Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council

Tree Lighting & Christmas Market

This year's event will take place around the Village Green on **Sunday 29th November from 3.00 – 6.00pm** with the Christmas tree lights being switched on by District Councillor Diana Rodgers at 4.30pm. Visits to Santa in his Grotto and Mulled Wine & Mince Pies, provided by the Parish Council will be on a first come, first served basis. The Lincoln City Brass Band will provide seasonal music and carols will be sung around the tree. A children's fairground ride and balloon twisting will also be provided courtesy of the Parish Council. Please come along and support local traders and start your Christmas celebrations bringing the community together for the festive season. If you are interested in having a stall at the market, please contact deputyclerk@welton-by-lincoln-pc.gov.uk.

Music & Arts Festival 2027

Dates for your diaries 1st – 3rd July 2027

The programme for next year's festival is currently being put together and will be available in early 2027; if you have any ideas for workshops or events, please let us know by the end of December.

Remember Hedgehogs: Three Simple Checks Before Lighting a Bonfire



This bonfire season, BHPS is asking people to follow a three-point plan to help reduce the risk of harming hedgehogs.

A bonfire pile looks like a perfect readymade home to a hedgehog seeking a safe winter nest to hibernate in. They have no idea we're about to set light to it!

By taking a few minutes to stop, move, and check your bonfire pile, you could save the life of a hedgehog seeking shelter.

BHPS is asking us all to Stop, Move and Check this November:

1. **Stop** – do you need to have a bonfire? Can you attend an organised community event instead? The fewer bonfires there are, the fewer wildlife casualties there will be.
2. **Move** – if you do decide to have a bonfire, only build it on the day you plan to light it. Move all collected materials to a new site just before burning, in case hedgehogs, other wildlife, or pets have decided to hide inside.
3. **Check** – before lighting from one side only, check the entire bonfire pile carefully for wildlife and shine a torch inside the pile and gently lift each section with a pole or broom as you look. Never use a spade or fork as these can cause great harm. Also listen for the huffing sound of a hedgehog which has been disturbed.

Hedgehog populations are in steep decline so it's vital to #RememberHedgehogs at this dangerous time of year. Please give them the best possible chance to escape the danger of a lit bonfire that they've mistaken for a safe haven.

If you do find a hedgehog in your unlit bonfire heap:

- Gather it up with its nest and place in a high-sided box with plenty of torn newspaper, towelling, or Ensure the lid has air holes and is firmly secured – hedgehogs are great climbers!
- Use gardening gloves or a folded towel to handle them – those spikes are sharp!
- Put the box somewhere safe and quiet, such as a shed or garage well away from the festivities and offer the hedgehog some meaty cat or dog food or cat biscuits and water.
- Once the embers are totally dampened down that night, release the hedgehog under a hedge, bush or log-pile near where it was found, with its original nesting materials and some more food and water.

For more information about hedgehogs visit: www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

Report fly-tipping at: https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/refuse-and-recycling/street-cleansing-and-litter-collection/fly-tipping/ or telephone 01427 676676

Report street lighting faults, damage to footpaths or potholes at:
https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ or telephone 01522 552222

The Parish Office is open Monday to Thursday from 9.00am until 3.00pm and 9.30am - 12.30pm on Fridays, we are here to help with any queries that you may have and will bring them to the attention of the relevant Councillor or Committee.

All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton – see agenda for details.
Full Council - Monday 9th November
Governance & Finance Committee - Monday 2nd November

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