

# Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

# NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2020

## **Councillor Responsibilities**

**Parish Council Chairman:** Cllr. Fincher

**Parish Council Vice-Chairman:** Cllr. Richmond

**Allotments:** Lead Councillor: Cllr. Kelly

**Bus Services:** Lead Councillor: Cllr. Waizeneker

**Envirosort Community Liason Group:** Cllr. Lucas, Cllr. Pollard

**Finance, Staffing and General Purpose:**

All Parish Councillors

Responsible Finance Officer (Mrs. J. Greenway)

**Flooding and Drainage matters:** Cllr. Arrow, Cllr. Turvey

**GDPR Matters:** Cllr. Kelly, Clerk (Mrs. J. Greenway)

**Land Ownership/Lease Matters:** Lead Councillor: Cllr. Lucas

**Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:**

Cllr. Arrow, Cllr. Lucas, Cllr. Waizeneker, Cllr. Pollard, Cllr. Turvey

**PACT (Police & Crime Together):** Cllr. Kelly

**Parish Hall Representative**

Cllr Fincher: Parish Council Chairman & Chair of the Parish Hall Trustees

**Parish Hall Project Working Group:**

Cllr. Dawson, Cllr. Pollard, Cllr. Waizeneker, Cllr Fincher

**Planning Matters:**

Lead Councillor: Cllr. Richmond, Cllr. Fincher, Cllr. Pollard, Cllr. Turvey

**Playing Fields/Recreation Areas:** Cllr. Dawson, Cllr. Richmond

**Public Rights of Way:**

Lead Councillor : Cllr. Turvey (Parish Paths Warden), Cllr. Dawson

**Social Media and Website:** Lead Councillor: Cllr. Pollard

**South Worcestershire Development Plan/Infrastructure Matters:**

Cllr. Fincher, Cllr. Turvey

**Superfast Broadband Matters:** Lead Councillor: Cllr. Waizeneker

## Our new Newsletter

This edition of the Parish Council Newsletter is the first one that is published online (without hard copy deliveries to all households in the Parish), making it permanently and readily available to residents and other interested readers to view.

Our newsletters can be found using the following link:

<https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/newsletters/>

Our new Newsletter is slimmer, being without adverts, but will include the regular articles and news, which we will be continuing to develop. If there is anything that you would like to see (or not see) in future newsletters, please let us know. (Parish Clerk contact details overleaf).

A small supply of hard copies of our future Newsletters will also be placed in locations around the Parish.

(e.g. Parish Hall, Garden Centre, Norton Connector, etc.).

These provisions are aimed at maintaining accessibility for those that prefer the Newsletter in hard copy, while making it more accessible for those that are more accustomed to using the internet. Our online publication schedule is:

Spring edition – 1<sup>st</sup> March, Summer edition – 1<sup>st</sup> June,

Autumn edition – 1<sup>st</sup> September and Winter edition – 1<sup>st</sup> December.

We will highlight when each edition has been published online via our Parish Council Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil> and on our Parish Council noticeboards.

We hope that these new arrangements will assist in our aim of continuing to develop our Newsletter to serve our community for many more years to come.

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**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

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## New Business Directory

Free Advertising for local businesses!

Find that local plumber, electrician, accountant etc.

Adverts are now published in a separate online only Business/Services Directory, with adverts being free of charge. If you would like to advertise in this Directory, or amend/remove your existing advert, please let us know.

The Business/Services Directory can be found using the following links (by business category or business name):

<https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/business-directory/business-categories/>

and

<https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/business-names-a-z/>

If you are a local business and want to advertise on our website free of charge contact the Parish Clerk  
at [NJKparishclerk@aol.com](mailto:NJKparishclerk@aol.com)

or by post to: Mrs Jane Greenway, Parish Clerk, 18 Corunna Close, Norton, Worcester WR5 2PW.

All you need is one side of up to A4 as a pdf or jpg and tell us a business category name for your listing



# STAY HOME STAY SAFE

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

## Latest advice on how to self-isolate:

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been told to self-isolate you should:

- Go home and stay at home
- Do not leave your home unless for medical reasons
- Stay away from those you live with
- Do not go out for walks or exercise
- Do not meet friends
- Do not go to work or school
- Isolate for 10 days if you are COVID-19 positive
- Isolate for 14 days if you are told you are a contact
- Contact our Here 2 Help service if you have no support:  
**[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help)**

**You should not go outside at all. This is different advice to during a lockdown.**

**Self-isolating means you must not leave your home, not even for a daily walk.**

**Make sure you have plenty of healthy food and drinks, books, magazines and other activities to keep you busy.**

**Let friends, family and contacts know to stay away.**

## Please stay at home and stop the virus spreading

Get all the latest updates at:  
**[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus)**



## **Parish Council (PC) - Chairman's Report Winter 2020**

Hopefully, you are now reading this online, by hard copy if you requested to receive one, or have picked a copy up at the Garden Centre or on the Norton Connector. If you are aware of someone living nearby that is an avid reader of the Parish Magazine, I would be really grateful if you would just check that they have access to a copy in the manner that they want it. If they were expecting a hard copy and for some reason haven't received it, please contact the Parish Clerk who will add their name to the hard copy delivery list.

The 'Norton Connector' has now been running for eight weeks and apart from a couple of early vehicle reliability hiccups, has made four-times daily round trips from Tesco St Peters to Worcestershire Parkway every weekday since 14 September. Obviously not helped by the pandemic, passenger numbers are still lower than we would like, but they are increasing. Feedback is invariably enthusiastic, and it has been fantastic to hear from a few of our regulars regarding how it has given them back their independence and enabled them to get to the shops for the first time since March. Responding to other feedback, the intention is to modify the service, by extending it a couple of times a week to go to Crowngate in Worcester, Haresfield House Surgery in Newtown Road and the Worcestershire Royal Hospital. These will be by-request, only running when there is a booking. Worcestershire Parkway will also be placed in this by-request category, thereby making more efficient use of the service without reducing its utility. Until now we have purposely run the service four times a day, five days a week whether we had passengers or not, to maximise publicity and allow residents to get used to its existence. Henceforth we may not run a particular trip if there are no bookings, but the full-service timetable will remain available and unchanged, four times a day five days a week, including the additional by-request routes. The Parish Council believes very strongly that a reliable, regular service is particularly important.

