

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

NEWSLETTER



Summer 2022

Parish Councillor Responsibilities

Chairman: Cllr. Fincher

Vice-Chairman: Cllr. Richmond

Allotments: Cllr. Richmond

Apiary and Tranquillity Garden Projects: Mr Perks *

Bus Services/Norton Connector: Cllr. Waizeneker

EnviroSort Community Liaison Group Members: Cllr. Lucas, Cllr. Pollard

Finance, Staffing and General Purposes:

All Parish Councillors, Responsible Finance Officer (Mrs. J. Greenway)

Flooding and Drainage Matters: Cllr. Arrow

GDPR Matters Leads: Cllr. Pollard, Clerk (Mrs J. Greenway)

Land Ownership/Lease Matters: Cllr. Lucas

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group/Parish Aspirations Review:

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

Parish Hall Project Working Group Members:

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

Parish Hall Representative:

Cllr. Fincher (Parish Council Chairman & Chair of the Parish Hall Trustees)

Planning Matters:

Cllr. Richmond (Lead Councillor), Cllr. Fincher, Cllr. Pollard

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

Police Liaison: Cllr. Job

Public Rights of Way: Worcestershire County Council Parish Paths Warden

Social Media and Website: Cllr. Pollard

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review/Infrastructure Matters: Cllr.

Fincher, Cllr. Waizeneker, Mr. Turvey *

Superfast Broadband Matters: Cllr. Waizeneker

Worcester Norton Community Interest Company Representative:

Cllr. Fincher (Parish Council Chairman & Chair of WNCIC)

Worcester Norton Regiment Group Liaison: Cllr. Job



* co-opted members (non-Parish Councillors)

Our Newsletters

Thank you for your feedback about our Parish Council Newsletters, which is available for you to read online via

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

or by hard copy upon request (as detailed below).

A small supply of our Newsletters will also be placed in locations around the Parish (e.g. Parish Hall, Garden Centre, Norton Connector, etc.).

Our online publication schedule is Spring edition – 1st March, Summer edition – 1st June, Autumn edition – 1st September and Winter edition – 1st 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 are continuing to develop our Newsletter to serve our community and if there is anything that you would like to see (or not see) in future newsletters, or you would like to contribute, please let us know.

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Name:

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Address:

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<https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/privacy-statement/>

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

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

Parish Council Chairman's Report - June 22

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR)

You will hopefully be aware of the South Worcester Development Plan Review (SWDP Review) <https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/swdp-review> which is planned to deliver 10,000 new houses between 2030 and 2041 in two phases on land either side of the B4084 adjacent to Worcestershire Parkway station, bounded by the M5 and Stoulton. We held a briefing on 10 March in the Parish Hall Coffee Shop and shared the slides on our website with details of how you could become involved in the public consultation process, however the public part of the consultation has now been postponed from July, date to be confirmed. The Parish Council (PC) continues to track events very closely since the development (effectively a new town the size of Droitwich) will be adjacent to residents in Woodbury Lane and High Park and will doubtless have secondary effects on our Parish. Meanwhile, the Joint Parishes Group (consisting of Norton-juxta-Kempsey, Stoulton, White Ladies Aston, Churchill, Whittington and Drakes Boughton Parish Councils) are focussing on a combined submission to the Planning Inspector when appropriate.

Southwest Urban Extension (SWUE)

The development of the St Modwen site adjacent to the Norton Road, and between Taylors Lane the A4440 and A38, is now in full swing. The Parish Council and Kempsey Parish Council (whose land it occupies) are keeping a close eye on proceedings, though at present there is nothing taking place that has not been expected for some time. The next phase will include blocking off Taylors Lane, and then in the future the Norton Road will also be reconfigured and a new road created between the Norton roundabout and the A38 near the Astons Coaches site. This is nothing that has not been expected and widely communicated over the course of several years.

