

St Andrew's Church, Helpringham

Annual report to Helpringham Parish Council AGM

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the AGM.

Our main focus of the reporting year has been the replacement of the lead roof on the whole of the Nave roof with repairs to the Chancel roof. I am pleased to report that this is nearing completion and I am hopeful that the Church will be handed back to us at the end of May. You will see from the photo, what it currently looks like!

In the process of removing the lead, 4 panels of inscribed lead were removed which date back to the 1600's. The level of detail on these is amazing and they will be exhibited in the Church to show the history of the roof to future generations. A new panel will be placed on the roof denoting the fact that it has been replaced this year, as the lead will hold good for another 200 years now. Once the Church is handed back to us, the clock will be restarted again.

The Community Café relocated to the Memorial Hall and is busier than ever. We can seat 56 covers and we still often run out of tables with people having to wait for a table to become free. The ice cream parlour which proved very popular last summer will also recommence.

The foodbank is still in operation as are the memberships that we pay for to the Sleaford Community larder. There are still people within our village who find it hard to make ends meet.



We have fostered an excellent relationship with the village school and it is a joy to work with them.

I hope this gives you an idea of some of the things we do within the village.

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