Moves a step closer

The impact of HGV traffic on Sandiacre is already significant, with heavy vehicles using our local roads and bringing congestion, noise and pollution to residents. With further development planned at the New Stanton Park, the pressure on our road network is only likely to increase. We need a long-term solution rather than simply accepting more and more HGVs travelling through Sandiacre and neighbouring communities.

I am therefore very pleased that funding has now been secured for an £80,000 economic appraisal looking at options to improve access to Stanton, including the potential for a new M1 Junction 25A at the Lows Lane underpass. This is an important step forward and will allow the case to be properly assessed.

When proposing the motion at Erewash Borough Council, we believe that improving access could both unlock economic potential at the New Stanton Park site by improving access, attracting investment and creating employment opportunities and it could alleviate traffic pressure, benefiting both local businesses and residents alike.

The study does not guarantee that Junction 25A will be built, but it gives the opportunity to properly examine the options and builds an evidence-based case for the long-term infrastructure that Sandiacre needs.

Springfield Park

I am pleased to report the Parish Council has received ongoing compliments on recent improvements to Springfield Park with the introduction of a perimeter footpath, planting of an assortment of trees and the re-introduction of goals posts.

This has created huge benefits to the park and increased recreational use for all ages and promoted physical fitness, mental well-being and community cohesion, including for families and individuals wanting to take advantage of a well-maintained and popular open space.

Councillors were concerned by the lack of rain this year and we extend our thanks and appreciation to Steve Spencer, one of our contractors, for watering all the trees each week throughout the dryer months to ensure they survived the drought.

Doncaster Avenue RG: Improvements

The Parish Council is currently awaiting a decision by Erewash Borough Council on the allocation of a Special Project Grant for £100,000 to refurbish the BMX track.

This is in addition to a grant of £22,500, which will be used to replace old and worn-out waste/dog bins on Springfield Park and Doncaster Avenue RG and introduce new seating.

This investment is eagerly awaited and we thank everyone who responded to the last newsletter consultation, as your comments formed part of the submission to receive a substantial amount of funding to create long-lasting improvements.



Sandiacre Parish Council Office

Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has recently paused the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) process while it undertakes a review. We are awaiting the outcome of this review and any further decisions regarding the future structure of local government in Derbyshire.

The Government has also confirmed that the local elections due to take place in May 2027 will go ahead as planned, with elections for Erewash Borough Council taking place on the existing boundaries.

Litter picking

Following a review of its service, the Council is pleased to welcome Carl Wilford as the new contractor for litter picking on Springfield Park, Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground and Derby Road. Carl will be keeping the parks neat and tidy for 6 days per week and covers Derby Road once a week to ensure litter doesn't build up in these areas.

We are most grateful to everyone who doesn't drop litter and picks up after their dogs. Most residents are very conscientious and enjoy walking in areas that are kept litter free, but it remains a priority for Parish Councillors to ensure their parks and streets are well kept for everyone to take pride in their community.

Other areas of Sandiacre are maintained by EBC

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and if you wish to report litter building up or incidents of dog waste not being picked up, do please contact them, T: 0115 907 2244 or Email: enquiries@erewash.gov.uk

Parish Council - Summer Play Scheme

The Parish Council continues to sponsor a 4-week summer play scheme at Cloudside Academy and feedback from the 2026 scheme is included elsewhere. We are delighted Adam Metcalf and his team continue to deliver a popular, well attended and fun packed break for children over the summer school holiday.

Hanging baskets

We do hope residents were pleased with the colourful display of hanging baskets in the village centre this year. They were sourced from a local company who supply to councils and they have created a wonderful display, especially on the hanging basket tree by Faircroft Avenue. The Council is looking at the opportunity for further investment and would be pleased to hear from local businesses who may wish to sponsor a basket in the centre of Sandiacre.

Christmas lights

This year, the Parish Council will introduce a new display of Christmas lights covering the next 3-year period and we are currently in the process of looking at designs and colour options. Councillors feel that investment into Christmas lights remains important and creates a focal point for all residents to welcome in the festive season that can enhance community spirit.

Thank You!

