

# Withern Village News

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## **Withern Village Hall**

We have received a handful of responses to our notice in the last Newsletter regarding a potential new Village Hall, and would like to add the following information to clarify any queries:

The GDF at Theddlethorpe isn't guaranteed to go ahead, but Nuclear Waste Services have offered money to local community groups in the event that it does.

They currently have a pot of £1,000,000 on offer until June, with a further £1,000,000 for the next year - which is likely to carry on with similar amounts, over similar time frames. In the event of test drilling then this sum will increase to £2,500,000.

The money that is currently on offer is regardless of whether or not the GDF goes ahead at Theddlethorpe.

We are desperately in need of a new hall - or at the very least, a huge scheme of refurbishment. Although in the last decade we have undertaken schemes of work, including: new outside storage space, a new and improved kitchen, a licensed bar, a new disabled toilet and fully refurbished existing toilets; the work that needs undertaking now is on a grander scale. The hall is essentially a fifty year old shed on a concrete base, originally erected as a scout hut. The current building needs insulation, a new roof, some windows replaced and is also suffering from subsidence (the extent of which hasn't yet been diagnosed). Feedback has also confirmed that we would benefit from a larger usable space, and a more aesthetically pleasing one. This would also be our opportunity to create a more eco-friendly hall.

It's early stages with the application, we have so far expressed interest and contacted an architect to draw up outline plans (which can be used in the future, if this doesn't go ahead). The next stage is the application, which - amongst other things - we need letters of support from residents and hall users. This support would be our evidence that there is a need for a new hall, which can be used for future generations.

**The support is not for the siting of the GDF.**

The village hall committee consists of volunteers who work hard putting on events, and trying to bring the community together. We aren't linked to the government or politics, and all have our own views and opinions.

In the past we have lost out in similar circumstances: nobody took action when the wind turbines were situated near Gayton, and we missed out on funding which we

could have had.

The narrative is that "we the people" will decide whether the GDF is sited at Theddlethorpe. Whether this is true or not, or whether we will get to vote on an individual basis remains to be seen - but applying for this funding is not us jumping on board with NWS. The representatives have said that applying for the funding is not us "voting yes". If it goes ahead anyway and money is on offer, we believe we may as well take what is being offered. There are currently no other grants or funding available which would enable us to undertake this level of work.

If anybody would like to discuss this further, the next Village Hall meeting and AGM are on Tuesday, 9th May at 7:00pm.

## **Parish Council**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 16th May, 6:30pm at Withern Village Hall, followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting at 7:00pm.

The Election was uncontested, so there will be no election for Parish Councillors on the 4th of May, 2023. We still have vacancies on the Parish Council. For any interested parties, please contact Parish Clerk Sarah Kennett at parishclerkwithernstain@gmail.com or come to the meeting on the 16th of May. We meet every 6 weeks for about 1 hour. It is your chance to have your say on how the precept in your council tax can be best used in projects in the village.

Over the last year, we have cleaned and renovated the War Memorial and set up the speed watch group.

There are several potholes in the area. If you are concerned about them, please report them via fix my street. <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

We are looking for new volunteers for the Speed Watch group. Many residents have said that they are concerned about speeding in the village.

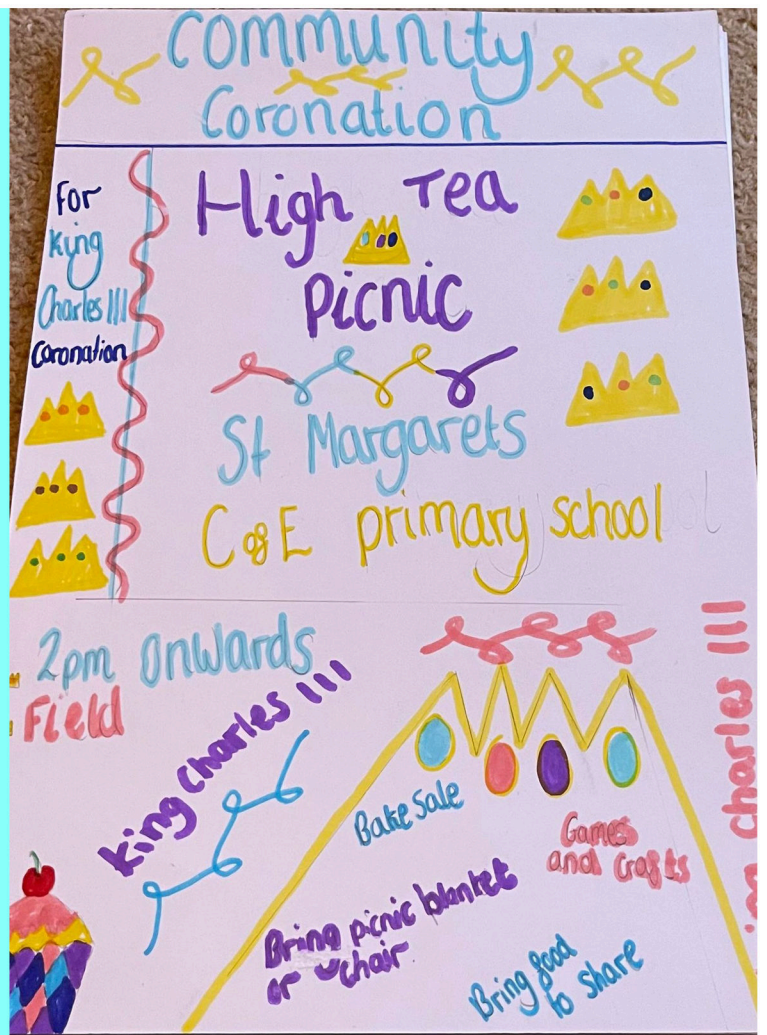
The speed watch group, in recent activities, recorded around 5 - 10 % of cars speeding. With the holiday season upon us, many cars might not realise the 30 mph zone in the village.

The speed watch team's presence reduces the cars speeding in the village. It is a visual reminder that they need to slow down. Remember, the speed watch activities do not issue fines but reminder letters for drivers to be more aware of their speed.

# GAME NIGHT

Saturday, 29th April  
7:00pm  
Withern Village Hall

- Use the provided games, or bring your own
- Food & Refreshments
- Licensed Bar



## Coronation Celebrations

at  
**Withern Village Hall**

Saturday, 6th May  
10:00am onwards

Watch the Coronation on the Big Screen  
Free Drink on Arrival  
Food Available

Free Entry  
Childrens' Activities  
Licensed Bar

## Coronation Celebrations

at  
**Withern Chapel**

Sunday, 7th May  
Service at 3:00pm  
led by Mr Eric Leigh

followed by a  
faith tea at 4:00pm

*All Welcome*

Any enquiries, please email  
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