

## Dates for your diary:

:: **St James Church: Remembrance Service** -  
8th November, 10.45am, Spaldwick Village Green.

:: **Playtimes; Committee AGM** - 17th November.

:: **Spaldwick Parish Council:** Meetings are currently held by video conferencing. Contact the Parish Council for details: [clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com)

:: **Spaldwick Santa Sleigh (TBC)** - 20th December.

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# SPALDWICK NEWS



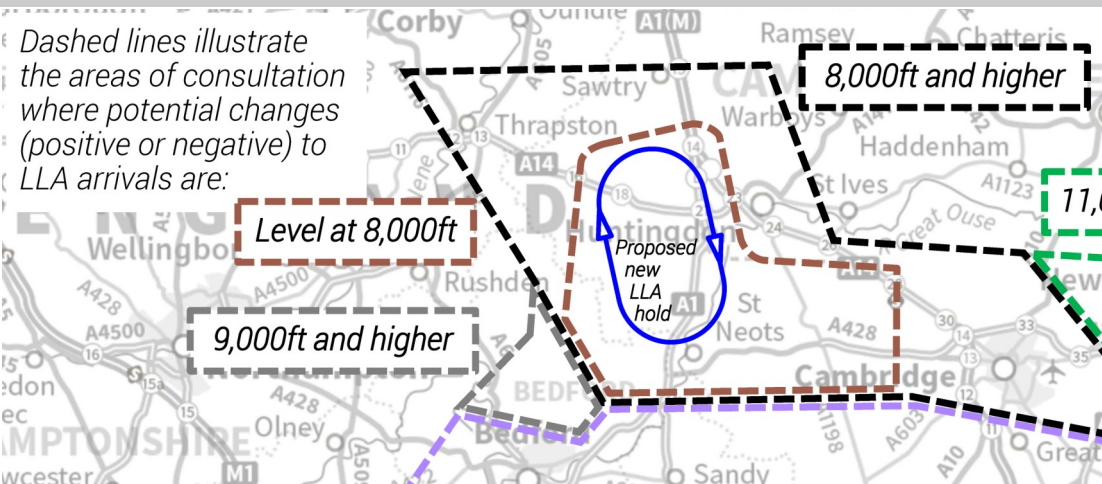
## Luton Airport 'hold area' consultation - and its impact on Spaldwick (Continued on page 2)

London Luton Airport's flight paths are set to change - and they will affect the skies around Spaldwick.

A new 'hold area' for flights is being presented by LLA and NATS (marked in blue on the map).

A 15-week consultation has been launched into how the 'hold' is used and it's important that you have a say.

*Dashed lines illustrate the areas of consultation where potential changes (positive or negative) to LLA arrivals are:*



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## Spaldwick Christmas Auction

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*Lots so far include: A day's rock climbing in the Peak District for two; Sunset picnic on a farm for two; An afternoon sailing at Grahame Water on a 2 handed racing keel boat; Christmas Hamper; Celebration bells! Have the church bells rung especially for your birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, and much more.*

It's not too late to donate your lot to this good cause!

**How to bid:** You can view and bid online at [SpaldwickChurchAuction.weebly.com](http://SpaldwickChurchAuction.weebly.com) See the noticeboards for the latest lots, put your bid in a sealed envelope and post it through Julia's door (2 High Street). You can also message our Facebook page, or email or phone us with your bid!

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# Christmas in Spaldwick 2020

**Ho ho ho!**

**Spaldwick Social Group hope that all villagers are keeping well in these strange times.**

**We have had a letter from Father Christmas, who is hoping to be visiting on Sunday, 20th December.**

**But, his Chief Elf wants to make sure everything is Covid-safe for everyone.**

**Planning meetings will be held and more info will be available in the next newsletter!**

## Spaldwick Ultrafast Internet reaches target - by Jason Patel

Spaldwick Ultrafast Internet is set to become a reality, thanks to your support! Across the 97 residents who registered, the village pledged a total of £201,500 of government vouchers.

Well done Spaldwick - this is such a great success and a major milestone for us. The national Gigabit Voucher scheme has sent an email to everyone who signed up - you need to reply in order to finalise and enable Openreach to start the installation part of this project.

The timeline once you have replied to the Gigabit Voucher email is estimated as 9 to 12 months for fibre installs. You will find full details, including some current pricing on the Spaldwick website under 'broadband': [www.spaldwick.com/broadband](http://www.spaldwick.com/broadband)

Please fill in the form and, if you are a business, attach the requested documentation to confirm that you are a business. As this is a generic form, please do not be put off by some of the language (eg. paying VAT if you are a business).