Active Travel Corridor

The Active Travel Corridor (ATC) runs between St Peters and Worcestershire Parkway and exists to encourage walking and cycling between those two destinations. The PC feels that Worcester County Council (WCC), who own the thoroughfare has not acquitted itself well in its establishment of the ATC, the need for way-finder lighting in the lower part of Brockhill Lane being one small aspect of many items that need to be addressed (off-road footpaths for the entire length, traffic lights at The Retreat railway bridge, repair of the Grade 2 listed (by curtilage) wall in Brockhill Lane, etc...). We recently walked the route with Councillor Amos, the then WCC Cabinet representative for transport, who agreed that it was not currently fit for purpose (particularly at

The Retreat railway bridge) and undertook to look again at the funding that could be brought to bear. The PC will continue to lobby WCC to complete the ATC to the correct specification, but if you have an opinion, please voice it via your WCC Councillor, Councillor Linda Robinson <https://worcestershire.moderngov.co.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=937>.

Norton Connector

Funded by the PC from a successful Community Legacy Grant (CLG) bid to Wychavon District Council (WDC) and run in conjunction with Worcester Wheels (a registered charity), it connects the Parish to Tesco St Peters, the Hospital, and the city centre, at all of which there are mainstream scheduled bus services to connect with if required. Having initially suffered from being launched at the onset of a pandemic, it is now getting into its stride and has become invaluable for numerous local users. WCC continues to track its success as a model for other rural areas, but the recent failure of the WCC bid for Central Government funding for rural transport has not helped in its ambition. The CLG used to initiate it will not last forever and we continue to look for alternative means of funding, but with your support we are confident that we can continue to run it into the future.

Adoption of Land in Brockhill

Having taken over twenty years and considerable effort to achieve, the remaining pockets of land owned by Persimmon Homes and other developers has now been adopted by the Parish Council. The land in question is on the left as you enter Gazala Drive and Talavera Road respectively from Crookbarrow Road, the two areas of grass on the Pershore bound bus stop side at the Garden Centre roundabout, and limited sections of hedge running along Crookbarrow Road (in the vicinity of the entrance to Gazala Drive). Remedial work was completed by Persimmon Homes prior to them handing over the land to the PC, and the PC also received a commuted sum from Persimmon Homes to fund the maintenance of these areas of green space for several years to come. The PC's ambition is to maintain the areas properly and encourage a sense of 'ownership' by those homeowners that abut to them, making them more attractive for the whole community.

'The Sentry'

The adoption of the land at Brockhill now allows The Sentry project to progress, in that the PC now owns the land that the statue is to be installed on. Commemorating the Parish's links with the Worcestershire Regiment, it will be erected on the green area near the Pershore bound Crookbarrow Road bus shelter. The seed funding for the statue came from New Homes Bonus (NHB) via WDC, with the World War One group responsible for its creation having raised a significant amount of additional funding to enable the statue to be

completed. The keen eyed among you will have noticed the commencement of the ground works, and the statue itself will make an appearance, if all goes to plan, on 28 June. Once installed the area will be suitably landscaped and formal unveiling will take place.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall Project Working Group (PHPWG), a group of Parish Councillors and Trustees, are now close to the end of their work, having successfully delivered a new roof, solar energy, new meeting rooms (The Littleworth Suite), and opened the village shop (Shop @ WR5) on 5 June at the Jubilee Family Picnic. I'm sure everyone would agree that this is a fantastic achievement, all delivered to time and to cost, via CLG and NHB funding from WDC and contributions from the PC and the Parish Hall Charity. Separately, the Parish Hall generally, which is a charity run by Trustees, continues to go from strength to strength, providing an invaluable hub for the Parish.

Community Apiary

There are now ten trained Norton-juxta-Kempsey beekeepers actively managing the Community Apiary. The current hives on site are on loan, but with the wayleave work to allow power to be buried across the site complete, our own hives with our own indigenous colonies will be introduced before the end of June. Once established, it is hoped that the site can be used for educational and well-being purposes and that it will eventually start producing its own honey, which we hope to sell in Coffee@WR5 and Shop@WR5. There is also the possibility, with the consent of tenants, of expanding the apiary further so that more members of the community can become involved should they wish to.