Finally, on behalf of all my fellow Councillors, I would like to thank our Clerk for her 19 years of loyal service to the Council and community and to everyone who contributes to the running of the Council, especially our contractors for providing such an excellent service to maintain our parks and open spaces. I do believe Sandiacre is a great place to live and work and we continue to work on your behalf to ensure it remains so for the future.

Cllr Wayne Major



Parish Council Chairman
Sandiacre County Councillor
EBC South Ward Councillor & Leader of the Opposition

Planter Presentation

Past members of Sandiacre Male Voice Choir officially presented the Parish Council with a commemorative planter that has been located in the centre of the village for all to enjoy.

The choir formally disbanded last year, but wanted to make a donation to the people of Sandiacre, as a reminder of the happy times they had spent giving concerts and singing at the annual Carols Around the Tree event, held in the same location.

Cllr Wayne Major (Parish Council Chairman), Cllr Steve Bilbie (Vice-Chairman) and Cllr Sanghera expressed their thanks and appreciation to past members of the choir for all their contribution to the local community over many years.

Cllr Major said, *"It's a wonderful and generous gesture and the planter and hanging baskets will make a colourful display for everyone to admire each Summer and Autumn. It raises pride in the community and will be an attractive focal point for the village centre for many years to come".*



Past members of the choir: Anthony Taylor (Secretary) Maurice Wilkes, Steve Newton, Stuart Graham (Choir Master), David Jones and Ken Garton.

Summer Play Scheme Success!

AM Sports are delighted to reflect on another successful summer running the Sandiacre Summer Club in partnership with Sandiacre Parish Council.

The Summer Club once again provided local children with a safe, welcoming and engaging environment throughout the school holidays, giving them the opportunity to take part in a wide range of sporting, creative and themed activities.

Our aim has always been to provide children with an exciting holiday experience while supporting local families.

A key part of the success of the Sandiacre Summer Club is the variety of activities on offer. Rather than simply focusing on one sport, AM Sports provide a timetable that allows children to experience something different throughout their time at the club. Activities included a mixture of traditional sports, alternative sports, team challenges, games, arts and crafts and a range of exciting themed days.

The structured timetable also plays an important role in the day-to-day running of the club. Children know what activities are coming up, while staff can provide a clear and organised programme that keeps everyone engaged.

The partnership between AM Sports and Sandiacre Parish Council continues to demonstrate the positive impact that community partnerships can have.

The success of the Sandiacre Summer Club would not be possible without the commitment of the AM Sports team. Our staff work hard to create a positive atmosphere, ensure activities run smoothly and make sure every child feels included. From planning activities and preparing equipment to delivering sessions and supporting children throughout the day, it is a huge team effort.

We would also like to thank Sandiacre Parish Council for their continued support and partnership. The ongoing relationship between the Parish Council and AM Sports allows us to continue developing and delivering a valuable service for families.
A huge thank you to Sandiacre Parish Council, our staff, the children and their families for making another Sandiacre Summer Club such a success.



Find Out More About Local History

Sandiacre History Group holds six evening meetings per year, usually on the third Thursday, in March, April, June, September and October at Sandiacre Methodist Church Hall on Butt Street. Refreshments are available from 7pm with the talk or presentation on a subject of historical interest commencing at 7.30pm.

The Programme of Talks for the 2026 - 2027 is as follows:-

- **Thursday 17 September 2026** — Annual General Meeting at 7pm followed by Victorian Stapleford by John Shaw
- **Thursday, 15 October 2026** — Goose Fair on Film Part 1. Film of the Goose Fair when it was on the Market Square. Presented by Bob Massey.
- **Thursday, 10 December 2026** — Members' Social Evening and A Christmas Cracker: entertainment by Dave Andrews followed by seasonal refreshments at Sandiacre Cricket Club, Longmoor Lane, commencing at 7pm. Admission £3.
- **Thursday, 18 March 2027** - Teacher, Trainer, Lion Tamer and Spy. Ian Green tells the incredible story of Alice Wheeldon, an Ilkeston schoolteacher.
- **Thursday, 15 April 2027** — Life in Derby in the 1950s by Paul Sturges'
- **Thursday, 17 June 2027** — Sweet Heritage: with samples for everyone by Emma Barran-Scott. Relive your trips to the local sweet shop!

