

# South Holland NOW

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*On target for  
success!*

**RECYCLING JUST KEEPS  
ON GETTING BETTER!!!**

# Council News

## Lower council tax bills for many by September

The Government has capped the 2008/09 budget for Lincolnshire Police Authority meaning this year's council tax will reduce. We will issue substitute bills to everyone and they should be with you by September.

For most, the reduction will be less than £50. If you are claiming council tax benefit you will not see a change because the reduction in your council tax will lead to an equal reduction to your benefit.

Until the new bills are issued everyone should continue paying as normal. We still have to collect direct debits and send reminders. This is because the current bills will remain valid until the replacement ones are issued.

For the latest information, please visit our website: [www.sholland.gov.uk](http://www.sholland.gov.uk) and click on Council Tax in the centre of our homepage.

## 24 Hour free bus travel for pass holders

People aged 60 and over and eligible disabled people can now use their free bus passes on services before 9.30am.



Our Leader, Cllr Gary Porter says: "I'm extremely pleased that we have been able to deliver this."

Anyone wanting more information on the scheme should call 01775 761161, visit our website: [www.sholland.gov.uk](http://www.sholland.gov.uk).

## Our community based Housing Company

We are establishing a new 'community interest' housing company. This will enable us to build and provide more affordable housing for South Holland.

The company will be able to bid for government funds which we are unable to get. The company will not have to pay over a large percentage of rents to Government, as happens with council homes, but instead it will be able to keep the rent to invest in more properties in South Holland.

## Make sure you register to vote!

The new electoral register will come into force on 1 December. You will be sent a registration form from 20 August.

You must respond by law to this form. You can either complete and return it, or if your details have not changed you can register by freephone, internet or text message services.

All British, Commonwealth, Irish and European Union citizens need to be registered so that they can vote in elections. Please register as soon as possible after you receive your form.

If you do not receive it by 2 September please contact us on 01775 761161 or email us at: [elections@sholland.gov.uk](mailto:elections@sholland.gov.uk).

## Building Control Services "building for your future"

### Thinking of making alterations to your home?

To save you energy and money South Holland's Building Control team is now offering a far wider range of services.

There is a drive for greater energy efficiency in buildings and we can now provide the following packages for you:

- Energy Performance Certificates (EPC)
- Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM)
- Target / Designed Energy Rating for domestic properties (TER & DER)
- Code for sustainable homes (BREEAM)
- Domestic energy assessor existing stock (RdSap)

We are your local experts in this field and offer you competitive rates for a customer focused 'one stop shop'. Call us on 01775 761161 and ask for Building Control.

### Revised Customer Services opening hours at our Priory Road offices.

Monday 8.30 - 5.15

Tuesday 8.30 - 5.15

Wednesday 9.00 - 5.15

Thursday 8.30 - 5.15

Friday 8.30 - 4.45

We are now opening 30 minutes later on Wednesdays for staff training.

## Access all services!

We have installed three kiosks in libraries in Crowland, Holbeach and Donington.

The kiosks provide access to information on local and county services, details of

local councillors, transport, vacancies and other matters. This information can be delivered electronically to customers using the service at the touch of a button.

Cllr Mick Seymour, South Holland's Portfolio Holder Customer Legal and Member Services, says:

"Staff have been working with the County Council on the development and installation of these kiosks, and it is gratifying to see the end results. I hope they will be well used by visitors to the libraries. They are a real asset to delivering access to services, which is a key priority for us."

### Contacting South Holland District Council

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### South Holland Now for the Blind and Partially Sighted

We can provide this magazine in large print form or on tape. If you, or any of your friends or family, would be interested please call us on 01775 761161 and let us know.

This magazine has been produced by South Holland District Council and printed by Classic Printers on environmentally friendly paper. It costs 11p per copy to produce and distribute.

# Community News



Community Support Officer

## Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

We have worked with Lincolnshire County Council 'teenage services' and the Police to try and tackle some of these issues.

### What is Anti-Social Behaviour?

Anti-social behaviour is any activity that impacts on other people in a negative way, for example, noise nuisance or verbal abuse.

Despite a 39% drop in the incidence of crime since 1995, anti-social behaviour remains a serious issue with around 66,000 reports of ASB made to authorities nationally each day.