The service is run by the parish, for the parish and relies solely on volunteers. It would therefore be remiss of me not to thank our three new volunteers from the parish, Chris Dawson, Graham Taylor and Tim Pycock, who have joined the Worcester Wheels team to help drive the 'Norton Connector'. The best thanks that they could receive for giving up their time is to drive a full bus, hence I'd ask you to phone Worcester Wheels on 01905 450654, become a Norton Connector member, and book your journey.

Hopefully, you will all have received your copy of the Neighbourhood Plan summary document and questionnaire through your letterbox. I would be deluding myself if I thought that everyone in the parish would read it and complete the questionnaire, but it is important and will shape the future of the parish for many years. An adopted Neighbourhood Plan cannot stop planned development, but it has legal status to influence it, thereby mitigating the effect on our daily lives and continuing to keep the parish a pleasant place to live. If you've not received it, or mislaid it, you can go to <https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/norton-juxta-kempsey-parish-council-neighbourhood-plan/> to find out more. A big thank you to those who responded before the end of the consultation period on Monday 30th November.

We continue to be approached by parishioners regarding overhanging branches, foliage denying the use of pavements, potentially dangerous dead trees, and unkempt roundabouts. As I've previously mentioned, a lot of this falls outside of our control, but we continue to badger those responsible, and most issues near the highway (where most of these issues are reported), leads to Worcestershire County Council (WCC). If you see something that needs addressing, please report it to them using the following link [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report\\_it](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it). Together we can hopefully keep the pressure on to get the issues resolved.

Normally the Remembrance Service at St James church and the War Memorial is a very well attended event, but like a lot of things, this year it had to be modified. The ceremony itself was short, poignant, and held at 0930 to discourage other attendees in accordance with the Covid-19 guidelines. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Royal British Legion (RBL), Parish Council, Scouting movement, and the Church. Those members of the public that were passing by were entirely respectful, standing in silence at a suitable distance while the ceremony was completed. It was understandably a shadow of what it normally is, but the point is that those that did not return were still remembered appropriately. Quite separately, prior to Remembrance Sunday, members of the Norton & Littleworth RBL planted a wooden cross on each of the military gravestones at St James's church. There is no reason why you would be aware, but the Norton & Littleworth RBL has come close to closing in the past few years due to a lack of members, having only recently increased from five to nine. I'm sure you would all agree, that as the historical home of the Worcestershire Regiment, if it did fold, it would be a sad day. You don't have to have served in the Armed Forces to join the RBL and if you did want to join, please contact the Clerk, who will put you in touch with them.

Over the years there have been many questions asked regarding PC support to Worcester Norton Sports Club (WNSC), and many times I have written explaining that they were a private company and therefore ineligible for support from public funds. I'm therefore pleased to report that WNSC are finally about to become a Community Interest Company (CIC), thereby enabling them to access public funds for the renovation and re-building of the Sports Club. There is an article elsewhere in the Parish Magazine explaining what they are intending. Suffice to say that this has been as long time coming and the PC is most enthusiastic that WNSC is to finally take its rightful place as a community facility within the parish, hopefully mirroring the success of the Parish Hall. It's really quite exciting that both the Parish Hall and WNSC are now receiving public money to enhance them as community assets and safeguard them for future generations.

As a PC there are things that we can affect (e.g. Norton Connector), things that we can only influence (e.g. foliage maintenance), and things that we can encourage (WNSC CIC). Some are satisfying, some are frustrating, but anything that is for the benefit of the parish community is worthy of continued effort. If you think we are missing something, or not applying effort in areas you consider we should, please contact the Clerk, but in the meantime have as Merry a Christmas as possible, stay safe, and stay in touch with your community.

Kevin Fincher  
Chairman  
Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

### **The Norton Connector**

The revised timetable follows, with full service details including fares, on our website: <https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/norton-connector/>

Please note that this is a dial-up service only, for Worcester Wheels members, and journeys MUST be pre-booked. Call 01905 450654 to join Worcester Wheels and to book the service.

# Norton Connector Timetable from 2nd December (\* Mon, Wed & Friday only)

Crowngate Bus Station*			13.10	15.10
Asda/B&M Lowesmoor*			13.15	15.15
Lidl Newtown Road*			13.20	15.20
Haresfield House Surgery*			13.20	15.20
Worcs Royal Hospital*			13.30	15.30
Tesco St Peters	08.40	10.40	13.40	15.40
Tiree Avenue	08.42	10.42	13.42	15.42
Grasshopper Drive				
Regiment Close 1	08.47	10.47	13.47	15.47
Regiment Close 2				
St Peters Garden Centre	08.49	10.49	13.49	15.49
Mandalay Drive	08.51	10.51	13.51	15.51
Gazala Drive				
Church Lane				
The Retreat	08.55	10.55	13.55	15.55
St James Close				
The Hideage				
Littleworth Parish Hall	08.57	10.57	13.57	15.57
The Hideage				
St James Close				
The Retreat	08.59	10.59	13.59	15.59
Woodbury Park*				
Parkway Station*	09.05	11.05	14.05	16.05

Parkway Station*	09.10	11.10	14.10	16.10
Woodbury Park*				
The Retreat	09.16	11.16	14.16	16.16
St James Close				
The Hideage				
Littleworth Parish Hall	09.18	11.18	14.18	16.18
The Hideage				
St James Close				
The Retreat	09.20	11.20	14.20	16.20
Church Lane				
Gazala Drive	09.23	11.23	14.23	16.23
Mandalay Drive				
St Peters Garden Centre	09.26	11.26	14.26	16.26
Regiment Close 2	09.28	11.28	14.28	16.28
Regiment Close 1				
Tesco St Peters	09.35	11.35	14.35	16.35
Crowngate Bus Station*	09.45	11.45		
Asda/B&M Lowesmoor*	09.50	11.50		
Lidl Newtown Road*	09.55	11.55		
Haresfield House Surgery*	09.55	11.55		
Worcs Royal Hospital*	10.00	12.00		

