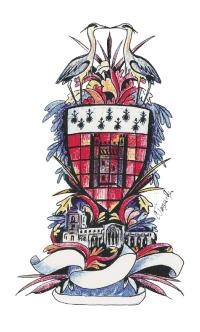
**Present Councillors**: contact details are listed below. We also have a vacancy for a parish councillor and if you are interested you should apply in writing to the parish clerk.

Councillor:	Contact Tel
	Number:
Mrs. K. Elliott (Clerk)	01522 550347
(tattershallthorpe@tiscali.co.uk)	
Cllr. S. Coulber	01526 343919
Cllr Mrs H Eke (Tree Warden)	01526 343173
Cllr. Mrs. B. Harvey OBE	01526 342382
Cllr. A Fletcher	01526 345044
Cllr. G. Harness	01526 343054
Cllr. P. Barrack	01526 342822
Cllr. Mrs. G. Shaw (Chairman)	01526 342509
Cllr. N. Leggate	01526 342275
Cllr. J. Meanwell	01526 342029
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Cllr. N Brown	01526 344858
Cllr. Mrs. J. Pow	01526 343143
Cllr Mrs H Kay	01526 348404
Cllr. Mrs. C. Dawson (RFO)	01526 343400
County Councillor: Mrs. B. Harvey	01526 342382
District Councillor: Mr. S. Avison	01526 342846

Finally: Parish Council meetings are held monthly (except August and January) at the Community Access Point and Library, starting at 7.15pm on the first Tuesday of each month. It is always a pleasure to see members of the public attending the meetings, as the Council members then know that they are working for the parish and its residents and are able to continue making Tattershall with Thorpe an up and coming community for all to enjoy. So, if you have anything you wish to be discussed by the Council, please submit details in writing to the Clerk: Mrs. K Elliott, Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Council, Tattershall CAP and Library, Butts Lane, Tattershall, Lincoln, LN4 4NL

e-mail: tattershallthorpe@tiscali.co.uk www.tattershallwiththorpe.co.uk

# Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Council



### **ANNUAL REPORT**

2011 - 2012

The time has come once again to let you know what has been happening with Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Council over the past year. Councillor Mrs. G Shaw was elected as Chairman and Councillor Mrs. J Pow was elected as Vice Chairman. The parish council consists of 15 councillors 11 who represent Tattershall and 4 who represent Thorpe.

## Following our AGM your Parish Council Committees for 2012 – 2013 are:

Finance and General Purposes	Planning
G Shaw	
A Fletcher	G Shaw
C Dawson	B Harvey
G Harness	
P Barrack	H Kay
H Eke	S Coulber
R Leivers	J Meanwell
S Coulber	J Pow
J Pow	A Fletcher
N Brown	H Eke
J Meanwell	N Brown

#### **Public Amenities**

G Shaw

**G** Harness

H Kay

S Coulber

N Leggate

A Fletcher

J Pow

H Eke

P Barrack

R Leivers

J Meanwell

## LOCAL COUNCILS IN ENGLAND AND WALES ANNUAL RETURN

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

#### **SECTION 1 – THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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**Parish Council Office:** The parish office is situated within the Library and Community Access Point building, adjacent to Gartree School, details of which are given below. If you have any queries or problems, do pop in to see the clerk, Mrs. Karen Elliott.

Opening hours: Tuesday 9.30am – 12.30pm. Wednesday 9.30am – 12.30pm

Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Tattershall Library and Community Access Point, Butts Lane, Tattershall, Lincoln, LN4 4NL Telephone Number: 01522 550347 E Mail: tattershallthorpe@tiscali.co.uk

**Finance**: In this financial year the Council is pleased to have been able to make grants and donations to the amount of £390, distributed within this financial year to local organisations and charities. A full breakdown of parish council accounts is included on the penultimate page of this report.

The Flag Flying experience is always popular and local people are being recognised without their knowledge sometimes. Congratulations to all those who have had the flag flown in their honour for whatever reason, major birthdays and other achievements have been acknowledged throughout this year. This has raised a further £100 towards local charities!! If you would like to have the Union Jack, Lincolnshire Flag or the St. Georges flag flown for your special occasion contact Gill Shaw or any parish councillor.

**Finance Meeting**: The Parish Council Finance Committee meeting is held in November, when the budgets for the forthcoming year are set and any requests from residents and community groups within the parish are considered. Should you wish the Council to consider funding local charities or projects which are for the benefit of the community please contact the Clerk for an application form.



Annual Parish Footpath Walking: Walking the parish paths is always an enjoyable event when members of the Council and public join together, dogs too, and walk all four parish footpaths during the summer culminating with drinks at one of our local pubs. Any areas which need attention are reported to the Footpath Officer at Lincolnshire County Council, who works closely with the Council to ensure that safety is maintained. Why not join in the fun and walk along the footpaths to discover the local wildlife and beautiful scenery which Tattershall with Thorpe has to offer. For details of dates etc please contact the parish clerk or see the notice boards. As this report goes to print the Castle footbridge is being replaced.