51.4% of people told us that they are worried about anti-social behaviour, despite the actual monthly crime rate of anti-social behaviour being less than 4 crimes per 1,000 population. The Community Safety Partnership recognises these concerns and has made anti-social behaviour one of its top priorities.

Committing acts of anti-social behaviour is not exclusive to young people.



Tackling perceptions

Two Anti-social behaviour officers dressed as young people gaining an insight into how young people are perceived by others.



In our role as a landlord, we have powers to take action against tenants who carry out acts of anti social behaviour which break the terms of their tenancy agreement.

We have recently adopted the 'Respect' standard for tenancy management which demonstrates our commitment to tackling anti social behaviour, and sets a standard for how we do this. We work with Lincolnshire Police and other agencies to share information and expertise in tackling anti social behaviour

### Early action works!

New figures show that early interventions to tackle anti-social behaviour have increased significantly with local agencies getting involved earlier.

The figures show an increase of 258% in the use of early ASB interventions across the country, such as Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, Parenting Orders and Individual Support Orders, which effectively put a stop to problems before they get out of control and before Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) are required.

### Fairplay for all

The 'Fairplay Football' project is open to young men aged from 13-17. It emphasises 'Fairplay' both on and off the football pitch. The project has received good support and over 200 young people have been involved across the district so far.

### Scary Guy

Many pupils from secondary schools across the district will have experienced 'Scary Guy'



Scary Guy

coming into their school at the beginning of March this year to talk about the elimination of bullying, hate and prejudice. Scary Guy's message is clear and the feedback received from the young people was really positive.

### Keep on the 'Rightside'

Mark Le Sage from the 'Rightside Trust' charity visited secondary schools across South Holland and talked to young people about the reality of life in prison.

Some of the comments from pupils of the George Farmer School in Holbeach and St.Guthlacs School in Crowland included:

"seeing what the officer showed me really affected me and made me think about my future."

"I think it was very good, it made us think twice before you think of doing something stupid".

# Talking POINT ▶

# How do you feel about where you live?

## The 'Place Survey' - Your Chance to Have Your Say About Where You Live...

### Why complete it?

This is a general survey which is used nationally to find out how people feel about the area in which they live.

In addition there will be questions which are directed particularly at issues in South Holland, for example transport and health issues.

The answers you give will help us and other organisations, for example Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust and Lincolnshire Police, to be able to understand what your needs are and what you would like to see in your area.

This is a crucially important way to find out your aspirations for the future of South Holland.

The questions are asked in order that all organisations in the district can make plans which take in to account what you actually want and not have to rely on assumptions.

The answers to this survey will help shape the future of where you live.



“Asking 3000 residents across the district”

### Who, What, Where and When!

This postal survey will be delivered in early Autumn to approximately 3000 residents across South Holland. It will be a 12 page questionnaire which will include some questions that can

be answered by ticking a box and some with opportunities for additional comments. It should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.





## What have previous surveys done for you?!

- We have developed the Peele Leisure Centre in Long Sutton and we are looking at how to improve facilities in the Spalding area.
- We have worked with local builders, landlords and housing associations to address the issue of affordable housing. We are finding new ways - see Council News on page 2 - to make sure people in the district can afford to stay here.

## What is in it?

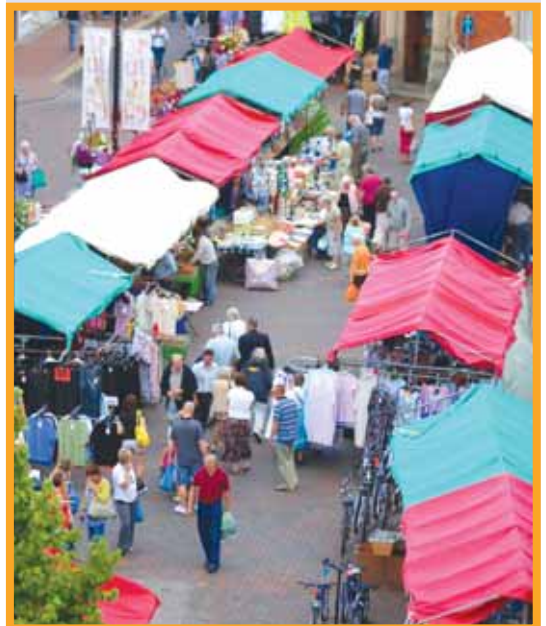
### There will be questions on :

- Facilities for the young children
- Respect and consideration
- Public transport
- Shopping facilities
- Sports and leisure facilities
- Community safety
- How well people get on in your area
- Public services including:
  - Waste collection
  - Policing
  - Parks and open spaces

There will be a section on how well informed you feel and what opportunities you have for being involved in local decision making. The survey asks whether you are involved in voluntary work or whether you are involved in local organisations that affect your local area - for example Parish Councils or tenants' groups.