\* REQUEST ONLY STOPS (single fare = £2 or £1 w/bus pass)

\* REQUEST ONLY STOPS (single fare = £3 or £2 w/bus pass)

## **Contacting Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council**



If you would like to contact the Parish Council concerning Parish matters, this can be done in the following ways:

By contacting the Parish Clerk directly:  
Mrs Jane Greenway, Clerk to the Parish Council

Email: [njkparishclerk@aol.com](mailto:njkparishclerk@aol.com)

Tel: 01905 763515 / 07955 756528

Post: 18 Corunna Close, Norton, Worcs WR5 2PW

By visiting our new website: [www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org](http://www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org)

Via our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil)

## **Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council 2021 Meeting Dates**

21st January, 25th February 25th March, 29th April

27th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

24th June, 15th July, 30th September, 21st October and 25th November

Annual Parish Meeting 6th May

**All dates subject to confirmation**

If you would like to take part in the public question time session, or observe the Parish Council meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk for details of how to achieve this.

Email: [NJKparishclerk@aol.com](mailto:NJKparishclerk@aol.com)

Tel: 01905 / 0795 5756528

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The Parish Council does not have responsibility for the accuracy of articles or adverts included within this newsletter

## **Parish Hall Trustees (PHT) - Chairman's Report Winter 2020**

Normally I would be writing about the success of the Halloween and Fireworks event and the forthcoming Christmas events at the hall, but as with so many organisations at present, we have cancelled more than we would care to dwell on. The good news is that prior to the current lockdown, we were establishing a 'new normal', and I'm confident that once we exit the lockdown, the hall will once again begin to come alive with that 'new normal', and whenever full normality returns (as I'm sure it will), we'll be ready.

The Hall Trustees have continued to meet virtually throughout the pandemic, actively monitoring Government guidance and considering ways in which the hall and Coffee Shop might open safely. Following on from the takeaway service, the introduction of the 'rule of six' and table service required further changes and the Coffee Shop was modified to accommodate the new rules. Furniture and a section of the bar was removed, and I'm pleased to say that a 'new normal' was established. It was therefore frustrating but entirely understandable when the second lockdown was initiated and the whole facility had to shut again. However, in anticipation of the 'rule of six' and table service being re-introduced following the current lockdown, we are ready to go, and will open as much as is safe to do so as soon as we can. It would be remiss of me not to mention our volunteers, who allow us to open at all. They fall into two categories at present; those that are content to work within a Covid-19 restricted environment and those that for whatever reason are not able to or would prefer not to; personal preference being paramount. We would like to hear from anyone if you feel you would like to volunteer, regardless of the category you fall into, though at present we are particularly keen to hear from anyone that would be willing to work in a Covid-19 restricted environment once we are able to open again. We hope to see you back in the Coffee Shop as soon as circumstances allow!

Clearly the re-closure of the hall, and in particular the Coffee Shop has reduced income to virtually zero, but thankfully the charity is in a good financial position to enable it to weather the current lockdown and the anticipated 'rule of six'. The match funding that the Trustees had agreed to pay with the Parish Council to enable the spending of the £180,000 Wychavon District Council (WDC) Community Legacy Grant (CLG), remains a concern, but the Trustees and PC have quite rightly agreed that the hall charity and its salaried staff come first.

Much of what the Parish Hall Trustees try to achieve is on pause at present but rest assured that ideas and plans continue to be discussed. There is no such thing as a stupid idea, so if there is anything that you consider the Parish Hall Trustees should be addressing, please let us know.

Kevin Fincher  
Chairman  
Parish Hall Trustees

# Coffee At WRFive

## Norton Parish Hall, Littleworth

Up to date information on the coffee shop opening hours can  
found at:

[www.facebook.com/nortonparishhall](http://www.facebook.com/nortonparishhall)

or [www.facebook.com/CoffeeAtWRFiveNorton/](http://www.facebook.com/CoffeeAtWRFiveNorton/)

## Please Keep Dogs on Leads at Norton Parish Hall

Whilst dogs are allowed in the grounds of Norton Parish Hall,  
they must be kept on leads at all times.

Please can we remind **all** dog walkers  
at the Parish Hall that:

1. Dogs must be kept on leads at all times.
2. Dogs are not permitted in the play area, tennis court or multi-use games area.
3. All dog mess must be picked up and disposed of in the bin provided.

Thank you for your assistance



## **Parish Hall Project Working Group (PHPWG) Chairman's Report Winter 2020**

The PHPWG is a PC initiated Working Group comprised of Parish Councillors and Parish Hall Trustees to oversee the delivery of the Community Legacy Grant (CLG) funded improvements to the Parish Hall. It has continued to meet virtually throughout the pandemic and individuals have hosted numerous, socially distanced meetings with potential contractors at the hall to discuss quotations for the various aspects of work required. The use of the CLG funding is quite flexible in that we can proportion it how we wish, as long as we deliver the four key elements upon which the grant was agreed; new roof and solar panels, car charging points, a village shop, and additional usable space within the hall. I'm pleased to report that we are in the process of obtaining quotes for each and are currently considering the total cost versus the available funding in order to achieve the best possible solution across the four key elements. An update on the individual elements in no particular order:

**New Roof and solar panels.** The asbestos survey commissioned by the group has confirmed that the hall roof is as thought, Chrysotile (white asbestos). This is an important element of any quote for replacement, since though it is the lowest risk asbestos, it needs to be dealt with in quite a specific manner. With that in mind we are now looking at complete replacement including new outer skin and new insulation. In many ways this is good news, but it does eat into the budget quite considerably. Regarding solar panels, we have established that if we covered the roof with solar panels, we could probably power most of the parish, but what we have also established is that only a certain amount can be pushed back into the National Grid. This means that the optimum solution is 30Kw of solar panels; enough to power and heat the hall with power to spare (i.e. allowing for future growth), while charging batteries for dull days and powering the car charging points, while also pushing as much as allowed back to the National Grid, thereby creating income for the Parish Hall.

**Car charging points.** To convert the hall to three phase supply, required for rapid charging, has been dismissed as prohibitively expensive. The car charging points will therefore be trickle charge and solar powered from the roof panels. The four points will be available as a top-up for those using electric cars while at the hall. It is intended that a small charge will be levied.

