



Balderton Parish Council Strategy

Agreed by Full Council on June 25th, 2025

MISSION STATEMENT

Balderton Parish Council aims to be forward thinking and outward looking, working with the residents of the village to bring about a thriving community and sustainable environment.

The council will work collectively to:

- Improve the quality of life for the residents of Balderton parish by ensuring that the village is a desirable, thriving, and sustainable place in which to live.
- Maintain high standards of governance, integrity, and transparency.
- Adopt high standards of financial management.
- Operate efficiently and effectively.
- Be a good employer.
- Work in partnership with others.
- Communicate clearly.
- Be a learning organisation.
- Fulfil statutory and regulatory requirements.

We pledge to:

1. Effectively communicate parish council work through the introduction of a parish newsletter, delivery of a new website and a parish council Facebook page.

2. Improve the openness of council by encouraging residents to attend our meetings and meeting with residents in the community.
3. Actively engage with stakeholders to understand their views, needs and aspirations for Balderton.
4. Work with residents and organisations to enhance what is on offer for our community and improve facilities in the area.
5. Develop Balderton Village Centre as a community hub of the parish.
6. Manage Balderton Lake effectively, considering recommendations in Ecological Appraisal and Habitat Management Plan and users of the lake site.
7. Develop the Glebe Road allotments to increase the number of plots available and ensure the site is as tidy as possible.
8. Continue our Burial Authority role, providing facilities for burials and ashes interments at Balderton Cemetery.
9. Continue to maintain St Giles Churchyard including necessary repairs are made in a timely manner.
10. Work to clean up the environment through the provision of bins at our sites, dog bins across the parish, community litter picking sessions and collaborating with partners who also provide services to keep our environment clean.
11. Work with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire Police to try to tackle pockets of antisocial behaviour in the parish.
12. Work closely with Nottinghamshire County Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and any other agencies on all plans for the Parish. Additionally having good working relationships with parish councils in neighbouring communities with a view to sharing of information and liaising on matters of mutual concern.

Action Plan

July 2025 to March 2027

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	Area	Action	Target Completion Date
1	Communications/ Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue to actively encourage residents to come to Balderton Parish Council meetings. b. Improve content on our website and use the news function more. c. Continue to share our work and spread the word on our Facebook page. d. Twice-yearly newsletter. 	Ongoing
2	St Giles Closed Churchyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue to maintain this to a high standard. b. Place a bid to the National Lottery for funding to complete repairs required to the church wall (and other funders if necessary). c. Deliver works required on churchyard walls. 	Ongoing November 2025 March 2026
3	Balderton Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review the lease with Grove Angling Club. b. Plant hedging around site (along fencing) to provide natural barriers and habitat for wildlife. c. Plant more bulbs, wildflower seeds and reed beds/water plants . d. Bank erosion – take advice on possible solutions and get quotes for this work – Pump pond first priority but plan to be made for other areas around the lake. e. Implement recommendations in the Ecological Appraisal and Habitat Management Plan 	March 2026 March 2026 October 2025 November 2025 Ongoing
4	Coronation Street Playing field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue to maintain the site to a high standard. b. Play park improvements/expansion including consultation with young people. c. Consult on the idea of an all-weather path around Coronation Street Playing Field in the October 2025 newsletter. e. Review arrangements with sports clubs using the site and document these. 	Ongoing March 2026 October 2025 June 2026
5	Balderton Village Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue to increase use of the centre through marketing and encouraging community use. b. Review regular hire agreement. c. Investigate/deliver installation of sound system and fixed projector equipment. d. Use the Access Audit Report (February 2025) to prioritise improvements to Balderton Village Centre and the facilities at Coronation Street. <p>Initial priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Car park demarcation of spaces including spaces for disabled visitors to the site. ii. Signage for bicycle parking. lii. Alarms – to be upgraded to visual as well as audible. iv. Emergency assistance alarms to be replaced. v. Investigate and implement push bar or push pad entry/exit to Balderton Village Centre (including kitchen door) 	Ongoing June 2026 January 2026 Items to be prioritised based on Priority rating March 2026 November 2025 November 2025 November 2025 March 2026

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6	Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Keep the site clean and tidy. b. Six monthly inspections by Allotment Subcommittee members and interim inspections by officers. c. Target to prepare and let vacant plots within 2 weeks of allotment holders giving notice of vacation. 	Ongoing
7	Balderton Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue to maintain the site to a high standard. b. Review signage at the site. c. Ensure safety notices are on all headstones that were identified as requiring work/lay down if they become unsafe. 	Ongoing March 2026 Ongoing
8	Litter/dog fouling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Six monthly inspection of dog bins; budget provision to replace these on an ongoing basis. b. Arrange regular community litter picks. c. Work with local stakeholders¹ to address the issue. 	Ongoing Ongoing
9	Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Deliver VJ day community event b. Deliver Remembrance event c. Review capacity for event delivery 	15/8/25 9/11/25 January 2026
10	Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work with Newark and Sherwood District Council and other stakeholders working in the parish to ensure funding for projects for Balderton is maximised (In particular, Plans for Neighbourhood funding). b. Emergency planning – consider what Balderton Parish Council could offer (considering other agencies work/remit) and formalise a plan for this 	Ongoing June 2026
11	Council Administration and Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Embed appraisal process, linked to council priorities and continual improvement/modernisation of our work. b. Review policies on a rolling basis to ensure best practice and bring new policies as required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. IT policy ii. Sex Discrimination policy 	Ongoing

¹ Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council