Tranquillity Garden

The PC owns and maintains several pockets of land throughout the Parish and is currently pursuing additional CLG funding via WDC to create a Tranquillity Garden or Trail, by linking them all up together, and providing better natural habitats while encouraging public access. This may include a community orchard, wildflower areas, rejuvenation of the Stonehall Common bridleway, and generally making better use of green space for the benefit of nature and the community. Hopefully by the time I write this next year there will be evidence of this initiative taking shape.

Worcester Norton Community Interest Company (WNCIC)

WNCIC was established in November 2020 to build a new sports hall and renovate the existing Grade II listed (by curtilage) buildings on the Worcester

Norton Sports Club Ltd (WNSC Ltd) site. With circa £1.4M funding agreed via WDC, it continues to seek a lease from WNSC Ltd, and is hopeful that it will be achieved soon. The 'fly through' video of what is intended can be found here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U5h2AFRUjc&ab> WNSC Ltd now have an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) scheduled for 3 July, the vote at which will determine whether the lease will be endorsed or not. If for whatever reason the lease is not endorsed, the £1.4M funding would be forfeit and the project will not be delivered.

In Summary

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council is located on the border of three District Councils, has recently had a major new railway station built in it, and is sandwiched between a 2,500 Urban Extension and a new Garden Town of 10,000: it's always busy and we try hard to ensure the community is kept informed. We continue to produce the Parish Newsletter quarterly, which can be found online at <https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/> , with separate arrangements for those that still wish to receive it in hard copy format, including hard copies being placed in the Parish Hall, Garden Centre, Norton Connector, Parish bus shelters etc..... We are making increased use of Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil/> and WhatsApp groups, and we are always willing to stand up and brief personally at Annual Parish Meetings or other briefings as required.

But if you think there is something we have missed or overlooked, please get in touch. Or if you would like to get involved in any aspect of what we do, whether you wish to become a Councillor, co-opted member, or merely wish to express a view, we would be delighted to hear from you, whether it's supportive or constructively critical. You can contact us via our website, Facebook or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01905 763515 / 07955 756528, NJKparishclerk@aol.com

Kevin Fincher
Chairman
Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

Parish Information

Our parish has a good volunteering ethos with volunteers running the Parish Hall Coffee Shop, the Community Apiary, Norton Theatre Group, community events at both the Parish Hall and Sports Club, delivering The Sentry statue, and acting as Trustees, Councillors and CIC Directors, but we can always do with more! Everyone is welcome, including younger members of the community seeking Work Experience or Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers. If anything in this makes you think that you would like to become involved, please contact us; **it's your parish and you can make a difference!**

Other Parish information, including details of events for both the Parish Hall and the Sports Club, can be found elsewhere in this magazine, on the Parish noticeboards, or the following sites:

www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org

www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil PC

<https://www.facebook.com/nortonparishhall>

<http://www.nortonparishhall.co.uk/>

<https://www.wncic.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/worcesternortoncic/>

If you have any comments regarding what you would like to see in our subsequent updates, please do not hesitate to let us know.

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

Tel: 01905 763515 / 07955 756528

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

By visiting our new website: www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org

Via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

2022 Meeting Dates

23rd June, 21st July,

29th September, 20th October and 24th November.

All dates are 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.

Email: NJKparishclerk@aol.com

Tel: 01905 763515/07955 756528

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

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 |

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|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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)

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

Financial Year to 28 February 2022 (11 months)

| INCOME | Actual to Date £ | Annual Budget £ |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Precept | 59,878 | 59,878 |
| Allotment/Ground/Garage/Playing Field Rental | 5,420 | 5,274 |
| Grants & WCC Lengthsman Reimbursement | 4,216 | 3,827 |
| New Homes Bonus funds - Parish Hall developments | 65,000 | 50,000 |
| From Reserves re planned expenditure (items * below) | 0 | 55,646 |
| Norton Connector sponsorship/funding/fares | 0 | 16,388 |
| Other Income incl. bank interest & VAT reclaim | 29,108 | 15 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 163,622 | 191,028 |