The full costs of service installation will be met by Openreach in our scheme. You are committing to taking an Ultrafast (FTTP) service from any of a wide range of providers (such as BT, TalkTalk, Sky, Zen and EE) as described in our information.

Should you have any questions, please email: [me@jasonpatel.co.uk](mailto:me@jasonpatel.co.uk)

## London Luton Airport 'Hold Area' Consultation (Continued from page 1)

LLA currently shares arrival routes and holds with Stansted. The proposed changes will separate routes further out and higher up and create a new hold for Luton arrivals, to ensure that operations for Luton and Stansted don't impact each other.

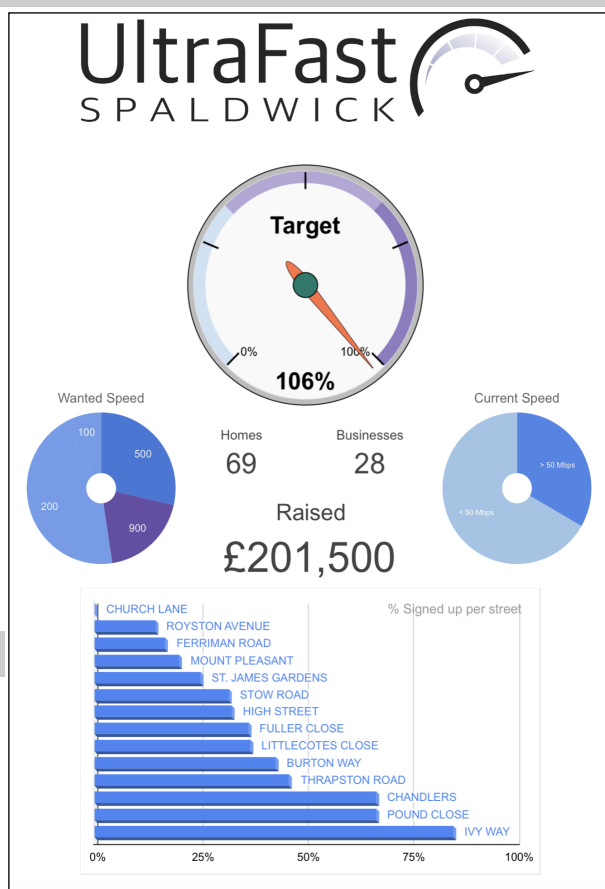
Residents and communities in the affected areas are being given the chance to have their say and shape the outcome of the proposals. The consultation is looking at two options to simplify the arrival routes for flights into the country's 5th busiest Airport and segregate them from Stansted's.

The first option uses the latest air navigation technology (Performance Based Navigation - PBN) at higher altitudes (approximately 8,000ft and above) to separate LLA's arrivals from Stansted's, with air traffic controllers tactically descending and directing aircraft from approximately 8,000ft to land.

The second, preferred option, is the same, but extends the availability of PBN to final approach, which allows a predictable, more equitable distribution of flights for communities beneath.

Representatives from LLA and NATS will host a number of webinars and virtual meetings throughout the consultation period to present the details of the proposal to local communities, airspace users, businesses and MPs. These will replace traditional drop-in events and provide a platform for participants to put questions to subject matter experts.

London Luton Airport is one of the UK's largest airports and carried 17.99 million passengers in 2019, an increase of 8.6% on 2018.



**To find out more and submit a response, visit:** [https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6\\_luton\\_arrivals/](https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6_luton_arrivals/)

**Dates, times and registration details for online meetings can be found here. The consultation runs from 19th October 2020 until 5th February 2021.**

**If a printed copy of the consultation document is required, please write to:**

**Airspace Change, Flight Operations, London Luton Airport, Percival House, Percival Way, Luton, LU2 9NU.**

### Harvest service

Thank you to everyone who joined us on 11th October for the harvest service, and those that visited the church to donate non-perishable food to the Godmanchester Food Bank and to light a candle and take a moment of reflection.

### Services:

- **1st November, 9.30am - Morning Worship with Jill Dighton**
- **8th November, 10.45am - Remembrance Service on the village green with Rev Pamela Soult**
- **22nd November, 4pm - Family Worship with Rev Phillip Howson**
- **29th November - Advent service on YouTube!**

To contact Rector Rev Philip Howson:

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/revdphilphowson](https://www.facebook.com/revdphilphowson)

Phone: 01480 869081

### Christmas Eve

This year we invite you to visit the church from 3.30-4.30pm to light a candle, see the decorations and again take up the opportunity to donate to those less fortunate than us (in the form of non-perishable food for the local food bank). We hope this will be a lovely way to bring the community together, in place of the Carol party and Crib service we would normally hold at this festive time of year.