**Village shop.** It was established early on that to be sustainable, any village shop needed to have a Post Office (PO) at its core, i.e. a reason for people to come to it rather than go to Tesco's. Initial enquires with the

Post Office were not positive, but following a site visit, they are now entirely supportive. Plans are currently that the PO would be located in the Sparling Room (the small room on the right as you walk into the main hall), with its entrance from the parish hall entrance lobby. The operating model is that it would be volunteer run with a PO at its core and then sell local produce from within 30 miles. To build it is a leap of faith, and it would be wrong to say that there aren't concerns over the availability of volunteers to run it, but we are planning to visit all of the other village shop/PO's within the area to establish how they did it in the hope that we can do similar. If you would be interested in volunteering to help run the village shop/post office, please get in touch via the Parish Clerk or any of the Councillors or Trustees you might know.

Additional usable space. The plan to use the existing storeroom, changing room and toy store/groundsman's store to deliver up to 50m<sup>2</sup> of new usable space is progressing well. Scoping work is ongoing, but the aim is to provide a new, sub-dividable space of approximately 45-50m<sup>2</sup>, with its own kitchen and toilet, accessible both externally and internally.

The pandemic has had an effect in so many ways and assimilating quotes and finding available tradesmen is one such effect. The PHPWG is hopeful that by mid-December it will be able to brief the Parish Hall Trustees, Parish Council and Wychavon District Council to seek their endorsement of the plan. We are also in the process of publishing requirements on the Government Contract Finder website, as we are required to do for any contract over £25k, and once we have achieved both, and conducted a contractor down-select, we remain hopeful that we will be able to commence work in the new year. A natural timeline has emerged from the information we have gathered. The roof, which we are told will take approximately two weeks, along with the solar power, would come first, completed while the hall is at its quietest. The creation of the additional space can take place without disruption but would also take place before the end of April. Thereafter, between 30 April and September the hall has several wedding receptions booked and the creation of the village shop and PO may not commence until they have taken place.

The opportunity to do this does not come round very often and the members of the PHPWG are working hard to make the sure we make the most of it for the future community use of the hall. I'm sure you will be understanding while the hall is being worked on, but like us, excited in the prospect of what we are hoping to deliver.

Kevin Fincher

Chairman, Parish Hall Project Working Group

## Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

### Financial Report - Year to 30th September 2020 (6 months)

	Year to Date Actual £	Annual Budget £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Precent	60,793	60,793
Rental/Lettings - allotment, garage, sports/playing field, Pre-school	2,878	5,059
Grants and Lengthsman Reimbursement from Worcs CC	2,487	3,827
Neighbourhood Plan Funding Grant	1,992	950
Tax Rebates (VAT)	7,146	0
New Homes Bonus funds - Parish Hall developments	0	50,000
Community Legacy Grant - Parish Hall developments	0	100,000
Community Legacy Grant - Norton connector mini-bus	15,000	30,000
Transfers from Reserves to assist in funding expenditure (items * below)	0	24,483
Other Income	1,441	20
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>91,737</b>	<b>275,132</b>

#### **EXPENDITURE (NET OF VAT)**

##### **Capital Items**

Provision for Community Assets	381	0
Replacement/new parish furniture *	0	3,000
3 year development plan for Parish Council owned lands *	1,749	5,000
Expenditure associated with developments within the Parish *	0	2,000
Community Legacy Grant Project - Parish Hall developments *	0	165,000
Community Legacy Grant Project - Norton Connector mini-bus	317	32,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>207,000</b>

##### **Parish Maintenance \***

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,546</b>	<b>24,706</b>
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##### **Administration**

Donations & Grants/Events Support	250	3,850
Newsletter, communication printing costs, website/social media costs	374	2,900
Audit and professional fees/legal fees, land registration/tenancy matters *	3,025	3,575
Neighbourhood Plan *	0	4,340
Parish Officers Honoraria plus PAYE, NI and pension contributions (all	10,059	21,262
General Administration	489	2,100
Insurance - Capital and Public Liability	0	3,500
Subscriptions	1,160	1,300
Chairman's Allowance	0	100
Other: training for Councillors & Clerk, Councillor expenses, vandalism costs	0	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,357</b>	<b>43,427</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>27,350</b>	<b>275,132</b>

VAT paid on expenses - recoverable	1,951	
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<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>64,387</b>	<b>0</b>
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<https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/privacy-statement/>

## LITTER PICKING

**If you notice any areas within our Parish that need litter picking, please advise the Parish Clerk: Mrs Jane Greenway**

**Email: [NJKparishclerk@aol.com](mailto:NJKparishclerk@aol.com)**

**Tel: 01905 763515 or 07955 756528**

## Wychavon Information Updates

Would you like to receive updates from Wychavon District Council on subjects such as refuse collection dates and planning applications within the Parish?

If so, please visit [www.wychavon.gov.uk](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk) and click on the 'Sign up here' button on the home page (shown below) to start receiving alerts.

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**Rob Adams -  
County & District Councillor**

At the time of writing, 15<sup>th</sup> November, the Corona virus still has a grip on all our lives whatever our situation.

The kindness of people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty is amazing. Headed up by the NHS and other Front Line services, including the dedication of our care home staff, our volunteer services, our good neighbours and those who work so hard for our food banks. I heard only yesterday of two young men who went into a supermarket in Evesham and purchased £50.00 worth of tinned peas, paid for them and then put them all in the food bank box (well done boys). This is just one example – we can all give examples.

Let's hope the vaccine announcement this week is the major light at the end of the horrible tunnel.

Please keep this number and contact details for help and advice: -

Here to Help website: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help)

The other option is the telephone contact number which is staffed 8am – 6pm six days a week: 01905 768053

Carers who support a family member or friend who require support should contact Worcestershire Association of Carers on [www.carersworcs.org.uk](http://www.carersworcs.org.uk) or call the helpline 03000124272.

Local testing centres have been set up at:

University of Worcester Arena car park

Pershore Civic Centre car park

Malvern Victoria Road car park (planned for 26th November)

Financial help is being announced all the time, the most recent being:

Support for clinically extremely vulnerable

Discretionary support for business

Very high alert financial support

Business closure grants.