There will also be a section asking you about yourself. The reason the questions in this section are asked is not to snoop on peoples' private details. We need to build a picture of the people that live in the area to be able to predict what your needs are.

“The answers to this survey will help shape the future of where you live”



- The Rural Action Zone has funded eight Police and Community Support Officers (PCSOs) throughout South Holland.
- We have worked with the people of Holbeach to help produce a Parish Plan to help shape the town's look and prosperity in the coming years. This is now taking place in other towns in the district.
- We are working to attract new businesses into South Holland in order to increase employment opportunities.



# Events in SOUTH HOLLAND

For details about events at the South Holland Centre and for bookings, call the Box Office on 01775 764777 between 9.30am to 8.30pm (Monday - Saturday)

- ☎ Phone for booking details
- 😊 No booking required
- South Holland District Council event

## Community Events

For listings of your community events visit [www.sholland.gov.uk](http://www.sholland.gov.uk) click on 'Leisure and Culture' and 'What's On' where local events and opportunities for getting your event listed are shown.

Using the 'Get your event listed form', you can electronically submit your event to us for listing on our website.

## 9th South Holland Open Arts Competition and Exhibition

**Calling all artists!** This is your opportunity to enter a piece of your artwork into the 9th South Holland Open Arts Competition.

### Who Can Enter?

Artists are invited to enter from anywhere in the East Midlands. Categories include a young persons category for 14-16 year olds.

### When is the exhibition?

Shortlisted entries will be on display at the South Holland

Centre in Spalding from 9 to 14 January 2009.

### What are the prizes?

The overall winner will receive £1000. Further prizes to be announced.

For an application form or more information contact Rachel Rowett on 01775 761161 or visit [www.sholland.gov.uk](http://www.sholland.gov.uk)

Please note there is an administration fee of £5 per entry.



## Lincolnshire Rural and Community Touring Scheme

The Lincolnshire Rural Touring Scheme provides professional live theatre touring to village halls and community venues throughout the County. If you would like to know more about the scheme or would like to see professional theatre in your local community venue please call Rachel Rowett at South Holland District Council on 01775 761161

### Summer Fashion Fun! ☎ ■

Wednesday 27 August

Ayscoughfee Hall Museum

Drop into Ayscoughfee Hall Museum and create your own summer style in these fun workshops with Maria Maidment. You can choose to decorate a t-shirt, hat or bag. Suitable for ages 4-11 (under 5s must be accompanied by an adult)

To book call the South Holland Centre Box Office on 01775 764777

2.00pm - 4.00pm

£4 per session

### Summer Street Entertainment 😊 ■

Saturdays - 16, 23 & 30 August

Spalding Town Centre

Every Saturday throughout the summer holidays professional street entertainers and local performers will be on hand to entertain the shoppers. Magicians, acrobats, musicians, and dancers will amaze passers by with their unique skills.

Between 11.00am and 4.00pm

FREE



### South Holland Teen Idol 2008 ☎ ■

Thursday 21 - Saturday 23 August

Polka Dot Productions and Tulip Radio, in partnership with South Holland District Council are looking for the best young singing talents in South Holland. Teenagers living in the South Holland District will be given the opportunity to work with industry professionals in the build up to a live performance in Spalding Town Centre. To be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes contact Darren Maddison on 01775 712359.

### Carmina Celtic Soul Quintet ☎

Tuesday 30 September

Shepeau Stow CP School PE12 OTX

From roots deep in Celtic traditional music and jazz improvisation, the band move effortlessly through haunting Celtic ballads, flying Irish traditional tunes, jazz standards and even Latin rhythms, all blended together in Carmina's unmistakable style. Call 01406 330817 for more details.

7.30pm

### Spalding Pumpkin Festival

Friday 10 October 😊 ■

Spalding Town Centre

Delicious pumpkin food, market stalls, window dressing displays, firework display, PARADE!, live music, street entertainers, face painting, competitions and much more! visit [www.sholland.gov.uk](http://www.sholland.gov.uk) for more details.

