

Little Ellingham News

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PARISH COUNCIL

The 80th anniversary of VE Day - 8th May 2025

This day commemorated the Allied victory in Europe during World War II and honours the sacrifices made by the Second World War generation.

VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the date in 1945 when the Allies formally accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany, effectively ending the war in Europe. The 80th anniversary in 2025 serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by millions during the conflict and provides an opportunity for reflection and gratitude towards veterans and those who served.



LITTLE ELLINGHAM PAROCHIAL CHARITY

THE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

This is a local charity which can provide support to residents in Little Ellingham who may find themselves in need of financial support with heating costs, long-term sickness or disability related expenses.

THE TOWN LANDS AND EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

Students, under 25, undertaking further education, and a resident of Little Ellingham may apply for a grant towards the cost of equipment, books, stationary etc...

To apply for a grant from either of these charities, please email:

parochialcharity@gmail.com

or write to: Richard Baker,
Chairman, Little Ellingham
Parochial Charity, White Lodge
Farm, Little Ellingham, NR17
1JW.

Please be assured that all applications are treated equally and in the strictest confidence.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held bi-monthly, usually on the first Wednesday evening of the month, at Little Ellingham Village Hall, the dates are published on the Council's website and noticeboards.

The next meetings of the Parish Council are on **Wednesday 2nd July 2025 & Wednesday 3rd**

September 2025. The press and public are always welcome to attend, there is an open forum for the residents of Little Ellingham to be able to speak to the Council on agenda items.

LOCAL EVENTS



LITTLE ELLINGHAM OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 1-5PM

www.opengardens.co.uk

Looking to hire a hall?

Old School Hall

Church Road, Little Ellingham NR17 1JN



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- ★ Licenced bar available
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PUB NIGHT

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7.30 - 11 PM

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Why are we contacting you?

We are receiving reports of odour alleged to be from Wood Lane Poultry Farm, Little Ellingham, which has an Environmental Permit issued by the Environment Agency. We have also received several enquiries about what we are doing regarding these reports.

We want to let you know about our regulation of the site, what we do with the reports that we receive, and how you can help us.

Background

Wood Lane Poultry Farm has been permitted by the Environment Agency for the rearing of poultry, specifically ducks, since 2007, under several different operators. In July 2023, the permit was transferred to Banham Poultry (2018) Ltd and in August 2023 it was varied (changed) to cover the rearing of chickens for meat production (also known as 'broilers').

Since May 2024 we have received a total of 53 reports of odour alleged to be from Wood Lane Poultry Farm through our pollution incident number.

What are we doing?

Our priority is to regulate the site against its Environmental Permit. Odour reports from the local community are very useful to help us with this. Each report is passed through to the local team, who assess the number of reports received, when the odours were detected and the intensity of the odour reported. Once we have considered our priorities for responding to incidents that can cause serious and significant environmental risk, and our available resource, we would aim to send an officer out to site to carry out an odour assessment around the farm. We also carry out proactive odour assessments based on the stage of the rearing cycle along with weather conditions.

We forward anonymised versions of the odour reports we receive to the operator asking them to investigate and report back.

A breach of permit will only be recorded when all three of these criteria are met:

- (a) an Environment Agency officer attends the area
- (b) the officer considers that the level of odour from the farm is at an unacceptable level, and
- (c) the officer considers that the operator is not following their Odour Management Plan.

If we identify a permit breach, we will consider pursuing enforcement action. We always try to work with the operator using advice and guidance to achieve compliance in the first instance but will use the appropriate enforcement tools to achieve compliance if necessary.

What are Banham Poultry doing?

Banham Poultry are aware of the reports that we are receiving and try to investigate these where possible. They have already identified actions that they can take, in addition to those already in their Odour Management Plan, to try to prevent and minimise odour from their site:

- Changing type of bedding
- Reducing stocking density
- Increasing frequency of veterinary visits
- Weekly odour assessments by non-site staff

How can you help us?

If you experience an **unacceptable** level of odour that you believe is coming from Wood Lane Poultry Farm, please call our 24-hour pollution incident number as soon as possible on **0800 80 70 60**. We receive quite a few reports of odour by email, which means that we do not have the same information we would have if the report was received by phone and results in a delay in logging these on our incident system and in our timely investigation of them.

If you prefer to email us rather than phone, please can you specify the date and time that you noticed the odour and include a rating out of 6 for the odour in your email.

The guidance on this scale is as follows:

1	Very faint odour (can only smell it when inhaling into the wind)
2	Faint odour
3	Distinct odour
4	Strong odour
5	Very strong odour
6	Extremely strong odour (causes nausea and have to leave the area immediately)

IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:

- We have to prioritise incidents that cause serious and significant risk.
- We are unable to respond to every environmental incident reported to us.
- We will not provide feedback to individual reports on environmental incidents.

[From [Environment Agency customer service commitment - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency/customer-service-commitment)]

- We cannot act on reports received retrospectively.
- If you believe the odour is coming from muck spreading or any other landspreading activity, this is the remit of the Local Authority, so please contact Breckland District Council.
- If you have any health concerns related to the site, please contact your GP in the first instance.

Little Ellingham Steam and Vintage Working Show
9th August and 10th August 2025



Vintage working Tractors & Comines-Tractor ploughing – Match ploughing – Fun fare

Traction engines – Steam threshing and baling demonstrations

Heavy horses with Eastern Counties Heavy Horse Association

4 x 4 demonstrations on the off road course – Classic cars, Commercial and Military Vehicles

Saturday tractor road run and evening entertainment

Ring events – Craft and Trade stands – Licensed bar and refreshments and much much more!

Further details from:

Mr Richard Baker

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in aid of the Anglian Air Ambulance

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LITTLE ELLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

An exciting opportunity to get involved in your local community, and represent the people of Little Ellingham.

The Council holds bi-monthly evening meetings.

You need no previous experience or knowledge of Parish Councils.

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