# Foston Parish Council (FPC) Newsletter Issue 4, 2018

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**Community Speed Watch** 



Our District Councillor Paul Wood has been given £350, from the South Kesteven District Councils Ward Members Grant Scheme, to purchase a Radar speed gun together with all the necessary equipment including a stand and a selection of suitable Hi-viz-jackets.

The intention is to use the Radar speed gun to reduce traffic speeding through all our villages and make the Lincolnshire roads safer for all road users' young and old alike.

The equipment will be purchased by the Clerk to Long Bennington Parish Council and will be available for use by Foston PC, volunteers. They will be able to use the equipment following suitable training by Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. Our thanks go to Councillor Paul Wood.



# **Trading Standards**

Thousands of children and adults across the county will be dressing up for Halloween and most will purchase outfits which adhere to European safety regulations.

Scarily, each year, thousands of Halloween outfits are sold which do not comply with those standards and therefore Trading Standards are focusing on educating consumers to avoid the use of naked flames in the vicinity of children wearing fancy dress.

Lincolnshire Trading Standards senior officer Alexandra Connell said:

"We do not want to take the fun out of Halloween, but it is important people understand the dangers associated with these kind of outfits if they come into contact with a naked flame." Even the well-made, compliant outfits which meet all the European safety standards can catch fire, cause serious burns, and frighten children."

"Our advice to people is to take away the danger and use battery operated tea lights on Halloween night. They are just as effective to light up the inside of your pumpkins and can even provide that dimly-lit, spooky atmosphere that people love at Halloween."

#### **Fireworks**

Please remember if you are having a firework party during November and December to let your neighbours know especially if they have pets and animals which are sometimes frightened by the noise of fireworks.

Just a polite reminder: you must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places.

You must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for:

•Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight •New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am

### **Best Kept Village Competition - 2018**

Chairman of The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Lincolnshire, Tim Machin, said "Standards this year were very high and winners have been validated against their largest ever number of competitors. The Lincolnshire competition is in its 56th year."

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is pleased to announce the winners and runners up in the 2018 Competition.

They are:-

Class 1 Small Village Winner: Harlaxton. Joint Runners Up: Scothern and Denton.

Class 2 Medium Village Winner: Claypole. Joint Runners Up: Fleet Hargate and Great Gonerby.

Class 3 Large Village Winner: Kirton. Runner Up: Nettleham.

Class 4 Small Market Town Winner: Long Sutton. Runner Up: Horncastle.

Past Winners Class Winner: Holbeach. Runner Up: Crowland.

Unfortunately Foston did not succeed this year although we are hoping for some feedback in the not too distant future.

## **Parish Council Emailing List**

To keep residents informed the Parish Council publishes 4 Newsletters a year plus a few additional emails per year if and when there is important information to share with the village.

If we have not got your email address or your email address has changed please fill in the form and drop it through the door to our Chairman or one of the Parish Councillors on the list opposite or email it to cmlees@btinternet.com many thanks.

To preserve the privacy of residents all email communications are sent out as blind carbon copies.

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Next Parish Council Meeting 2018 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm

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