Continued overleaf

## Current Impact on services

Wychavon websites have been updated to reflect the impact of the pandemic on services offered by Wychavon and Worcestershire County Council:

Wychavon Public toilets will stay open

Playgrounds Wychavon are responsible for will stay open

Household Recycling Centres will stay open

Libraries will close but can stay open for people to collect books that have been reserved online, pre bookable computer sessions and book returns

Wychavon Leisure Centres will be closed

Wychavon car parks free until January 3rd 2021.

Please let me reinforce I am still taking many calls regarding none covid issues. As usual do not hesitate to get in touch even during Christmas and New Year, I am here for you and your families 24/7.

Hoping for better times. Keep safe.

Rob Adams

[rob.adams@wychavon.net](mailto:rob.adams@wychavon.net)

Tel: 01905 345223



Wishing you all good health and continued wellbeing in these challenging times and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Dormston Cook, Chairman

07595 531233 - [dormston@worcesterwheels.org.uk](mailto:dormston@worcesterwheels.org.uk)

Facebook: @WorcesterCricketClub

Web: [www.worcestercc.play-cricket.com](http://www.worcestercc.play-cricket.com)

Twitter: @Worcester\_CC

## **Reporting of Highways/Footway/Footpath Issues**

If you notice a problem relating to highways/footways/footpaths, please report this directly to Worcestershire County Council Highways using online reporting or by phone.

Online report: [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report\\_it](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it)

Tel: 01905 765765

Examples of reportable items include:

Overgrown vegetation/hedges overhanging the carriageway, footway/footpaths

Overhanging, damaged or fallen trees

Potholes (carriageway, footways and footpaths)

Damaged/loose kerbs and slabs

Blocked/damaged highway gullies, culverts and grips, loose/missing gully covers

Non functioning/damaged street lights, traffic signals, zebra crossing beacons

Damaged/missing road signs, highway railings, bollards and marker posts

Faded/missing road markings

Highway flooding

Gritting and snow clearance (including grit bin enquiries/grit bin filling)

Thank you for your assistance

## **Reporting of Bins that Need Emptying**

If you notice a litter or dog waste bin that needs emptying, you can report these directly to Wychavon District Council as follows, and they will aim to empty these as soon as possible.

Email: [client.services@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:client.services@wychavon.gov.uk)

or

**Tel: 01386 565018**

Thank you for your assistance.

## **Report from Nigel Huddleston M.P.**

As winter fast approaches, and Christmas and New Year looms ever closer, I have taken time to pause and reflect back upon this most extraordinary year. It is not a year that many people will look back on favourably. Everybody has had to make sacrifices in pursuit of the common good. We have all had to give up doing some of the things we love, and have to work and socialise in a very different way. For some, this has been very inconvenient, but for many it has been much worse. Many people have had to go months without physical contact with loved ones. Many have lost their jobs or had their livelihoods curtailed. Sadly, some of us have also lost friends and family to this terrible disease.

I don't think any of us can pretend that this year has been anything other than a monumental challenge. But amidst all the difficulties, all the tragedies and losses, we have also seen the very best of our communities' shine through. Throughout this year, I have been inspired and humbled by the many acts of selflessness and charity that I have witnessed. People have come together in a way not seen since the Second World War, and I continue to be impressed by the strength and resilience of our local community.

My own work has seen me balance being your constituency MP with my responsibilities as the Minister for Sport, Tourism and Heritage. That's my official title, but I am also responsible for Gambling and the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham. The sectors in my portfolio have all been disproportionately hit by the pandemic, and as you can imagine I have spent a lot of my time in Westminster over the last few months working with the Stakeholders in each of these industry sectors on plans for lockdown, then reopening, and assessing the financial impact and needs of the sector. For example, recently I have been working with the Treasury on a support package for sports that were unable to open to fans on 1 October as originally planned, and also with the culture and heritage sectors which have received £1.5 billion as part of the Culture Support Fund. More recently, and especially since we received the good news that some of the vaccines have been successfully trialled, I have been working on longer term sectoral recovery plans.

As a minister, I am also spend a lot of time in parliament being held to account for decisions that I and my department have made. This is usually in the form or parliamentary questions but also debates. I have responded to many questions and debates in Parliament over the last few months and you can see many of these on my website, <https://www.nigelhuddleston.com/>. My constituency work in Westminster also continues apace and I am in regular contact with other ministers about issues raised by constituents. For example, I have had a meeting with Chris Pincher MP, Minister of State for Housing, to discuss the problem of 'Estate Management Charges,' something that is unfortunately a bit of an issue on some local new build housing estates. I have also remained in constant contact with local authorities and health bodies throughout the pandemic and have supported them in their interactions with central government.

Like many of you, the nature of my work has changed somewhat due to the

pandemic, and that has resulted in far more 'virtual' meetings. The usual caveats of poor connections and microphones aside, this has at least allowed me to stay well connected, even if I am in Westminster. On Friday the 6th November, I was pleased to be able to open a virtual transport summit focussing upon the traffic issues in Evesham, that was well attended by both national and local groups. I am looking forward to examining a number of proposals that are being developed as a result of this conference.

But not all of my work and meetings have been virtual. The Coronavirus has admittedly severely restricted my ability to get out and about across the constituency as much as I would otherwise have liked in the last few months. However, before the latest lockdown began, I was able to visit many businesses, charities and institutions and hold meetings - in a socially distanced way. I also held far more meetings outside, which was fine in the nice summer months but a bit more of a challenge now! I was therefore able to see first-hand some of the excellent local charity and community work that takes place every day throughout the constituency from traditional charities - but also from community groups and bodies, many of which were only recently formed, specifically set up to help their neighbourhoods during the Coronavirus crisis.

I was also able to stay in touch with many of the schools throughout our area, who have been working hard to carry on educating our children and grandchildren despite the challenges presented by this virus. I was very pleased to have been able to visit Droitwich High School and Prince Henry's High school and see for myself how much work the students and staff have done to make their schools COVID secure. I was also pleased to be able to pay my respects at the war memorials in both Evesham and Droitwich on Remembrance Sunday. Sadly, we were not able to hold memorial services as usual, but it was nevertheless a special and poignant day of reflection.

