

BARTON NEWS



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GREENS WELCOME ANGLIAN WATER'S PROMISE TO STOP DUMPING SEWAGE



Sewage emptying into Barton Haven

“Our research shows that Anglian Water is dumping sewage into the Humber SSSI for **over 1400 hours (58 days) a year,**” said Amie. Anglian Water had no plans to invest to stop this pollution, so Carol asked the Town Council to invite them to a meeting to explain themselves. At that meeting they announced a £1.1m investment in Barton by 2029 to fix it. “We welcome Anglian Water’s U-turn,” said Neil, “For the sake of our local environment, this investment can’t come too soon.”

GREENS CALL FOR ACTION ON USE OF WEEDKILLERS

Neil recently got approval for the Town Council to ask North Lincs to stop using toxic glyphosate-based weed killers and **remove street weeds instead**. NLC have replied that they won’t. Carol said, “These types of weed killer are **harmful to bees and other pollinators, frogs and birds,**”. Amie said, “North Lincs Council’s refusal wastes all the time, money and effort invested by the Town Council in recent years to create **pollinator-friendly** wild flower verges and planting.” Neil added. “It’s a farce. The Town Council acts to help pollinators and North Lincs destroys them. NLC need to wake up to the dangers and **stop using glyphosates.**”



Amie Watson



Neil Jacques



Carol Thornton

Neil, Carol and Amie working to get things done in Barton.
Get in touch - nlgparty@gmail.com - get involved!

TRIP HAZARD REDUCED

Carol sorts trip hazard



The new shelter for train passengers was constructed leaving a dangerous trip hazard for passing pedestrians. Green councillor Carol Thornton said “While welcoming every **improvement to public transport**, it must be done properly. I reported the problem to EMR who said they would remove it.”

A few weeks later, dazzled by the sun, Carol tripped over it and **broke her finger**. The tarmac was **flattened within days**. Amie said “we are pleased that it has been resolved but it’s not acceptable that someone had to be injured before they took action.”



PLASTIC FREE BARTON



Green Councillor Amie Watson is seeking action to reduce single use plastic in the Town. Amie said, “It’s great that people are really supporting the **reuse and recycling habit**, but there is still far too much single use plastic around.” This initiative is urging businesses and individuals to commit to reducing the amount of plastic used. Neil said, “It is fantastic to see many shops now are offering **paper or cardboard alternatives** for shoppers”. Amie added, “Some of the Market Traders at the monthly market are also doing this, so we encourage all who can to help **our local and global environment**.”

GREEN ACTION FOR A BETTER BARTON

NEWS IN BRIEF



Following the success of the Town Council’s management of the grass cutting contract, we think there are other **council services**, such as public toilets, which would be better run locally. In October the Town Council agreed to our proposal to write to North Lincs requesting discussions on what services and budgets they would pass to the Town Council.

Spring Bulbs Neil and Carol joined the Volunteers and other Councillors planting bluebells, wild garlic and wood anemones in key locations in the Town.

