

# Marston Community Hub

**Closure** The Thorold Arms in Marston is on record from before 1841 serving the local village. In 2015 the business closed and was bought by a developer, out bidding the local village funds, with a plan to convert into residential accommodation. Planning was rejected and appealed, before the Secretary of State finally ruled on the submission, rejecting the arguments and supporting retention of a pub/village shop.

**Campaign** The villagers raised over £210 000 to buy back the pub from the developer; meeting the target in July 2018. Donations, gifts, fund raisers and grants plus an innovative share offer all contributed.

**Plans** The building is now owned by The Thorold Arms Community Benefit Society Ltd. Further fund raising is needed to complete the essential renovation with a plan to have the pub, a café, Bed and Breakfast rooms and a small shop, plus a flat for a management couple to live in. The share offering has been reopened (see right) and the initial goal is a further £90 000.

**Social Cohesion** The village has a greater than average population over 50, a higher incidence of single occupancy and like villages in Hough on the Hill, has no bus route, shop or Post Office. The intention is therefore to design a space for both occasional and regular use specifically for social gatherings – IT clubs, meals on wheels, parent groups etc.



**SHARE OFFER**  
TO RAISE BETWEEN £210,000 AND £410,000  
FOR THE COMMUNITY PURCHASE  
AND RESTORATION OF  
**THE THOROLD ARMS**  
SHARE OFFER NOW EXTENDED  
INDEFINITELY BEYOND 14TH JULY 2018

Investing in community shares is a simple, direct and engaging way of supporting businesses that serve your community. Since 2000, 80,000 people have invested over £2bn to support 200 community businesses in the UK. Community shares can help local shops and pubs, finance renewable energy schemes, fundraise community facilities, support care for growing, food and local jobs, restore heritage buildings, and do any of a host of things – more 'local' and independent – communities, interested? Please 'enquire'.

The Thorold Arms Public House in Marston, Lincolnshire is for sale. We can buy it and create a community owned asset in the heart of the village. A community hub that will underwrite a pub, café, shop, accommodation and be a meeting place for social activities. Our aim is to secure the sustainability of the business for the future, create a focal point for village life in Hougham and Marston, boosting the local economy and sense of community.

**BY PURCHASING SHARES YOU CAN HELP SECURE THE FUTURE OF VILLAGE LIFE IN HOUGHAM AND MARSTON**

**If you are considering buying shares, it is important that you carefully read the whole of this document.**

The Thorold Arms TMA is the trading name of the legal entity The Thorold Arms Community Benefit Society Limited which is registered with the Companies House under number 20181136. Its registration number 20181136. The registered office is at The Thorold Arms, Marston, Lincolnshire, LN11 9JG. The registered charity number is 1142947. The Thorold Arms TMA is a community benefit society registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales under number 1142947. The Thorold Arms TMA is a community benefit society registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales under number 1142947. The Thorold Arms TMA is a community benefit society registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales under number 1142947.

**Community Shares STANDARD**

**Support** If you wish to invest in the Thorold Arms, suggest ideas, look to volunteer to help or simply find out more then visit:

<https://save.thethoroldarms.co.uk/>

## Volunteering

**Litter Pick** keep watching on Nextdoor.co.uk and noticeboards for a litter pick this Autumn (soon after verges are cut). We will be looking to clear the Hough/Brandon and Gelston/Hough roads that collect the detritus tossed from motor cars.

**Brandon & Gelston Phone Boxes** please contact Paul or Penny if you could spare some time to help renovate the 'phone boxes that house our defibrillators. We have some funds for paint, Perspex and flooring. Also, if you live close by, ongoing grass cutting (spider 1) and weed control.