EXPENDITURE (NET OF VAT)

Capital Items

| | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Provision for Community Assets * | 621 | 8,750 |
| Development plan for Parish Council owned lands * | 0 | 1,000 |
| Expenditure re developments within the Parish * | 2,700 | 2,955 |
| Community Legacy Grant - Parish Hall developments* | 23,660 | 77,000 |
| TOTAL | 26,981 | 89,705 |

Community Services

| | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Community Legacy Grant Project: Norton Connector* | 9,407 | 32,760 |
| TOTAL | 9,407 | 32,760 |

Parish Maintenance *

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| TOTAL | 117,876 | 27,997 |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|

Administration

| | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Donations/Grants/Events Support | 1,517 | 3,850 |
| Newsletter/printing & website/social media | 1,103 | 1,150 |
| Audit/professional fees/legal fees * | 1,480 | 6,125 |
| Neighbourhood Plan * | 602 | 824 |
| Parish Officers' costs | 19,172 | 21,979 |
| General Administration/subscriptions/insurance | 5,555 | 6,035 |
| Other Miscellaneous | 100 | 600 |
| TOTAL | 29,530 | 40,563 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 183,793 | 191,025 |

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|------------------------------------|--------|---|
| VAT paid on expenses - recoverable | 26,035 | 0 |
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|------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | -20,171 | 3 |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------|



Programme of Social Events for WNCC & WNCIC

| MONTH | EVENT |
|---|---|
| June | |
| Friday 10 th /17 th /24 th | Bar open (BBQ 6pm-8pm) (weather permitting) |
| July | |
| Saturday 2 nd | Quiz Night – 7pm bar open |
| August | |
| Friday 5 th Sunday 28 th | Quiz Night – 7pm bar open Picnic on the Pitch (more info to follow) |
| September | |
| Friday 2 nd | Quiz Night – 7pm bar open |
| October | |
| Friday 7 th Saturday 29 th | Quiz Night – 7pm bar open Norton Halloween & Firework Festival - (more info to follow) |
| November | |
| Friday 4 th | Quiz Night – 7pm bar open |
| December | |
| Friday 2 nd Saturday 17 th | Quiz Night – 7pm bar open Christmas Crafts & Santa's Grotto (more info to follow) |

All events are open to the whole family please come along we would love to see you there.
Worcester Cricket Club, The Clubhouse, Brockhill Lane, Norton, Worcester, WR5 2PP

Programme of Social Events for Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Hall

| July | EVENT |
|------------------------|--|
| Friday 8 th | Jazz in the Village – Norton Parish Hall, Littleworth Tickets £10 (accompanied under 16s free) Tickets available to buy in the coffee shop or contact njparishhall@gmail.com or visit www.millarandspencer.co.uk for more information |

The Church article within this newsletter also includes details of local Church services, activities and events.

If you would like a community event added to this calendar, please email details to: NJKparishclerk@aol.com



Brockhill Lane, Norton, WR5 2PP

We aim to build a brand new community hall/sports hall and renovate the old clubhouse for our local residents; to enable us to provide a range of activities for all ages.



If you would like to be involved please email us sf@wncic.co.uk



For more information visit our website wncic.co.uk
or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/worcesternortonic>

Rob Adams - District Councillor

At the time of writing, 30th May, I am looking forward to the many celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. I am hoping to be with you all at some stage on Sunday at the Village Hall. I would like to share with you the news that Dennis and Tracey Hodgkins attended the Queens garden party at Buckingham Palace recently and had a day to remember. It is wonderful that they have been recognised for the work they have done and continue to do in the Brockhill Area. They ran the Youth Club and the annual Community Games and continue to be involved with a small group of dedicated people, interested in helping the community to understand it's history, they formed the Norton Worcestershire Regiment Group. Some of their achievements have been:-

Erected Welcome to Norton, the home of the Worcestershire Regiment roadside signs;
Installed five external 'interpretation boards" around the village;
Created a Commemoration Garden within St Peters Garden Centre;
The creation of a village trail leaflet which high lights historical points of military interest;
The current project is the erection of a six-foot tall statue to depict a Worcestershire Regiment soldier.