Do please join us for mulled wine and mince pies, kindly served by The George. Children will be catered for too. You don't need to buy a ticket - just turn up, respect social distancing and bring some cash for refreshments. More details to follow next month, or keep an eye on our Facebook page.

### SPALDWICK COVID-19 SUPPORT NETWORK

A small group of Spaldwick residents are continuing to help those in our village who are vulnerable or are having to self-isolate.

We are pleased to say that at the moment there is a lot less demand for assistance, and is now mainly the collection of prescriptions from the Kimbolton and Alconbury surgeries. However, we are all aware that this situation may change as we head towards winter. If you would like help please get in touch using the contacts listed below, either by a phone call (leave a message if no answer) or text message, and they will take it from there.

### CONTACT NUMBERS:

Amba – 07526 382240

Julia – 01480 890203

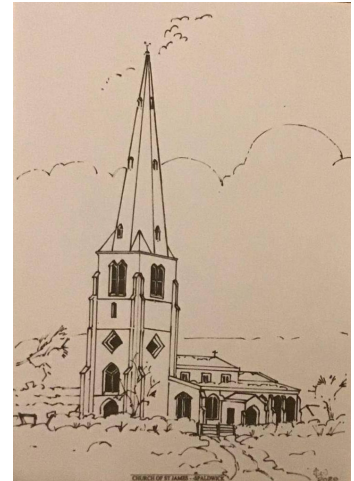
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### A Christmas gift (bag)

Why not treat friends and family to an eco-friendly, cotton, local community crafted shopping bag featuring the local artist Sid Wheelers' drawing of the church? (Pictured right).

Due to the kind sponsorship by someone in our village, they are a bargain at £3.50 each - with all proceeds to St James Church. Bags are available from Amba Harbours, Julia Rutherford, Liz McCue, Sue Appleyard, Denise Brown, Elaine Woodward and Kim Hall.



## Save The Children Coffee Morning

Regrettably, we are not able to hold our usual coffee morning and Christmas card sale this year, due to Covid-19.

However, we are able to take orders for Christmas cards. The Save The Children Christmas catalogue is available from either Maggie Lincoln (01480 890440) or Nora Butler (01480 861007; [ncbutler71@gmail.com](mailto:ncbutler71@gmail.com)).

Your order will be delivered to your door – no money will be required at the time of ordering. This is a safe way of ordering Christmas cards this year so we do hope that you will be able to support this worthy charity. We will be happy to accept cheques, made payable to Save The Children.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to browse and order at your leisure without the risk of shopping in person, Save The Children has a very wide range of cards on-line which you can order direct. The postage and packing is £3.95 for a standard delivery:

<https://shop.savethechildren.org.uk/product-category/christmas/christmas-cards/>



**Save the  
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## Your village church needs you!

We are ready to re-start developing St James. We wish to modernise it by installing a toilet and basic kitchen.

If you, the community, are interested it could result in the pews being removed to provide a large floor space for village gatherings, parties and hobby groups.

But we need your help now!

Do you any skills and a little time? Are you a secret project manager, a dedicated researcher, have practical inspiration, administration calls, negotiator, able to make daytime calls, a bid hunter or have other useful experience you can offer, we would love to hear from you.

**Please, please contact Amba by email: [ambajane@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ambajane@hotmail.co.uk)**

Let's make this happen for our village!



**Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by coordinator David Henrick**

There are 7 members registered in the Spaldwick Neighbourhood Alert Scheme. Additional members are welcome and can register here:

[www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

- **Drugs, cash and weapons seized during warrants** - Drugs, cash and weapons have been seized and six people arrested as part of a series of warrants in Huntingdonshire. Officers from the Huntingdon Neighbourhood Team have carried out five warrants in Brampton, Farcet, Yaxley and Huntingdon in a bid to crack down on drug-related crime. Cambridgeshire Police said: "Drug dealing and organised crime remain a priority for the neighbourhood team. We will continue to relentlessly pursue those involved in the illegal supply of drugs to prevent the harm that their activity does to our communities and our most vulnerable residents."
- **Emergency Contacts** - In an emergency, when a life is in danger or there is a risk of violence or serious injury, please call 999; Call 101 - for all non-emergencies, general enquiries and to report crime; or use Crimestoppers to make a report anonymously by calling 0800 555 111. By e-mail at: [HuntsCops@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HuntsCops@cambs.pnn.police.uk)



**Spaldwick Allotments - by Carmen Martos**

Autumnal October brought with it more rain and less sunshine - and our Allotmenters have harvested the majority of their home grown produce.