10.00am - 9.00pm

Parade starts at 6.30pm FREE

### London Mozart Players

Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 October

The LMP return to the South Holland District as part of their ongoing residency. The programme is in the process of being confirmed, but this leading Chamber Orchestra will be performing concerts and workshops in community venues and building on the success of the June residency.

See local press closer to the time for more details.

### Art and Craft Workshops ☎ ■

Friday 31 October

Ayscoughfee Hall Museum

Maria Maidment returns to Ayscoughfee Hall Museum in half term with her popular art and craft workshops. Pop along for an afternoon of pumpkin-themed activities. Suitable for ages 4-11 (under 5s should be accompanied by an adult).

To book call the South Holland Centre box office on 01775 764777.

2.00pm - 4.00pm

£4.00



If you have any events coming up then use the 'Get your event listed form' (details above) to get listed on our website.

## Events at Spalding's South Holland Centre

### Summer Youth Theatre

Polka Dot Productions  
Monday 18 to Friday 22 August

Act, sing and dance the week away, working towards a performance based on the musical Grease.

For 8 to 16 year olds.  
9.30am - 4.00pm each day

### A Day at the Seaside Drama Fun

Rhubarb Theatre  
Thursday 28 August

A message in a bottle is found on the beach. Come and get involved and decide where the story goes.

For accompanied 4 to 7 year olds.  
10.30am - 12noon

### Fantastic Fairytales Drama Fun

Rhubarb Theatre  
Thursday 28 August

Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes are brought to life. Create your own versions of these stories.

For 8 to 11 year olds.  
2.00pm - 3.30pm



### The Poozies

Thursday 11 September

Superb musicianship and harmony singing from successful all-female Celtic folk group. (previously featured Kate Rusby).  
8.00pm

### The Blues Band

Thursday 18 September

Classic Blues! Tickets are usually in high demand so please book early.  
8.00pm

### Thoroughly Modern Millie ACT II

Wednesday 24 to

Saturday 27 September

Youth Theatre production.  
7.30pm  
Saturday Matinee 2.30pm



### I Caught Crabs in Walberswick

Eastern Angles Theatre

Tuesday 30 September

After fishing for crabs near Southwold in Suffolk, two teenage girls embark on a reckless coastal journey which threatens their friendship.

For age 16+.  
7.30pm

### Jongleurs On The Road Thursday 2 October

Popular comedy club night.  
8.00pm

### Poppy Appeal Concert Royal British Legion

Friday 3 October  
7.30pm

### Piano 4 Hands

South Holland Concerts  
Saturday 4 October

One of Britain's most exciting young piano duos, Joseph Tong & Waka Hasegawa, who debuted at Wigmore Hall in 2003.

7.30pm

### Ian Billings Out of His Mind

Saturday  
4 October

Join kid's comic Ian Billings for a tickle-filled hour of chuckle!  
For age 7+  
2.00pm



### State of the Matter

2 FaCeD DaNcE Co

Tuesday 7 October

Break dance, robotics, acrobatics, street dance and gravity defying moves from this all male dance group.  
7.30pm



Events confirmed from  
Monday 18th August to  
Monday 1st December 2008

FILM - Look out for our  
bi-monthly film guides from  
July / September 2008 onwards.

Box Office: 01775 764777

To book on-line visit [www.southhollandcentre.co.uk](http://www.southhollandcentre.co.uk)

### Liane Carroll

Jazz Club

Thursday 9 October

Acclaimed soulful jazz singer and musicians.  
8.00pm



### Elsie & Norm's Macbeth

Jamie Marcus Productions

Saturday 11 October

Elsie and Norm are bored with TV and decide to have a bash at staging a production of Macbeth in their north country living room! Hilarious results whether or not you love Shakespeare!  
7.30pm



### Tasher Desh: The Land of Cards

F I P A

Wednesday 15 October

Classical Indian dance collides with Alice in Wonderland in this sumptuous dance opera. Schools wishing to make a booking please contact the box office.  
1.30pm

### Eamonn McCann

Friday 17 October

An evening of Irish Country music.  
7.30pm

### Black Comedy

St Nicolas Players

Thursday 23 to

Saturday 25 October

After their recent successful staging of The Graduate, St Nic's return with a comedy farce.  
7.30pm

