

Hindolveston Parish Council

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News from the Parish Council

Now that the evenings are drawing in, it has been noticed that some of the **street lights** are obscured by foliage and branches. If you have a street light on the frontage of your property, please check that branches and leaves from trees and ivy are cut back sufficiently so that the light can do its job properly. Do remember to take care near the electrical fittings and if there are any overhead wires. Thank you for your time and effort in keeping the village safe and welcoming.

The main item on the agenda at the meeting in November was setting the **budget and precept** for 2025-26. The figures in the draft budget were reviewed and it was agreed to increase the precept by £300 (just over 2%) to £13,800.

The Parish Council agreed to make the following **donations**. £24.50 to the Poppy Appeal (wreath for the War Memorial Remembrance Service); £30 to the Air Ambulance; £20 each to Break, Tapping House Hospice and EACH (children's hospice); and £10 to SANDS (saving babies lives and supporting bereaved families).

There will be more **allotments** of various sizes available in the spring, so if you are interested, please contact the Clerk: hindolvestonpc@googlemail.com

Many of you will have noticed that the **War Memorial** has been cleaned. M.B. Howells have done a great job using a steam cleaning method. They will return in the spring to repaint the lettering. Thank you also to Hazel and Dave Carter for looking after the area around the Memorial.

Volunteers are invited to help **plant saplings** from the Woodland Trust. The Parish Council is planning to plant them in the Nature Reserve at the bottom of the Recreation Ground at 10 am on 4 January (weather permitting). Many hands make light work and it would be great to have a crowd to plant the 105 saplings. Later in the year we will probably need a rota of volunteers to keep them watered and free of grass until they are established.



Tree planting is a great start to a new year.
We look forward to seeing you at 10 am on 4 January 2025.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on **Thursday 16 January 2025** in the Pavilion.