



## Defib training day at the village hall

Free defibrillator training at Wansford Village Hall attracted 14 interested people from the parish and beyond. The training was given by Sandie Eddom, of the NHS-affiliated City Healthcare Partnership, and was most informative.

An information sheet in the use of defibrillators is available on the villages website at [www.skerneandwansfordparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.skerneandwansfordparishcouncil.co.uk)

## Canal side permissive path

Some work has taken place on the 600 metres of the Driffield Navigation Trust permissive path from Whinhill to Wansford.

Now members, working alongside East Yorkshire and Derwent

Ramblers are exploring options for upgrading the remaining portion of path ongoing to Wansford. Thus a review is being undertaken of what would be needed to make the bank top safe.

## Latest oil co-operative price

The ex-VAT oil price negotiated by the Humber and Wolds Community Council oil co-operative in February was 38.49p.

Contact local co-ordinator Billy

Waites, at Broadmead House, West End, Skerne, tel 256520, email [william.waites@btinternet.com](mailto:william.waites@btinternet.com) for more details about the bulk oil-buying scheme.

## Many thanks

Skerne residents' thanks go to Martin Taylor and Peter Boyd for salting the road between West End and Back Lane: their efforts were much appreciated by their neighbours.

## Bagged and abandoned

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in both villages with dirt fouling the pavements.

Other inconsiderate owners compound the problem by

scooping their pets' poops into bags and then abandoning them encased in plastic, thus defying the very elements which would, eventually, have dealt with the dirt.

## Church services

Services will not be taking place at either Skerne or Wansford for the duration as Church of England services have been suspended countrywide.

Weddings will be honoured and funerals will take place, even if only graveside funerals in churchyards or at a crematorium.

Currently a question mark hangs over baptisms. For more information as the situation develops consult the churches page on the website.

## Phone box refurbishment

Terry Jarvis's ongoing renovation of Wansford's former BT kiosk is nearing completion with glass etched with Wansford Information in the top, new glass and a couple of coats of paint.

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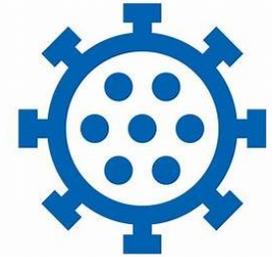
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## Coronavirus emergency—useful numbers

# Help available if you need it



As social distancing takes hold—and the possibility of having to self-isolate should you or a member of your family become infected—parish councillors and residents alike have rallied around.

They are hoping to create a network in both villages of people willing to pick up shopping, collect prescriptions, etc for the duration of the emergency or just to make a friendly telephone call.

In Skerne, Catherine Bristow has volunteered to coordinate this effort and in Wansford, Caroline Harrison has offered her services.

Already some people have indicated that they are willing to help in this way, and if you wish to join forces with them please be in contact.

Meanwhile, if you are in the 'vulnerable' group who has been advised by the Government to distance yourself socially it would be helpful if you could let us know.

While it behoves us all to

look out for our neighbours at the best of times, at the worst of times it could be comforting to know for definite that someone, somewhere cares...

It is a fast-moving situation but we would remind you of the latest Government information at the time of going to press:

*'Social distancing measures are steps you can take to reduce the social interaction between people. This will help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).'*

*'They are:*

*avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19); these symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough*

*avoid non-essential use of public transport. work from home, where possible.*

*avoid large gatherings, and gatherings in smaller public spaces such as pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars,*

*clubs*

*avoid gatherings with friends and family; keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media*

*use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services*

*everyone should be trying to follow these measures as much as is pragmatic.'*

The Government strongly advises you to follow the above measures as much as you can and to significantly limit your face-to-face interaction with friends and family if possible, particularly if you are over 70, have an underlying health condition or are pregnant

The advice is likely to be in place for some weeks.

Over the page you will details of the co-ordinators in a cut-out coupon to keep for the duration.

Pertinent updates will also be available on the website at [www.skerneandwansfordparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.skerneandwansfordparishcouncil.co.uk)



## Self-isolating? We can help...

We are Catherine Bristow (Skerne) and Caroline Harrison (Wansford)

Our telephone numbers are:

Catherine—250190, 07774 402577; Caroline—254452, 07703 354394

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 we can help with:

- ⇒ Picking up shopping      ⇒ posting mail
- ⇒ A friendly phone call      ⇒ urgent requests

Just call or text one of us and we'll do our best to find someone to help you—  
for free

*Items should be left on your doorstep*

*Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are  
spreading only kindness...  
wash your hands regularly, avoid physical contact.*

**Skerne and Wansford Parish Council**  
For updates visit [skerneandwansfordparishcouncil.co.uk](http://skerneandwansfordparishcouncil.co.uk)

## Don't be drawn into a scam while in isolation

During this difficult time not everyone will be endeavouring to help.

Unscrupulous people will be aiming to take advantage of the isolated with internet, telephone and doorstep scams of all sorts from offering hand sanitisers to the usual discount on your appliances insurance as well as recorded messages, such as those about 'your' Amazon account or, as has happened in Beverley, people pretending to be local health professionals knocking on your door.

Be very wary of all cold callers, unknown visitors however credible they may appear, and never give your bank details to anyone.

There are initiatives to help and it's perhaps worth idling away some of your hours in isolation by logging onto Friends Against Scams at [www.friendsagainstsams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstsams.org.uk), a Trading Standards initiative which aims to protect and prevent people becoming victims of scams and where there is much information on what to look out for whether the scam is via e-mail, telephone, letter or a well-dressed, personable individual standing on your doorstep.

Another website is [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) where scams can be reported. Don't let the emergency develop into a crisis; take care.

## New picnic bench installed

A new picnic bench has been installed at Wansford Lock.

The previous bench, installed about 10 years ago, had become very dilapidated so the parish council took the decision to use the Driffield Canal Partnership residual funds to replace it.

The fund of £677 was given to the parish council when DCP folded, specifically for use at Wansford Lock.

Councillors are hoping that the bench, of 100 per cent recycled plastic, will last much longer than the old wooden one.

Thanks go to Jim Stockwell who installed the bench, with help from his wife, Lynn, and the loan of equipment by



Andrew Robson. Lynn is the DCP who happened to be pictured with David passing as the bench was Hamilton, an ex-official of being put into position.

## Latest news re the Skerne village green

The contract for the purchase—at a nominal £1—of an acre of land for community use at Skerne has been completed and is receiving a final reading before it is signed and sealed.

It is exactly a year since the offer was made

and accepted. Some preliminary work has been done, with permission of donors Warrendale Farms, but now the real work of transforming the area into a community space for all to enjoy can start.

## Pie and pea supper at the Trout postponed

Plans for a pie and pea supper at the Trout have been put on hold.

The event was to take place on Friday April 24 with

landlord Keith Robinson undertaking to produce a £7 supper in family-friendly hours. However, given the coronavirus emergency, the

event has been delayed and will be discussed at the May meeting of the parish council.

## Mark fills the council vacancy

Mark Padgett, of Skerne, has stepped in to fill the vacancy on Skerne and Wansford Parish Council and was welcomed back at the January meeting.

Mark has served on the authority previously.

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