As we exit the latest lockdown restrictions and look towards 2021, we do have reason to be cautiously optimistic for a much better year ahead. Our communities, as well as our public services and especially the NHS, have been incredibly resilient. Whilst we are still a long way from returning to life as normal, and we will likely have to live with restrictions for some time, there is now light at the end of the tunnel and we hope to begin vaccinating people very soon. We have many lessons to learn from what we have gone through as a nation and as a government this year. I truly appreciate the sacrifices so many have made and the extent to which the vast majority of local residents have complied with regulations. Whilst I understand that many of these restrictions will have been extremely inconvenient, the restrictions and regulations will have saved lives.

Thank you for what you have all done in so many ways this year to help your local community. I would like to take the opportunity to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

**Nigel Huddleston MP, Member of Parliament for Mid Worcestershire**  
**House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA**

**Email: [nigel.huddleston.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nigel.huddleston.mp@parliament.uk) Tel: 0207 219 5814**

## **Allotments**

### **2020 - An extraordinary year!**

As I write this (November) we are amidst yet another lockdown, fortunately the allotments were exempted from lockdown 2.0, and hopefully you have managed to get the final planting, pruning and harvesting done as the season winds down.

For those who could get to the allotments this year, hopefully it has proved to be a sanctuary during lockdown, offering a safe and socially distanced place to relax and distract the mind. As usual we have seen some wonderful produce being grown! Many thanks for maintaining your plots within the constraints of the COVID-19 pandemic regulations.

I am currently developing the allotment page on our website (link below), if there are any suggestions as to the content please do get in touch.

<https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/allotments-2/>

Hopefully 2021 will see the restrictions ease, prompting the return of the 'best kept allotment' and 'scarecrow' competitions – we will keep you posted!

Until then, stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Katy Watkinson

Assistant Clerk to the Norton juxta Parish Council

[njkassistantclerk@gmail.com](mailto:njkassistantclerk@gmail.com)



By my reckoning the Christmas movie channels began broadcasting again in September and many people have swapped their Halloween decorations for baubles and tinsel. Perhaps that is because more than ever this year we are looking for something to brighten our days, something to look forward to, something to give us hope.

When lives intertwine during Christmas, hope is the only unifying gift. After suffering a personal tragedy, a social worker throws herself into finding homes for children in need. This is the plot of ***Christmas Hope*** one of the many Christmas tearjerker movies that will be on our screens this Christmas.

Can holiday tearjerkers be formulaic? Yes, and ***The Christmas Hope*** is certainly that. Can formulaic tearjerkers also be effective, both as entertainment and as much-needed cathartic therapy? Yes, absolutely. *The Christmas Hope* delivers just the kind of emotional package a lot of people probably need this time of year.

Christmas is not always a time of unadulterated goodness and light. For those who have lost loved ones—whether a parent, a child, a beloved partner, friend, or even a cherished pet—the holidays can also be a frightfully painful season, more a reminder of what's been taken away than what's been given.

In order that we might see more clearly what we have, we sometimes have to look closely at what we have lost—something that grief makes horrifically difficult. As one of the functions of film is to make us feel so deeply that we can't help but think, as writer Murray Watts has put it, it makes sense that even a TV movie about love and loss might help clear out some of the dust and cobwebs that shroud our hearts. In a way, such movies accomplish what Tolkien described as "recovery": the ability to see more clearly the real world around us. In that regard, such tearjerkers are a form of fantasy; and as Tolkien, among others, has shown us, effective fantasy needs no defence.

This year has been very difficult and there are many who will be feeling a sense of loss. The lights, decorations, parties, gifts and festivities make this a time of year that people look forward to. But it is also one of the toughest times of the year for people who have experienced loss. Finding hope at Christmas can be a lonely journey for some.

The loss of a loved one, divorce, job loss, a difficult health issue or financial struggles. These things can bring us down at any time of year. But, sadly, these experiences seem to be ten times harder in December. Why is that?

Because the pain of losing a loved one seems amplified when you can no longer share in the celebrations with that person. Because the loss of a job doesn't just threaten our financial security, it can also hinder us from being able to participate in the festivities. Our hopes and expectations for the joy, togetherness and good times we look forward to at Christmas might even seem to be dashed to the ground.

While we do go through hard times in life the message of Christmas brings hopes. Ultimately, Christmas isn't about buying gifts, seeing Christmas lights and going out on the town with friends. It's about the love God poured out for us through the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It's about finding hope for eternal life with God. And that life that will be free of the hardships of this present world.

The lights and gifts and festivities that we've come to know as part of Christmas are just a shadow of the priceless gift Jesus Christ has already given us – "the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus. We put so much hope in the gifts and celebrations that we forget about the gift we have already received. The gift in Jesus Christ, the greatest miracle of all, is the real reason for the season and for the celebrations.

At Christmas we remember and we celebrate the fact that Jesus – God in human form - came to be among us and walk beside us and that can give us hope even in the hardest, darkest moments. I'm not suggesting we ignore the pain – or indeed that it takes the pain away. We need to give ourselves permission to grieve. We need to process our feelings in times of loss. Even Jesus wept, he didn't avoid the pain of loss. He felt it, and he expressed it and he walked alongside those in pain and wept with them.

We all need people who can walk alongside us in the hard, painful moments of life, we all need comfort and we all need hope. Throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas the Church of England will be reflecting on the theme of comfort, joy and hope in the midst of the Covid crisis. Our reflections and services will be based on the hope that Christmas will might bring some joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year but, with an acknowledgement that – for those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods, or who are potentially still not able to be together with loved ones – the Church might also provide consolation, rather than assume everyone will be ready to join in jubilation. This Christmas the words of St Paul in Romans when he calls the Church to 'Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep' will very much be at the forefront of our thoughts. We will aim to celebrate where we can together in one place – but also embrace a wider community that wants to join in the celebration but may not be physically able – or emotionally ready – to do so.