**Flood Wardens**: The Council is very pleased to have 3 dedicated flood wardens on the team, who are there to keep a close eye on the ever changing British weather. They are Councillor P. Barrack, who can be contacted at the Post Office on 01526 342822 or 01526 342165, Cllr. G Harness 01526 343054 and finally Mr. D. Shaw, who can be contacted on 01526 342509.

**Tree Warden:** Mrs. Helen Eke is the parish Tree Warden. If you would like to raise any matter regarding trees in the parish, do please give her a call on 01526 343173.

**Web Site:** The web site is full of useful local information, including history, photographs, events and parish council news too. Visit the site at: *www.tattershallwiththorpe.co.uk* to find out more. You may even have information you would like to contribute to the site. Contact: Mr. P. Barrack on 01526 342822 or Mr. A Fletcher on 01526 345044.

**Best Kept Village Competition** both villages have once again been entered into this competition. Councillors and members of the public made a concerted effort to make both villages more attractive and Tattershall Thorpe came third in the Past Winners section for 2011. Let's hope 2012 is as successful.

The Best Kept Garden Competition is always a favourite as this competition is kept completely anonymous. The Rose Bowl Trophy is awarded annually to the winning garden in the 'Standard Garden' category and for this year Mr & Mrs Roberts with the Barrack

Trophy to the winner of the 'Container Garden' Category, in 2011 this was awarded to Mr. & Mrs. Kimsey. If you would like to have your garden judged for next year, start sprucing up your front garden and making it look eye catching and well maintained. Who knows, there could be a judge looking at your splendour in the summer of 2012!!! Watch the notice boards for results during August and September.

#### **Chairman's Report**: 2011 – 2012

Yet another year has raced by, and the Parish Council has continued its work, often unnoticed by residents. Hopefully they do however feel the benefit. I would like to thank councillors who have given their time to attend meetings on our behalf, and training events, which help bring in information. We are all volunteers, and time is precious - thank you for giving up yours.

We said farewell to Cllr J. Roberts, the Vice Chairman, and Cllr P. Hogg, who was safety officer and flood warden. Joining us was Cllr R Leivers, with another vacancy to be filled.

It was a year for difficult decisions in the Best Kept Garden competitions, with Mr & Mrs Roberts and Mr & Mrs Kimsey eventually winning the trophies. Another annual trophy presented by council is the Manning Trophy, which was awarded to D. Powell. It was also the second awarding of the joint trophies in the Youth Achievement Awards, which we hold with Coningsby. This year the recipients were G Bates and J Brewster. Both Tattershall & Tattershall Thorpe were entered in the Best Kept Village competition, with Thorpe eventually gaining 3rd in their section. The Annual footpath walks were enjoyed by those who went, and the reports mean that our paths have been better maintained over the years. Gone are the days when we had to fight through tall vegetation. At present the wooden footbridge behind the castle is being replaced, as it was rotten. It will allow better access for all who would like to access the river.

The Christmas tree lighting ceremony was changed to the weekend as an experiment, and also to join in with the market being held at the castle. We had a disappointing attendance, so this year will revert to our usual format.

A well attended rededication service was held at the newly refurbished war memorial in Tattershall Thorpe. We were lucky to obtain a grant to build the walls to the side at the side of the war memorial, which now looks very smart.

For the first time, we have been helped by the Community Payback scheme. They did a good job clearing the churchyard for us, and have since spring-cleaned the church and erected a new fence at

the village hall. We hope that we will be able to offer them more work in the future.

This year we look forward to the jubilee celebrations, planned so that there is something for all ages in either Tattershall, Coningsby or Tattershall Thorpe, so that as many parishioners as possible can enjoy something. The parish council is marking the jubilee for our primary school pupils by giving them a bookmark.

#### Mrs. G M F Shaw

Chairman.

#### REPORT FROM TATTERSHALL THORPE RESIDENTS

The large notice board at the junction of North Road has been decorated with a mural by the youth of the village – Hannah Tomlinson and friends. The parish Council donated £200 towards the cost. The recently refurbished war memorial was rededicated. A parade from Thorpe Camp to the memorial together with a well attended service took place.

Thorpe Blue Bell trophy was won by John and Ann Bateman. In the Best Kept Village competition we came third. The village is a credit to all residents. The book "In Foreign Fields" was launched in September. This book, by Mike Hodgson and others, details the history of men mentioned on the Thorpe, Tattershall and Coningsby War Memorials.

September saw the annual Alchemy Festival take place. This year was a larger event and again a success, and in the main passed off with out incident. The road side fence adjacent to the Charles and Diana tree was removed in order to allow public access to the area.

A well attended Annual Parish Assembly received a presentation by Chandlers Oil and the Archaeological Officer from LCC collated and recorded local finds.