## Local Trades

(as culled from Nextdoor.co.uk recommendations)

Jay Boby, Claypole	General Builder 07973 265131
Jason Booth, Claypole	Security systems and CCTV 01636 857536
Graham Briggs, Claypole	Vehicle repairs 07971 631620
Alistair McLean, Hough	Electrician 07970 035482
Robert Morley, Marston	Plumber 07917 095696

All of the above have been commended for their good work and service. If you know of others, or you yourself operate in our or adjacent Parishes, please let the editor know your contact details and service.

## ONSide

We will continue to produce the occasional printed edition of ONSide, for sticking under your 'fridge magnet. For ideas and feedback, please contact a Councillor or the editor Paul Miley. We would also encourage you to sign up to Nextdoor (see left) for frequent updates, including Council matters.



Summer view  
Hough on the Hill

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# ONSide Hough on the Hill Brand ON Gelst ON

On Side is the occasional publication by Hough on the Hill Parish Council. For contributions and queries please contact any Parish Councillor or email [houghparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:houghparishclerk@gmail.com)  
**The Council operates for you; do get in touch.**

## Dog 'Poo' in our Community

Next to speeding traffic, the number one complaint to Councillors is the issue of dog 'mess' in our community – on our footpaths, in the churchyards, on maintained verges and even the roads and lanes we live on:

- Children and adults alike step in it
- Buggies and prams get it on the wheels
- Wheel chairs/mobility scooters are at risk (especially as they are lifted in and out of vehicles)
- Gardeners get sprayed with it as they cut grass

As a rural community we are visited by ramblers and walkers, some of whom bring dogs; however the majority of the issue is focused on a few areas (Hough on the Hill Church Yard, Blind Lane, Hall Road (Footpath 1), Folly Lane, Lower Road, Gelston verges) and is regularly occurring. As such it can only be us – some of the dog owners or walkers within the Parish.

*A recent Parish Council meeting committed funds to install bins in each of the three villages; however consultation has led to the idea being shelved. Responsible dog owners already deal with the mess, non-dog owners don't want unsightly piles of bagged 'poo' inevitably over-flowing.*

### Some suggestions (from the consultation):

- Ideally, bag it, take it home and deposit in a black wheelee bin
- Tell your children (if they are delegated as dog walkers) and show them how to do it safely
- Use your bag (or whatever is to hand) to move it (specifically on the rural paths) into undergrowth
- If you are a dog owner and have the means – clear someone else's you come across; non-dog owners will thank you
- If you lose sight of your dog – check where they've been; your dog usually goes to the toilet within the first 5' of leaving home

**(If) you own a dog; it eats, it poos, you are required to deal with it (it's the law – see Q&A)**

## TOXOCARIASIS

Cats and dog's digestive systems can harbour roundworm (Toxocara canis or Toxocara cati). This is the most common parasite found in our domestic pets and fewer than 40% are regularly treated for the problem.

The eggs pass from the animal in their faeces and can remain active both in the stool and soil for years.

Should the eggs be ingested, they can hatch and cause TOXOCARIASIS in humans. The larvae can infect organs such as the liver, lungs, eyes or brain causing severe symptoms:

- Pain
- Wheezing
- Blindness
- Seizures or fits

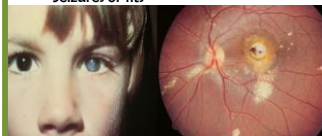


Image is of visceral/ocular larva migrans caused by Toxocara canis/cati

### Why are dogs the problem?

Because dogs are walked where humans walk; the purpose of their exercise in most cases is to 'toilet'.

### Why are young children more commonly infected?

Pre-school age crawl and fall down more, tend to pick things up, are prone to licking their hands and are less scrupulous on hand washing. Playing (or walking) where there is faeces puts them at considerable risk.

### Can you catch it from wild animals?

Yes in theory; but foxes in rural areas tend to avoid the places humans frequent.

### Are cats a risk?

Any gardener will tell you yes; neighbourhood cats can adopt a flower bed as a toilet. This has the same risk as dog faeces to those using the garden (see comment on young children). But generally the gardeners are adults and know to hand wash.