Although vegetable beds might appear a little more sparse and things might seem to be slowing down, preparing and improving the soil for next year's produce is taking place.

Whilst winter potatoes and brussel sprouts are growing for harvesting for Christmas lunch, other vegetable beds are top dressed with manure or compost for planting out seedlings and plants for next year.



To help generate more compost for our vegetable plots, credit goes to Allotmenteer, Lisa Hunter, who came up with a genius idea.

Lisa sourced wooden pallets and she and her husband, in the rain and hail, constructed 3 very large compost bays on the allotment site, ready to be filled with green waste (ie vegetable peelings, fruit waste, plant prunings and grass cuttings) and brown waste (cardboard egg boxes, newspaper and cardboard) so the science of composting could begin.

If any Spaldwick residents have any unwanted newspapers (not magazines) which they would like to kindly donate, please would you email [spaldwickallotments@gmail.com](mailto:spaldwickallotments@gmail.com) and I will arrange collection for this.

Thank you.

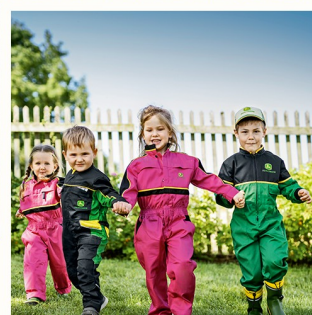
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## Spaldwick Parish Council

September's meeting was held on Thursday 17th September by video conference, due to current Covid-19 restrictions.

Attending the meeting virtually were: Chairman Steve Fane de Salis, Vice Chairman G Smith, S Jackson-Rimmer, S Parfrey, Clerk S Cardwell and one member of the public. Here are some of the points raised:

- Monthly Ferriman Road Play Area's Inspection - tree stumps around the play area have now been removed by Cllr R. Johnson, with the exception of one that he could not get out. The area has been seeded. Cllr S Fane de Salis confirmed that he had completed the monthly check of the playpark.

### Highways and Byways:

- Huntingdonshire District Council is investigating the financing of signs to prevent the issue of motorcyclists using byways during winter months.
- A complaint has been received by the Parish Council about motorcyclists speeding along Long Lane - this is a matter for the police.
- Locked gates on some of the Byways around Spaldwick, (Long Lane and Cockway Lane): the District Council's confirmed that gates were initially kept locked due to movement restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic, and it's been decided not to reopen them this late in the season.

### Village Defibrillator:

Update from Cllr Parfrey - A third quotation (from London Hearts) has been presented to the Council.

Cllr S Parfrey proposed that the East of England Ambulance Service Trust offer be pursued on the basis of the training offered, local experience and it being the cheapest and most appropriate. This was seconded by Cllr S Fane de Salis and carried unanimously.

Cllr S Parfrey further proposed that a locked box was the best option for the defibrillator, which was carried unanimously. Cllr S Parfrey will now pursue the possibility of a Woolley Wind Farm grant.

The location for the defibrillator is still to be decided.

### TOWN & POORS CHARITY FIELD:

The Highways officer is unhappy about the current position of the gates. Spaldwick Parish Council will introduce a new rule preventing any trailers to be brought onto site, without prior approval and a strict appointment for the gates to be open before arrival.

Cllr G Smith explained that hedging around the site had recently been cut. It was decided that individual, ad-hoc cuts would be the best way to go forwards, until the rate of growth could be assessed.

**Parish Council meetings are being held via Zoom, unless the current coronavirus situation changes.**

### Spaldwick News donation to Primary School



Earlier this year (pre-Covid), £150 excess raised by advertising in Spaldwick News went to St James Church, Playtimes and Spaldwick Community Primary School.

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We look forward to meeting you soon.

## Playtimes Committee AGM - 17th November, 7.30pm

Calling all parents, old and new...we need you!

Do you have a few hours you could spare each month, to help support our lovely village preschool - and SClub?

Would you consider joining our voluntary parent and staff committee?

