

**Cllr Caroline Shaw**  
**Chairman of Gateforth PC**

Welcome to the latest Parish Council newsletter. If you have any comments on this newsletter, or wish to raise other issues with the Council – please email them to [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com)

This newsletter is displayed on Gateforth Parish Council's website and also a copy is on the noticeboard as we are trying to reduce the amount of paper we use. However, if you have a neighbour who is unable to access the website or notice board, please email [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com) and a copy will be printed and delivered to them.

Please visit the Council website [www.gateforthpc.org.uk](http://www.gateforthpc.org.uk) for information about Council activities and Council minutes and documents. The website is updated on a regular basis

**British Summer Time** begins on **Sunday 26 March 2023**, don't forget to put your clocks forward.

Lovely light nights ahead....



# Gateforth Parish Council

## Spring 2023 Newsletter

### Rural Village

How fortunate we are to live in Gateforth - such a beautiful rural village. The spring flowers are looking splendid on the village green. The carpet of crocuses has been spectacular and people driving through have even stopped to photograph them. We are now enjoying the golden daffodils swaying in the breeze.

Gateforth has always been a farming village and we are fortunate to still have four working farms in our village. The farmers are currently busy planting, sowing, spraying and fertilizing the land. Also those with stock, are busy lambing and calving. Look out for these beautiful new additions to our landscape.



*Please be patient if behind an agricultural vehicle. Tractors and farm machinery on the road can be frustrating for drivers caught up in a queue. However, usually a tractor will not be travelling too far up the road, so it won't be long before the road is clear again. If you do decide to overtake, make absolutely sure the road ahead is clear and consider any junctions ahead that motorists may pull out from. Due to their size, tractors might swing out to the right before turning left, be aware of this before making the decision to overtake.*

(Advice given by NFU – National Farmers Union)

### Tree Planted

A new tree has been planted at the west end of the village green. It is a *Picea Pungens*. *Picea* means spruce and *Pungens* means pointed, in reference to its upright, needle-like leaves. These are covered in a glaucous wax, which gives the tree its characteristic blue-green colour. The cylindrical cones are green, turning pale brown as they ripen. The tiers of horizontal branches form a conical shape that becomes more columnar as the tree grows.



It is a slow growing tree but can eventually reach 12 metres tall. We are advised that the tree will take a couple of years to get established and then will show signs of growth.

Eventually, this tree will be lit at Christmas time, as the beautiful beech tree that is currently lit over the Christmas period is becoming far too big to decorate.

## Green Bins – Have Your Say!

*Following the replacement of Selby District Council by the new North Yorkshire Council, it looks like we may be losing our green wheelie bin collections with the exception of individual households who opt in and pay an additional annual charge for collection.*



*Details, FAQs and online survey via the following link:*

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/selby-area-garden-waste-collection-service>

*Please note that the 6-week consultation, **open until 3 April 2023**, allows residents in the Selby area to share their views and help inform us on the future demand for the garden waste collection service in the Selby area.*

Gateforth PC have responded to the survey advising that they are concerned that this will lead to even more fly tipping.

## Litter Pick

### KEEP GATEFORTH TIDY

**THANK YOU** to all our village volunteers who continue to pick up litter in Gateforth. It really does make a difference. We are suffering of late from so much litter being irresponsibly discarded on the roads and verges. How easy it is for everyone to take their own rubbish home rather than throw it out of a car window etc

A village litter pick/Spring clean is to be held on **Sunday 23 April** beginning at **11 am**. Gloves, bin bags and litter picks are provided by the Council. Any parishioner who wishes to participate should contact the Clerk by emailing [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com) or meet on the village green at 11 am.

## Coronation Big Lunch

*The **Coronation Big Lunch** will take place on Sunday 7th May. From street parties to garden get-togethers, neighbours and communities across the UK are invited to share food and fun together.*



Gateforth is to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III by having a 'Picnic on the Green' on Sunday 7 May from 1 pm.

Please bring your own food, drink, tables, chairs, picnic rugs etc

We hope to have wall to wall sunshine. (If the weather is bad then the event will not take place)

## Deadline Extended for Stamps

The deadline for regular stamps without a barcode has now been extended until 31 July 2023. This follows the introduction of a 6 month grace period from the initial 31 January deadline. You can either use up your non-barcoded stamps before this new deadline or swap them for the new barcoded ones.