### Canterbury Tales

Mappa Mundi Theatre

Thursday 6 November

Not THE Canterbury Tales but a humorous, light-hearted fast-paced blend of Chaucer's best-loved stories told through a group of Welsh commoners on their annual trip to Canterbury.  
For age 12+  
7.30pm

### NIVEA Funny Women Live!

Saturday 8 November

With six leading female stand-ups  
8.00pm

### Andy Fairweather Low & The Low Riders

Thursday 13 November

Catch this guitar legend and Amen Corner front man (Bend Me Shape Me, If Paradise is Half As Nice) as he plays on top form with his band. Early booking recommended.  
8.00pm

### Angus Maryon & The Martinu Quartet

South Holland Concerts

Saturday 15 November

7.30pm

### It Runs in the Family

SADOS

Wednesday 19 to Saturday  
22 November

Ray Cooney's comedy farce is brought to the stage. 7.30pm

### Andy Hamilton's Hat of Doom Tour

Thursday 27 November

Join award-winning comedy writer and performer Andy Hamilton for a brand new one-man show, brimming with jokes, stories, gossip and trampolining. (Contains mild peril!)  
7.30pm

### West End to Broadway

Polka Dot Academy

Saturday 29 &

Sunday 30 November

West End and Broadway showstoppers from Grease, Hairspray, Spamalot and more.  
2.30pm & 6.30pm

Looking for a new job? Visit our website to view current vacancies at South Holland District Council

# RECYCLING



# On target for success!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In the green sacks, from April to June this year, we collected:

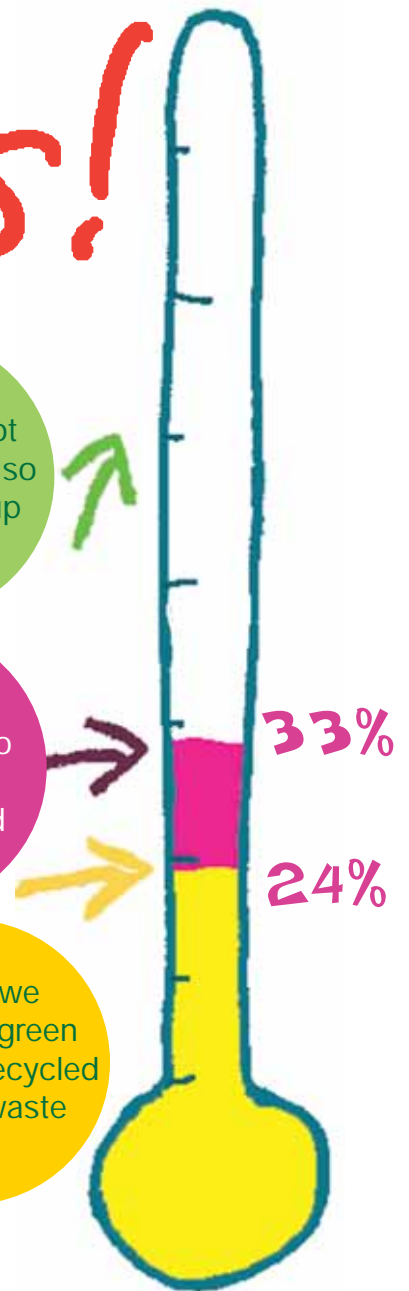


- ◆ **1,973 tonnes of PAPER and CARDBOARD** - saving over 1,500 trees!
- ◆ **81 tonnes of glass** - over 380,000 bottles!
- ◆ **37 tonnes of textiles** - useable textiles going to help disadvantaged people!
- ◆ **200 tonnes of cans, tins and foil** - saving enough energy to power 1,000 hours of TV in every household in South Holland.
- ◆ **206 tonnes of plastic** - saving enough power to light a 60 watt bulb for 600 hours per household in South Holland.

It's still possible to recycle a lot more than this so please keep up the good work!

This is where we are now - thanks to the efforts of South Holland recyclers

Before we gave you green sacks we recycled 24% of waste



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 www.sholland.gov.uk/environment/waste

## Collections over August Bank Holiday 2008

All other collections will be as normal	collection would have been due on:	leave out for collection on:
refuse 	Monday 25th August ▶	Saturday 23rd August
recycling 	Monday 25th August ▶	Monday 1st September