

# HOLBEACH PARISH COUNCIL Newsletter

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## New Litter Bin Installed at Hallgate Cemetery

Holbeach Parish Council announces the installation of a new litter bin and a special memorial plaque at Hallgate Cemetery.

The plaque serves as a heartfelt tribute to Dan Spencer, our dedicated and much-missed litter picker who sadly passed away last year. Dan was an integral part of the Parish Council team, known for his unwavering commitment to keeping our community spaces clean and welcoming for all.

Through this memorial, we honour Dan's legacy and the invaluable contributions he made. It is our hope that this gesture will provide comfort and appreciation to Dan's family, friends, and former colleagues as they remember him.

This lasting tribute stands as a reminder of the positive impact Dan had on our parish.



## Explaining DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs) & Trees in Conservation Area

Trees cannot be cut during DEFRA's restricted period (1 March to 31 August) primarily to protect wildlife and preserve biodiversity. This timeframe coincides with the nesting season for birds, which are legally protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Cutting trees during this period could disturb or destroy nests, eggs, or young birds, which is an offense.

Additionally, trees and hedgerows are vital habitats for various species, including insects and mammals. They act as wildlife corridors, enabling safe movement and connectivity between habitats. Preserving them during critical breeding and growth seasons supports ecological balance and helps maintain healthy ecosystems.

DEFRA's restrictions also aim to prevent soil erosion and water runoff, as trees and hedgerows play a crucial role in stabilizing the land and managing water flow. These measures contribute to sustainable land management and environmental conservation.



In conservation areas, trees are protected to preserve the character and biodiversity of the area. If you wish to cut down, prune, or carry out any work on a tree in a conservation area, you must notify your local planning authority at least six weeks in advance. This allows them to assess the tree's importance and decide whether to issue a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) to protect it.

Key points to consider:

- **Notification Requirement:** Submit a written notice to your local authority detailing the proposed work and reasons for it.
- **Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs):** If the tree is already covered by a TPO, you will need formal consent from the local authority before proceeding.
- **Exemptions:** Work may be allowed without permission if the tree is dead, dying, or poses an immediate safety risk. However, evidence may be required to justify this.
- **Penalties:** Unauthorised work on protected trees can result in fines or legal action.

Trees surveys are completed every 18 months



## Respect Carter's Park: Metal Detecting Damage

Unsupervised or unauthorised metal detecting has unfortunately led to incidents of damage to the grassed areas. This not only affects the park's aesthetic appeal but also disrupts the ecosystem and creates challenges for ongoing maintenance efforts.

We kindly request that all visitors refrain from engaging in metal detecting.

By working together, we can ensure that our parks remain vibrant, welcoming spaces for everyone to enjoy now and for generations to come. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