As things remain somewhat uncertain in terms of restrictions, please see our notice boards and social media sites for information on services. A digital service is broadcast each week at 10.30 am. [www.severnsideparishes.co.uk](http://www.severnsideparishes.co.uk)  
Severn side Parishes You Tube [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9OI31B-fyZ4aahnsue\\_geA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9OI31B-fyZ4aahnsue_geA)

Facebook: [@severnsideparishes](https://www.facebook.com/severnsideparishes) or [@nortonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/nortonchurch)

### **Parking in Littleworth**

Please can drivers park considerately and safely to ensure the safety of our children, residents and those using the village.

Cars are being parked on yellow lines, at junctions, blocking drives and pavements, and are potentially causing access problems for emergency vehicles.

Please remember that the car park at the Parish Hall remains open for use for school time parking, as does the car park at The Retreat.

We have received reports of parking issues across the Parish and hope that the following helps to clarify how these can be reported (including vehicle registration numbers where possible):

- Parking on double/single yellow lines (within the time period relating to the restriction where time limited). Contact Wychavon DC Parking Team: 01386 565009 at the time or email details to: [parking@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:parking@wychavon.gov.uk)
- Parking causing an obstruction (where not on yellow lines). Phone the Police at the time using the 101 non-emergency phone number (unless it is an emergency situation when phone 999)
- If the parking appears related to school, also contact the school to highlight the situation by phoning 01905 820420.

We appreciate that the majority of drivers park considerately and thank you for this.

### **Important**

Please contact the organisers of any activities/events/meetings detailed within this newsletter to check on current plans due to Covid-19



## County Mobile Library Timetable

Enquiries about this service should be made as follows:

Tel: 01905 822722

Email: [mobilelibraries@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraries@worcestershire.gov.uk)

Website: <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk> and search  
'mobile libraries'

FOR EVERYONE TO SHARE  
INFORMAL WORSHIP

**FIRST DAY**  
of the week

10 am

first Sunday of the month  
at the Methodist Chapel in Littleworth

TO FIND OUT MORE CALL 01905 821208

or leave a message on the Chapel website:

[www.nortonchapel.org.uk](http://www.nortonchapel.org.uk)

The clubhouse currently



Worcester Norton Sports Club, are thrilled to confirm that we have been able to secure some Section 106 funding from Wychavon District Council to begin the planning application for the renovations of the Clubhouse, located at Norton Barracks, Brockhill Lane.

The club are in the process of setting up a Community Interest Company, who will run the renovated facility, which is hoped could be completed by March 2022.

As you may already be aware, Worcester Norton Sports Club have been talking about making significant improvements to the clubhouse and facilities at the grounds for a number of years, securing this funding will allow the project to move forward to the next stage.

The club are in discussions, with the Local Parish Council, a local architect, quantity surveyor and the District Council.

It is hoped that Phase 1 will begin in September 2021, with the complete renovation of the Clubhouse and the removal of the existing dilapidated changing rooms and score box. The Clubhouse is the original Sergeants Mess and therefore an important part of our local history.

The renovated clubhouse will be available to the local community, not only offering bar facilities, as it already does, but offering additional clubs, activities and services for all to participate in and enjoy. A number of clubs were suggested in the survey completed by local residents, including Art and Crafts classes, children's holiday clubs and venue hire, all of which will be taken into account. It is hoped that many residents will come and use the facilities once they are complete.

There is also a Phase 2 planned but this will be after the renovation of the clubhouse. If more Section 106 funding is agreed, this phase will involve the building of new changing rooms, score box and a sports hall, which will be available for hire, by other sports clubs.

The team working on the project want to be able to offer the local community a range of activities at the club; they will compliment those already offered at the Parish Hall. We would love to hear from you if you would like to get involved with this project, or have any professional skills/services which you are able to offer to the club; please do not hesitate to contact us on [worcesternortonsc@gmail.com](mailto:worcesternortonsc@gmail.com)

# **Worcester Norton Shooting Club**

Affiliated to – MLAGB - UKPSA - NRA

Norton Barracks Brockhill Lane Norton Worcester DY5 2PP

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## **NEW Web Site: [www.wnsc.co.uk](http://www.wnsc.co.uk)**

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Worcester Norton Shooting Club as part of Worcester Norton Sports Club Limited have been operating since 1982 and are pleased to offer a variety of facilities for the use of air gun, small bore & full bore shooting plus limited shotgun opportunities.

With nearly 300 members covering an age range of 6 to 70+ we offer a friendly, safe and welcoming Club environment for all shooting interests. Our Club Range Officers are CRB vetted and many hold National Rifle Association additional qualifications.

If you wish to visit our club please contact either the Chairperson or General Secretary through the Clubs Website.

Worcester Norton Sports Club Limited also includes a Cricket Section and Social Membership.

Our main Club House facility is licensed and has function rooms available. Applications for Social Membership are open to all residents in the Norton area.



**Call in & see what you're missing!**



## **NORTON Brockhill Village NHW**

A neighbourhood watch scheme exists to serve the Norton Brockhill Village area. The objective of this group is to share information on neighbourhood issues within the local community and encourage members to stay vigilant and report incidents.

The scheme is run by members of the West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch team working in partnership with West Mercia Police, Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council and the Pershore Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The group are using digital technology to monitor, report and respond to incidents. WhatsApp and Facebook groups are used by members to communicate in real time, which allows the community to spread the word instantly if issues or incidents are reported. For more information, or to join the Norton scheme then please see our Neighbourhood watch website or Facebook pages for more information:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/36764/norton-crookbarrow-road/>

**Thank you for helping to keep Norton a safe area for local residents!**

In partnership with the West Mercia Pershore Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team





## **Reporting of Police Matters**

The Pershore Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team is working with partners to tackle the issues causing most concern in your neighbourhood which could include subjects such as anti-social behaviour and speeding.