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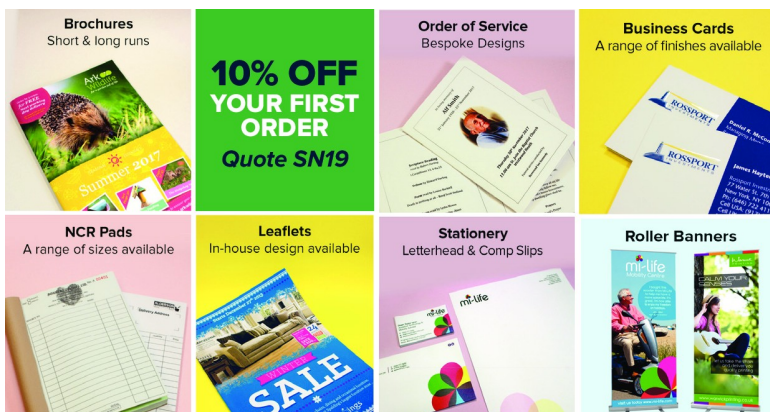
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## Burglary Prevention Advice - from Cambridgeshire Police

Following several incidents locally - and the nights drawing in, Cambridgeshire Constabulary is advising residents to think about how to deter opportunist thieves and burglars.

**Report a burglary** - A secure home will reduce the chance of you getting burgled. But, if you get home and notice signs of a break-in, you can report a burglary to us online or by calling 101. **If you believe the intruder is still inside your home, you should call 999.**

**Burglary prevention** - Homes without basic security features are five times more likely to be burgled than homes with security. We are committed to reducing burglary in Cambridgeshire and advise residents to follow these simple steps to reduce the chances of becoming a victim:

**Locks** - lock doors, windows, side gates and outbuildings every time you leave your house, even if you're just out in the garden; secure bikes by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage; store high value items, such as jewellery and passports, in a properly secured safe or bank vault.

**Hide items from view** - keep all keys out of sight and away from letterboxes; keep ladders and tools stored away; remove valuables from view of ground floor windows; at Christmas, don't leave presents that can be seen through windows; don't advertise expensive electrical item purchases by leaving the packaging out by your bins. Put the packaging out on your bin collection day.



**Install home security** - install a visible burglar alarm; have good outdoor lighting or motion sensor security lights; install a driveway alarm, which acts as a deterrent to protect your home perimeter plant spiky plants in vulnerable areas.

**Lock snapping** - Euro-cylinder locks are likely to be fitted to the majority of external doors in your house or flat and some offenders have developed a way of overcoming them to gain access. There are ways that you can reduce the opportunity for a euro-cylinder burglary to take place at your home by having locks and handles fitted to the following British Standards:-

- TS 007 (3 star cylinder or 1 star cylinder with 2 star handles)
  - Sold Secure Diamond Standard for lock cylinders (SS312)
- Depending on your budget you could obviously achieve a 5 star solution by fitting a 3 star cylinder in combination with a 2 star handle.

Cylinder locks can be changed by yourself but it is vital that they are measured properly to ensure the right size for your door. They should **NOT** be fitted so that they are left protruding from the door unit or handle. Best advice is to have them fitted by an accredited locksmith who is a member of the Master Locksmiths Association and consider obtaining more than one quote.

**Leaving your home for long periods of time** - When you go away, there are some extra precautions to take to prevent your home from looking empty, such as:

:: Asking a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your home.

:: Think about subscribing to your local Neighbourhood Watch.

:: Leaving radios or lights on, or on a timer, to make your home appear occupied.

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Queensland stretches up to the tropics, where hydrofoils from Cairns and Port Douglas take you to snorkel or dive amongst the marine life on the Great Barrier Reef. The must see northern rainforests - Mossman Gorge in the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park and the area around Kuranda are easily reached from Cairns and Port Douglas.

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Green	5th Nov	19th Nov	3rd Dec

A complete list of materials that can be recycled can be found at:

[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin)

### Poppy Appeal 2020 - How Spaldwick can get involved, by Carol Vincent Bennett

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the structure of our Poppy Appeal for this year; the Poppy Appeal's priorities for 2020 are as follows:

- To ensure the safety of our volunteers and all members of the public
- To enable the public to donate and wear a poppy in Remembrance
- To enable the public to donate and lay a wreath in Remembrance

This year there will be no house to house collections. However, there are many ways you can give to the Poppy Appeal:

- There will be Poppy trays and collection tins in many of our local schools and businesses, so please look out for them.
- You can donate via supermarkets, banks and online retailers.
- You can also request 20 poppies, free of charge, by following this link and completing the form at [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk) - you can also make a donation online.

Or you can donate by text. To donate £3, text POPPY to 70020\*\*Cost £3 plus standard network charges (typically £2.97 goes to the Royal British Legion).

If you would like a wreath or wooden cross for your private act of Remembrance, please contact me, as soon as possible.

**Carol Vincent Bennett**

PAO – Kimbolton ECD14 (Contact via: [cvb721@gmail.com](mailto:cvb721@gmail.com) or 01480 860837 / 07842303694)



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