The new membership year starts on 1st September and costs £12 per person or £18 for two people at the same address. There is a meeting charge of £1 for members and £2.50 for visitors, who are most welcome. If you would like more information or would like to become a member, please contact the Chairman on **0115 939 8057** or email **sandiacrehistory @hotmail.co.uk**



Sandiacre Parish Council Cemetery

Sandiacre Parish Council Cemetery is situated at the top of Church Drive, near Stoney Clouds and adjoining the closed burial grounds of St Giles' Church. Set within a Conservation Area and surrounded by nature, it provides a peaceful and tranquil setting for families and visitors.

The Cemetery was established by the Parish Council in 1990 when the church burial grounds became full. It is independent of the Church and is maintained and administered by the Parish Council for the benefit of local residents.

Graves and plots may be purchased in advance or at the time of burial, with Exclusive Rights granted for 75 years and renewable thereafter. Non-resident fees are double those for residents.

The grounds are permanently open, although parking on Church Drive is limited. For funerals, parking is available at St Giles' Church Hall.

Burial areas are regularly maintained and mown fortnightly during the summer months.

The Parish Council holds all Cemetery records and its current fees, Rules and Regulations are available on the Council website.

Cemetery enquiries: Please contact the Clerk to Sandiacre Parish Council.

Closed churchyard enquiries: John Hickingbotham, Church Warden: 0115 939 8057 Rev. Olaf Trelenberg: 0115 939 7163



Friends of Hayworth Road Park Closure Meeting

The Friends of Hayworth Road Park (FOHRP) was started in 2012. For years, the group was very active in involving local people to improve the park and enjoy community events such as the Community Fun Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Moth Watch, Sky Watch at Night, Hippo Hunt, Halloween Event, Planting Daffodils and other work parties.

In recent years, the group has been less active. Recent publicity has produced very few responses. After discussion, it is proposed to close the Friends group.

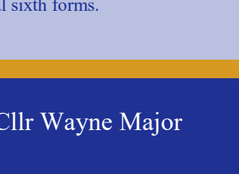
Friends are welcome at a short Special General Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 3rd November at Sandiacre Library

to outline what is happening, present the accounts and agree on disposal of the funds to registered charities, as in the constitution.To contact David by email, please use **fohrp@outlook.com** or by phone on **0115 877 9669** or on our FOHRP Facebook page or when you see him around. Alternatively, contact Celia on **celia.powers@ntlworld.com**.

Sandiacre Neighbourhood Development Plan

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led document giving local people a say in how their area develops. It enables Parish Councils and communities to establish planning policies covering matters such as new housing, facilities and land use.

Once approved, the Plan forms part of the statutory planning framework and must be considered when planning applications are determined. Sandiacre Parish Council began work on its Plan in 2021 with support from a professional consultant. Following public consultation and a local referendum, the Plan was formally approved, with Sandiacre designated as a Neighbourhood Area in March 2022.



The Plan runs until 2037 and contains policies relating to development and land use across the Parish, including the Mark Street Development. The Plan, supporting policies and maps can be viewed on the Parish Council website: **sandiacreparishcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood_plan.html**

Risley Education Foundation

The Risley Educational Foundation provides grants towards University, College and Apprenticeship courses for young people aged 18–25 living in Sandiacre and neighbouring eligible parishes.

Grants are not means tested and students can normally receive up to three grants, with up to five available for those studying Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Studies. During the 2025/26 academic year, **the Foundation supported 30 students from Sandiacre.**

The Foundation also provides annual grants to local Sunday Schools and schools, including St. Giles' Church, Friesland School, Ladycross Infant School and Cloudside Academy, supporting children's activities and music education.

Sandiacre is represented on the Board of Trustees by Rev. Olaf Trelenberg and Cllr Wayne Major.

Details of student grant applications are advertised locally, including on Parish Council and church noticeboards and through local sixth forms.