For further help and advice, West Mercia Police has recently launched some help and advice sheets which are available on their website covering a range of topics from neighbour disputes, burglary, fly tipping, cyber bullying and parking. These can be found via the link: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/maketherightcall>

**If you have any concerns or matters to report to the Police, please phone the non-emergency 101 Police phone number and report this at the time.**

Alternatively reports can be made using:

- The email address below
- The Police surgeries at St. Peter's Garden Centre at 10:30am every first Tuesday of each month and 2:00pm every third Wednesday of each month (subject to operational availability)
- The West Mercia website: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/report>

**Emergencies should continue to be reported using 999.**

Contact Pershore Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team on:

Telephone: 101

Email: [pershorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:pershorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)



# Have Your Say!

**Pershore Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team** is working with partners to tackle the issues causing most concern in your neighbourhood.

Your next PACT village surgery will take place:

## **AT ST PETERS GARDEN CENTRE**

at **10:30am** every **FIRST TUESDAY** of **EACH MONTH** \*  
and **2:00pm** every **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of **EACH MONTH** \*

**Come along** and meet your Safer Neighbourhood Team  
**Paul** (PC), **Julie** (PCSO) and **Steve** (PCSO)  
and let us know what you would like us to deal with.

\* subject to operational availability

### **For more information**

Contact **Pershore Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team** on:

Telephone: **101**

Email: **[peshorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peshorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)**

Twitter: **[@pershorecops](https://twitter.com/pershorecops)**



# DOG WALKERS

**We have received reports of dogs being walked off lead in fields where livestock is grazing.**

**Please can walkers ensure they only use public rights of way and also keep dogs on leads when walking in areas with livestock present.**

**Thank you.**

## SHEEP GRAZING IN FIELD

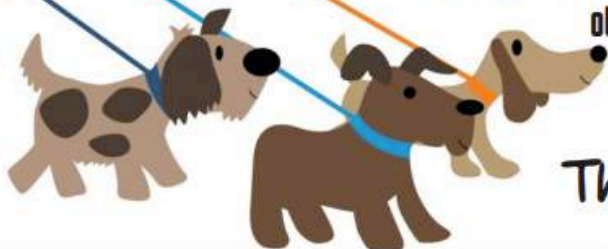


**PLEASE  
KEEP DOGS  
ON LEADS**

## Dog Walking in Littleworth

**Please note that the public right of way that runs along the back of the allotments does not extend into the field behind the allotments. This is a private field and should not be used for dog walking.**

**The access point that has developed is being removed and walkers are asked to respect this and also not to remove the farmer's fencing, otherwise sheep will escape from the field.**



**Thank you**



### **Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society**

Households across Worcestershire will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

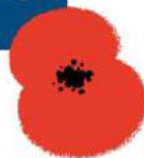
The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://census.gov.uk).

# The Royal British Legion

## Littleworth and District Branch



**NEW MEMBERS  
NEEDED  
YOUR  
LEGION  
WORKING IN  
YOUR  
COMMUNITY**

We would welcome any new members and currently hold our meetings approximately every 8 weeks at Norton Parish Hall, Littleworth.

If you would like further details, please contact us on the phone numbers below.

**CONTACT:**

**David Field 07858 399 415 [david.field@sky.com](mailto:david.field@sky.com)**

**Pam Hammond (Secretary)**

**07522 928 249 [daz836@hotmail.com](mailto:daz836@hotmail.com)**

## **Not Forgotten Gift Boxes – WW2 veterans**

There are approx. 5,000 surviving WW2 veterans living in the UK and the Not Forgotten campaign is actively trying to get 'Forgot you not' gift boxes to each and every one of them.

Just shy of 3,000 gift boxes have been sent out, with a last push to find the remaining 2,000.

Can you help to highlight any WW2 veterans?

If so, more details can be found at <https://thenotforgotten.org/how-we-help/forgot-you-not>

*The Not Forgotten Association is a registered charity (number 1150541) and a private company limited by guarantee (company number 8302965) registered in England and Wales. Registered Office: 2 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH*





# Norton Baby and Toddler Group

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Thursday from 10am-11.30am (term time only)

## Norton Parish Hall

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A friendly and welcoming group run by parents for babies, toddlers and their parents/carers.

Activities, toys, crafts, singing and refreshments for adults and children included.

£2 (plus £1 for each extra child).

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Norton Parish Hall, Wadborough Rd, Littleworth Nr Norton,  
Worcestershire WR5 2QB

Find us on facebook Norton Toddler Group





## Norton Pre-School

Offering high quality care for children 0-5 years.

**\*Flexible hours \*2 Early Years Teachers \*Secure garden \*Forest School**

Funded places available for eligible 2 & 3yrs old, 15 or 30hrs per week.

**Open 0800 - 1600 Mon - Fri**

(Additional hours negotiable)

Look at our website for full details

**[www.nortonpreschool.org](http://www.nortonpreschool.org)**

Or call Helen Hope on 07813343545

Visit us at the rear of Norton Parish Hall, Wadborough Rd Littleworth. WR52QB (No appointment necessary)





### **Help with Overgrown Hedges**

**We are receiving many reports of hedges and trees that are encroaching on to pavements, public rights of way and roads, creating access and safety issues.**

**If your garden, or land that you own, is next to a pavement, public right of way or a road, please can you check that hedges and trees are not encroaching.**

**To ensure that pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles can pass safely, please can you carry out any maintenance work that may be required.**

**Thank you for your assistance.**

# ***NORTON PARISH HALL***



## **Our facilities**

- The Freeman Windsor hall and kitchen (capacity 200)
- The Sparling meeting room (capacity 20)
- Family friendly coffee shop and bar (capacity 50)
- Large children's play area
- Sports field
- Free parking for over 100 cars



*Our stylish coffee shop can be hired for exclusive use*



*Transformed for a wedding reception*

For more information and booking enquiries contact

Ally on 07714 673915 or [nikparishhall@gmail.com](mailto:nikparishhall@gmail.com)

Visit [www.nortonparishhall.co.uk](http://www.nortonparishhall.co.uk)

Follow us on Facebook to find out about our latest events @nortonparishhall

***NORTON PARISH HALL, WADBOROUGH ROAD, LITTLEWORTH, NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE, WR5 2QB***



Would you like your photographs to be considered for this Parish Newsletter? If so please email them to [NJKparishclerk@aol.com](mailto:NJKparishclerk@aol.com). We would like photographs to show something about the parish or of local interest if possible. Photographs in this Newsletter are courtesy of Peter Morgan.