### What is the law on dog fouling?

Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 and Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 enabled local-by-laws to be implemented. These are in place for our Parish and permit a fine of up to £80. In serious cases a Magistrate's Court appearance and a £1000 fine is possible.

### The law states:

- You are responsible for cleaning up (or attempting to clean up) after your dog
- Not having the means to clean up is not a defence
- Not observing your dog making the mess is not a defence



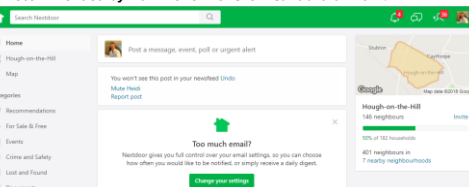
Found on Brandon Footpath 1

Editorial position is to not print pictures of actual faeces

## Nextdoor Website

In the last OnSide we asked you to sign up to the website 'Nextdoor'. You may not be a user of 'social media' but do wish to keep up to date with local matters. The website has proved valuable in advertising local events, selling and swapping goods, updating on road closures (remember the 'Beast from the East') and even in finding lost cats and peacocks. It is also very useful for your Councillors to post key documents as an electronic 'noticeboard'. If not already signed up, please consider joining. We have around 50% of 182 households signed up.

As an example of how it is practical and useful, I include a list (right) of local tradespeople that live in our community and are recommended by Parishioners for their standard of work.



[www.houghonthehill.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.houghonthehill.nextdoor.co.uk)

## Your councillors:



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**Vacancies**  
There are now two vacancies on the Parish Council.

Judging by recent discussions, there are many who do have a passion for our Parish and its future – please consider being part of the Council.



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## reVOLT Community Fund

With the disbanding of the reVOLT campaign (if you are new to the Parish, check <http://www.loveden.org.uk/templehill.html>), the final AGM voted to set up a fund for grants to benefit the community. The majority of fundraising was completed within Hough on the Hill and Stubton Parishes, although not exclusively and this has been recognised in the first tranche of projects awarded funding in May of 2018:

**St John's Chapel Brandon** Church repairs, £500  
**St Martin's Church, Stubton** Church repairs, £500  
**All Saints Church, Hougham** Church repairs, £200  
**Leadenham PC** Village Hall signage £250  
**Barnby in the Willow; PC** Village road signage £500  
**Fulbeck PC** Bus shelter £200  
**Stubton PC** Village gateway signage £600  
**Hough on the Hill PC** Dog poo bins (but see front page) £384  
**Hough on the Hill PC** Village gateway signage, CO01 speed limit £600  
**Brandon VETs** Phone box maintenance (see Volunteering) £200  
**Brandon resident** Gate for Footpath 1 £250

Our Parish projects will be reported on as they progress, in future editions of ONside, as well as calls for volunteers to help when the works begin. Look out on Nextdoor.co.uk and the Parish Noticeboards.

The treasurer is Andrew Barrett ([andrewelan@aol.com](mailto:andrewelan@aol.com)) and as funds still remain, a second round of applications are invited for October 2018. A form is available from Andrew, as well as advice as to the criteria for a successful bid.

### Sign Up

For useful and regular updates on crime and safety matters issued by the local police go to:

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

## Utilities

### Winter Heating

Judging by the double 'Beast from the East', we may have harsh winters ahead (although as we go to press the countryside is dry and warm in late September). A list of schemes are at [www.loveden.org.uk/heating.html](http://www.loveden.org.uk/heating.html)  
The Lincolnshire 'Save and Warm' team is on **01529 301962**

### Broadband

We are still waiting for the final connections to Brandon. BT are completing remedial works on the cabling and completing commissioning in September and October. Watch this space.

### Parish Council Website

[www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/houghonthehill](http://www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/houghonthehill)

## Further Useful Contacts:

### Fly Tipping

Ring 01476 406080 or [www.southkesteven.gov.uk](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk) and search 'Flytipping'.