I think you will all agree Dennis, Tracey and the group deserve a great deal of gratitude for their dedication and accomplishments. Well done.

I would like to inform you that as I am no longer a County Councillor Cllr Richard Morris has taken over from me as Chairman of the Armed Forces Covenant for Worcestershire. I will remain involved and continue on the partnership representing Wychavon District. I am as keen as I have been for the last 10 years to support our veterans.

Continued.....

As the Executive Board member at Wychavon District Council for Stronger Communities, Culture and Sport I have in recent weeks been trying to get round Wychavon meeting groups who are the pillar of our communities when it comes to supporting others. I have visited Community Centres, Health and Wellbeing hubs, food banks and food pantries all of whom are doing some fantastic work. I write about this because I wanted to highlight the need, especially in the case of food, and to thank you all who donate food and money. There are some wonderful people out there giving their time to help and support others. There is no stigma in asking for help, you are not alone, it is good to talk and share your problems – Wychavon can help.

I will finish with a small update regarding Homes for Ukraine. As at 27th May Wychavon residents continue to open their homes and offer support to people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine - as of 24 May, we had been notified of 126 sponsor addresses in the district, with 301 anticipated guests. We had carried out 94 property inspections and, last week, we welcomed our 100th guest to the Civic Centre to collect their £200 welcome payment and talk through their immediate needs.

Tough times ahead, let's all stick together and continue to help where we can.

Always about to take your calls and emails.

Rob Adams

rob.adams@wychavon.net

Tel: 01905 345223

Allotments Summer 2022 Report

This is the most wonderful time for allotments; it is so uplifting to see the results of our labour in the garden & on the allotments coming to fruition. It is lovely to walk around the plots and see the variety of produce on both the new owner's and the established ones. Keep up the good work!

We have launched a Facebook group dedicated to allotment holders – search Littleworth Allotments. This is a private group for plot holders to share tips, swap produce and advertise allotment items, and also for us, the Parish Council, to update you on any allotment business. We do hope you can join!

For those who do not wish to use social media, we are in the process of renewing a notice board for the allotments which will be situated on the garages over the road from the main allotment plots.

We have received reports of the fittings/pipe work on the water troughs leaking and generally suffering from wear and tear so we are looking in to getting them updated and maintained.

We still have people eager to have a plot, therefore if you are struggling to maintain your plot, or you wish to give it up/part of it please do contact me.

We wish you all well and every success in your gardening endeavours for the remainder of the year.

Katy Watkinson, Assistant Clerk
njkassistantclerk@gmail.com



Care for Your Area

The Parish Council has been advised that garden and other residential type waste is being dumped around the Parish, with this reported along public rights of way, in ditches, under hedges and on grassed areas.

Please remember that fly tipping is an offence and those tipping waste, including green waste, may be fined.

All waste should be disposed of using your wheelie bins, the Wychavon bulky item collection service or by visiting a licensed household recycling centre. A garden waste bin can be arranged via: <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/garden-waste-collection-service>

A bulk collection can be arranged via:

<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/bulky-waste-collection>

Details of household recycling centres in Worcestershire can be found via:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/hrcworcestershires>

If you spot any fly tipping, please report this via the following link: <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/streets-and-toilets/street-care-and-cleaning/fly-tipping>

Thank you.



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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

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 and click on the 'Sign up here' button on the home page (shown below) to start receiving alerts.

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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

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

or

Tel: 01386 565018

Thank you for your assistance.



St James

We are humans and our socialization process (the way we are introduced to the social and cultural environments around us) happens within community spaces. These can be school, family, hometown, church, workplaces, etc.

People don't like to feel that they are alone in experiencing what they experience and therefore, they seek to connect with other humans about things, experiences and topics that matter to them and may have in common with others.

In the modern world, more and more humans feel the need to create more meaningful connections, find and offer support to other humans with whom they can build relationships and systems of exchange.

