



## DECEMBER 2025

### Bringing You the Latest from Your Parish Council & Your Community Hub

**\*\*\* THE COUNCIL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD FROM 24TH DECEMBER AND WILL REOPEN ON 5TH JANUARY 2026. \*\*\***

#### Parish Council Updates & Meetings

**Council Meeting (including Planning Applications) - 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm**

#### Vacancies on the Council

We currently have **councillor vacancies**. If you're passionate about supporting your local community, please contact the Clerk for more details: [clerk@hellingly-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hellingly-pc.gov.uk)



FUNDING

#### Grant Funding for Local Non-Profit Organisations



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Hellingly Parish Council recognises the value of non-profit organisations in supporting community wellbeing and has provided £17,960 in grant funding from its annual budget

#### Festival of Christmas Trees - Hellingly Church

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

- Admission: Free
- Opening Times: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (Sunday until 4:00 pm)
- Refreshments: Available all day

Enjoy a festive weekend at St Peter & St Paul Church with beautifully decorated Christmas trees created by local families, groups, and businesses. You can enjoy the displays, soak up the Christmas spirit, and enjoy light refreshments.

Want to get involved? Sponsor a tree and decorate it. Venue: St Peter & St Paul Church, Church Road, Hellingly.

Email: [hello@hellinglyfriends.org.uk](mailto:hello@hellinglyfriends.org.uk);

#### Could You Be the Next Chair of the Friends of Hellingly Church?

After eight wonderful years of dedicated service, the current Chair is stepping down — and they are now looking for someone new to lead the Friends of Hellingly Church into its next exciting chapter.

If you're passionate about the beautiful church and local community, and think this role might be for you, then they would love to hear from you! Get in touch by emailing [hello@hellinglyfriends.org.uk](mailto:hello@hellinglyfriends.org.uk);



#### Christmas Collections Dates for the Rubbish and Recycling

Usual collection day:			Revised collection day:	
Thursday	25 Dec	→	Saturday	27 Dec
Friday	26 Dec	→	Monday	29 Dec
Monday	29 Dec	→	Tuesday	30 Dec
Tuesday	30 Dec	→	Wednesday	31 Dec
Wednesday	31 Dec	→	Friday	2 Jan
Thursday	1 Jan	→	Saturday	3 Jan
Friday	2 Jan	→	Monday	5 Jan
Monday	5 Jan	→	Tuesday	6 Jan
Tuesday	6 Jan	→	Wednesday	7 Jan
Wednesday	7 Jan	→	Thursday	8 Jan
Thursday	8 Jan	→	Friday	9 Jan
Friday	9 Jan	→	Saturday	10 Jan

Collections resume on your usual collection day, from Monday 12 January 2026



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE FROM EVERYONE AT HELLINGLY COMMUNITY HUB & HELLINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

A huge thank you to all our wonderful hirers, our amazing community, and everyone who has supported Hellingly Community Hub and Hellingly Parish Council throughout 2025—you've truly made this year special! 🎉❤️ We wish you a joyful, cosy Christmas and a bright, happy New Year. 🎄🌟 We can't wait to welcome back our regulars and meet lots of new faces in 2026. 😊

**Just a quick note: the Hub will be taking a festive break from Monday 22nd December 2025 and will reopen on Monday 5th January 2026.** 📅

### 👨👩👧👦 **Weekly Groups at The Hub**

👶 **Hellihubs Baby & Toddler Group** - A FREE relaxed social group with play activities, perfect for little ones and their grown-ups. Older siblings welcome during school holidays! No need to book, just turn up.

📅 Every Monday 8.30am–10am (except bank holidays) .... **BACK ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

🎵 **Rhymetime – Preschool Fun.** Join us for songs, stories, and rhymes — a fun FREE session for preschool children and their carers. No need to book, just turn up.

📅 Next Date Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 10am-10.30am

🎮 **Hellingly Youth Club** - Games, activities, and a safe space to hang out, and its FREE!

📅 Wednesdays - **Years 5–8:** 6.15pm–7.30pm **Years 8–12:** 7.45pm–9.00pm

👵 **Young at Heart Group** – A FREE Group for those aged 55+. Come along for friendly conversation, a warm cuppa, and fun activities. No booking required, just come along – Mondays 10.30am-12.30pm ....

**BACK ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

🎨✚ **Messy Church** – Next Date Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January – 3pm-5.30pm. A fun and creative afternoon run FREE of charge by Hellingly Church. No need to book, just come along.

📖 For all the latest information, pick up a copy of our **What's On' Guide** from The Hub to see all events and activities happening this season.

## **Hire the Hub for your next Event in 2026!**

Looking for a bright, modern, and cool space to host your next event? The **Hellingly Community Hub** offers:

- ✓ Fully air-conditioned rooms
- ✓ Built-in projectors and sound system in every room
- ✓ A convenient location with free parking

Perfect for: parties, classes, clubs, workshops meetings & more!

📱 **Find out more & book online:** 🔗 [hellingly-pc.gov.uk/community-hub-and-village-hall](https://hellingly-pc.gov.uk/community-hub-and-village-hall)

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## 🎄 **Christmas Foodbank Donations – Food & Christmas Toys** 🎁

Please help us spread some festive cheer! We're collecting **Christmas toys and food donations** for our local foodbank. Your kindness can make a big difference this Christmas ❤️



🧸 **Toys** – new and unwrapped

🍲 **Food** – non-perishable items

**LAST DROP OF DATE FOR DONATIONS IS FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**