### Pot Holes

Ring 01522 782070 or visit <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

### Hare Coursing

Use the Police Non-emergency 101

### Planning Applications

To view/comment, search on [www.southkesteven.gov.uk/planningsearch](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/planningsearch)

### Local History Website

[www.loveden.org.uk/](http://www.loveden.org.uk/) Talk coming soon on our war memorial entries

### Key Numbers

Police (Non-emergency)	101
NHS (Non-emergency)	111
Electricity Failures	105



**Defibrillator**  
Ring 999 first then  
**01400 414515**  
for V.E.T.S.



THE BROWNLOW ARMS

HOUGH ON THE HILL

Put a date in your diary for the Christmas Fair to be held on the evening of December 3<sup>rd</sup> in aid of

Marie Curie  
Cancer Care



In the heart of the picturesque village of Hough on the Hill, The Brownlow Arms is a 17th Century country inn formerly owned by Lord Brownlow.

01400 250234 - [www.thebrownlowarms.com](http://www.thebrownlowarms.com)  
Hough On The Hill, Grantham Road, Lincolnshire, NG32 2AZ

**Sponsor On Side** Our thanks to Paul and Lorraine of the Brownlow Arms for their sponsorship of this edition. If you are a local business and would like great advertising in the Parish, contact Paul Miley

## Walking our Countryside – Permissive Routes

An area to the east of Brandon has recently been sold, with some sections purchased by residents to form new paddocks and the existing field now taken into ownership by Court Leys Farm. Smart new (and repurposed) Estate fencing has been installed to complement the existing style in the village and in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The adjacent 12 acre field has been let to hay over recent years and with minimal cultivation has become an unofficial area for some to walk and exercise their dogs.

The edge of the field has a 'verge' of varying width, with immature trees and has been used as a route to connect between the official footpaths (HOTH/1/1 running East from Hall Road and HOTH/14/1 running South East from Church Lane to meet the Hough road).

However, with work underway preparing the field to be rotated between wheat and oilseed rape crops, the nature of the land use is changing. This creates risk for walkers and their pets: farm machinery is necessarily large for efficiency, heavy (of course) and on occasion there will be spraying. Therefore there will soon be new Signs to guide usage.

*Permissive Routes – these are 'paths' permitted by a landowner, but are not on the Definitive Map of public rights of way. On designated days these routes are closed and they should be signed to establish their status.*



Cultivation of 12 acre field

## War Memorial

### Lest we forget

As we mark 100 years since the Great War, we can bring the sacrifice closer to home by studying our own war memorials. The following is an excerpt from [www.loveden.org.uk](http://www.loveden.org.uk)

### Isaac James Richard Adamson

...was born in 1890 off Swinegate, Grantham, son of Thomas & Harriet Adamson. In 1901 the family was living at Moor Barn (between Brandon and Hough). When Harriet died in 1911 they moved to Brandon (where he was known as Richard).

In Dec 1915 Isaac (aged 25) was working as a farm labourer in Brandon when he enlisted in the Lincolnshire Regiment at Grantham. He was called up in Feb 1916 and sailed for France in Jun 1916 with the 2nd Lincolnshires. The following month he was transferred to 10th Battalion (Grimsby Chums) and remained in France until his death.

On the 28th April 1917 the 10th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment was part of the 34th Infantry Division attack on the French town of Roeux. The Germans counter-attacked and the Battalion had over four hundred casualties (killed, wounded, missing) including Private Adamson (now 26). He is buried in Roeux Cemetery, Pas de Calais.

His father was still in Brandon in 1917, but later moved into Grantham



New Estate fencing

Signs will be erected this winter at the junctions with the footpaths (1 and 14) and will advise that the use of the field edge route is not permitted when there is agricultural machinery on the field. They will also ask that walkers remain off the agricultural land and (see elsewhere) control and clean up after dogs.