We are social animals and our instinct is to find strength in numbers. We appreciate a small circle of people, but need larger circles as well. Our health and happiness are inextricably linked with our connections.

Building community is a crucial process that fosters connections amongst people and creates infrastructures for these connections to happen.

We can all play a part in building, strengthening, and sustaining community. You can have impact as an individual, and as a leader.

Have you seen the 'As One' banners, saying, 'Fill your street with friendliness'? You might be wondering what it's all about.

Question: wouldn't it be great if the community spirit we saw in the first Lock-down could be recaptured for the long term? We think it really would be excellent for local streets – and we're part of helping to make it happen!

Each street around here could start a 'Street Association', run by residents who meet up every so often and say, 'What shall we do together'? It could be a quiz-night, barbecue or Christmas party – maybe three events a year just for your street, to bring everyone together. Streets that are 'as one' in this way have become friendly, supportive and even loving communities, with isolation addressed, fun had, new friendships flourishing and people smiling, stopping for a chat, helping one another and feeling they really belong.

We're planning to continue with the Covid and Jubilee spirit by encouraging you to put on an 'As One' tea party event, for local residents to get to know each other and consider the idea. The pandemic showed how much community spirit there can be. Let's make it part of who we are going forward. Watch this space!

Take a look at www.as-one.uk and help spread the As One vision everywhere!" Facebook: /asoneuk Instagram: @asoneuk Twitter: @asoneukcampaign

Churches have had a traditional role in building a sense of belonging where people feel valued and can develop trusting relationships. The local church is a place where people can connect with others as well as receive assistance, warmth and kindness particularly during times of distress. Here in Severnside Parishes we hope to build on the wonderful community spirit that was fostered during the pandemic and build upon this to make our community even closer, stronger and resilient. This is NOT necessarily a religious activity, (although it is central to Christian calling) and so we would love to partner with those of all beliefs and none in this endeavour! We have all the materials necessary to promote this campaign, so, If you would like help to set up a street association, contact rector@severnsideparishes.co.uk



Public Rights of Way Report

Worcestershire County Council (WCC) has prime responsibility for maintaining and improving access to the Public Rights of Way for the benefit of the residents and aims to appoint a Parish Paths Warden in each Parish.

WCC is keen for all issues relating to Public Rights of Way (e.g. overgrown hedges, broken/missing stiles/gates, blocked routes) to be reported via its website using the following link:

<https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/online/reporting/FindLocation.aspx?FaultType=8>

WCC has recently installed new Public Rights of Way roadside signposts around our Parish but if you notice one that's missing, please report it via the link above.

If you would like to find out more about Public Rights of Way or to view an interactive map of the Public Rights of Way within our Parish, please visit:

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20237/public_rights_of_way

Mrs Jane Greenway

Clerk to Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

County Mobile Library Service

Enquiries about this service should be made as follows:

Tel 01905 822722

Email: mobilelibraries@worcestershire.gov.uk

Website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk
and search for "mobile library"

The mobile library visits St Peter's Garden Centre on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.



If you want to find out when the games are on, or to see our latest results, please click on our website at:

www.worcestercc.play-cricket.com

As well as new cricketers, we also welcome new volunteers and sponsors. There are many opportunities to help in fundraising, coaching, social media, communications and groundwork etc. Being part of a voluntary organisation with a vibrant social side can be a rewarding and energising experience, if you are interested in being involved in club life please get in touch. All Club volunteers receive training and are vetted according to the DBS scheme. Please contact our chairman – his details are below.

Finally, just to wish you all good health and continued wellbeing and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Terry McMichael, Chairman
Tel:- 07799 326178

Facebook: @WorcesterCricketClub
Web: www.worcestercc.play-cricket.com
Twitter: @Worcester_CC



Off Brockhill Lane, Norton, WR5 2PP
what3words ref: anyone.loitering.broken

invite you to **Come and Try** **Croquet**

Croquet is an enjoyable, sociable game that can be played by all people of any age.

At the club we play (and provide coaching in) both principal forms of the game.

Come and play with a club member to learn how the game is played. Ideal for couples to try a sport together.

It's completely free and all equipment is provided. You just need a pair of flat shoes to protect the lawns.

Call Simon Clay on 07976 599228 to arrange a visit or email us at WorcesterNortonCroquet@gmail.com

Interested to know more?

Web: WorcesterNortonCroquet.org.uk, Facebook: [/worcesternortoncroquet](https://www.facebook.com/worcesternortoncroquet)

Worcester Norton Shooting Club

Affiliated to – MLAGB - UKPSA - NRA

Norton Barracks Brockhill Lane Norton Worcester DY5 2PP

NEW Web Site: www.wnsc.co.uk



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!

Parish Council Social Media/Website Communications Report

2022 has so far been another successful year for our increased communication efforts; demonstrated by the number of followers we have added to our Facebook page, now standing at 584, which is over 25% of the adult population of our parish. Of course we would like to add more and we will take every opportunity to advertise our page including in this report.

Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil>

Although we realise that not everyone is a Facebook fan, it has developed into an important means of quick communication to a large number of people in our Parish.

Facebook posts with a very local focus are particularly well received, an example of which is the recent Woodbury Lane road closure notification which was read by more than 2,200 people. The Parish Council is an excellent source for this type of information that is sometimes not easy to find elsewhere, so if you don't already follow us then now is the time to start.

I wish we could find a way to better engage with Littleworth & Hatfield residents? A considerable number of parishioners have been attracted to follow us via our shared posts with the Brockhill Residents and Neighbourhood Watch groups, but it seems that there is not a similar Littleworth group? All ideas welcome!

Our website Neighbourhood Plan page has been updated including the latest review of the "Neighbourhood Plan Aspirations and Actions". These aspirations will be kept under constant review by the Parish Council and will help to keep the plan a living document.

The full plan which was formally adopted on the 1st December 2021 has already proved its worth by being an important consideration of recent planning applications helping to shape them into developments that meet our local needs.

The website continues to attract a large number of visitors averaging around 1,500 per month. One interesting development is the seemingly ever increasing amount of spam mail that we receive, quite a lot gets caught in the spam filter but not everything, with a lot of them coming from Russia or at least from .ru mail addresses.

The online publication of the quarterly Parish Newsletter is now well established but that doesn't mean we are neglecting those of you who to prefer to read a printed version. We still print and deliver a limited number of copies directly to homes, as well as placing some for general distribution in the Parish Hall, the Retreat, St Peters Garden Centre and on the Norton Connector bus. If you or someone you know wish to receive a printed version, this is available upon request, by contacting Jane Greenway, Parish Clerk by email: NJKparishclerk@aol.com or by sending a request by post to: Jane Greenway, Parish Clerk, 18 Corunna Close, Norton, Worcs WR5 2PW.

The quarterly Newsletter is published at the beginning of March, June, September and December. You can read all our current and previous news updates and quarterly Newsletters by visiting our website at:

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

While you are there hit the subscribe button at the bottom of the page to keep yourself up to date with important local news directly to your email inbox. We have a growing list of subscribers which is good to see and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Finally, if you are a local business then you can advertise FREE in our website Business Directory. Almost every day there are social media posts from people asking "Does anyone know a good local plumber/carpet fitter/electrician etc." We want to make our website the "go to" site to find local businesses. If you are a local business or know someone that would like to advertise with us, then please let us know. The Business Directory (with a listing both alphabetically and by category) could develop into a useful resource where people could find details of local businesses and tradespeople which might not be easy to find anywhere else.

Councillor Martin Pollard

Social Media & Website Communications

June 1st 2022

HERE2HELP WORCESTERSHIRE

Here2Help is a community action scheme in Worcestershire which has supported thousands of residents with access to food, medication, and local services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we move out of the pandemic, Here2Help will continue to support people with these activities and will also provide information, advice, befriending, guidance and support to a wide range of services across Worcestershire.

For more information about Here2Help including how to access support, search for services in your area on the Community Services Directory, or to volunteer go to:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help

If you are in need of help, and do not have internet access, a dedicated phone number has been set up*.

More information about Here2Help can be found on our website by scanning the QR code opposite with your smart phone:



*The dedicated number is:
01905 768053 then press option 3.
The Here2Help opening hours
are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to
5.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm

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 (where the time is restricted and it is within the time period relating to the restriction) : Contact Wychavon DC Parking Team 01386 565009 at the time or email details to: 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 when phone 999).

If the parking appears related to the 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.

COFFEE AT WRFIVE, NORTON PARISH HALL OPENING HOURS



MONDAY 9.30AM - 11.30AM

WEDNESDAY 10.30AM - 12.30PM OVER 50s COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 3PM - LATE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 3-6PM

We always
need
volunteers!
Please get in
touch if you
can help!

Contact: njkparishhall@gmail.com





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



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

Reporting of Police Matters

The Pershore Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) 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.

The Road Safety Team is looking to return to Church Lane to carry out enforcement and the SNT has been to Littleworth to carry out speed checks. Regular patrols have been carried out throughout the area and the Team has also visited NJK CE Primary School to address the constant issue of parking and our 'parking people' were on display during the Autumn Term.

The Pershore SNT has undergone some changes in the last 5 months including PCSO Faye Allen-Carter moving on to Malvern and PCSO Ashleigh Smith joining Pershore in a hybrid role, covering both Pershore Town and Rural. Student police officers will also be assisting in the area as part of their training. PC Daren Riley remains as the PC for the area.

We encourage residents to register on our Neighbourhood Matters alert system <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/> which allows everyone to get up to date information as to what is happening in their area including crimes, community engagements, good news stories and crime prevention advice.

If you need to contact the Police:

For crimes in progress call 999

For non-emergencies report online: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/>

To contact the Pershore Rural SNT email:
pershorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Pershore Rural North and South Safer Neighbourhood Team

Non-Emergency Telephone No: 101

Facebook: PershoreCops

Twitter: @PershoreCops

Mowing of Grass Verges at Brockhill

Despite this seeming quite a straightforward activity, due to the complexities of who owns and is responsible for various areas of green space/verges, it unfortunately isn't.

In response to feedback received regarding mowing of the small areas of grass at Brockhill (those that are situated between the pavement and the road), we are seeking to clarify the situation. These areas are Worcestershire County Council (WCC) highways verges and are the responsibility of WCC to maintain, however the WCC mowing schedule is not frequent enough to keep these areas tidy within their setting. We are very grateful to those residents who mow the small verges that are in close proximity to their home, as this helps to reduce costs to the Parish Council, but we appreciate that this isn't something that all residents are able to do.

To keep these small areas of grass tidy, the Parish Council arranges for mowing as a top up to the WCC maintenance schedule during the growing season. We ask motorists not to park vehicles on these verges as this destroys the surface and makes mowing difficult.

This Parish Council arranged work doesn't extend to 'service strip' areas that form part of, or are adjacent to, residents' gardens and generally fall within property boundaries.

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

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



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Open 0800 - 1600 Mon - Fri

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Look at our website for full details

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)





Norton Baby and Toddler Group

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

Norton Parish Hall

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).

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

Find us on facebook Norton Toddler Group



NORTON PARISH HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 508249

Our facilities include:

- The Freeman Windsor Hall and kitchen - a large room which can hold up to 200 people. Ideal for parties, wedding receptions, exercise classes and more.
- The Littleworth Suite - a purpose built meeting room that can be split into two smaller rooms ideal for meetings, smaller exercise classes, baby groups and small parties. It has its own external entrance, toilets and small kitchen area.
- Coffee at WRFive - a beautiful family friendly facility run by volunteers that can be hired outside of opening hours for certain private functions.
- Large children's play area
- Free parking for over 100 cars
- Playing fields, tennis court and MUGA





Would you like your photographs to be considered for a Parish Newsletter? If so please email them to 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 Ian Etherington.