

Your community update

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council

Clerk: Mrs. C. Crane



Welcome to our April Community Update - we hope you find it both informative and enjoyable as we share the latest news.

Annual Town Meeting

There were over 50 attendees at the Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 13th. It was one of the best-represented gatherings we've had, and we extend our gratitude to everyone who participated. The minutes and organisation reports from the meeting can be found on the Town Council website.

Welcome and Farewell

We extend a warm welcome to Mr. John Graham, our newest Town Councillor appointed through co-option. Additionally, we bid farewell to Clive Digby after three years of dedicated service. We wish him the very best in his future endeavours. With Clive's departure, we now have an available spot for co-option. If you're interested in joining the Town Council, please visit our website for more information.

Welcome, Julia! Julia joined us in March as the Office Administrator, bringing a wealth of experience from her varied career. Her previous roles have equipped her with a versatile skill set, which she continues to expand upon. Julia is dedicated to providing top-notch support to our team, drawing upon her existing expertise and enthusiastically embracing new challenges. We're thrilled to welcome her aboard!

Visit Harleston

We also have a special request for you to join our Visit Harleston Facebook page, where you'll receive regular updates on all the exciting events happening in town.

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Harleston*

Stay up to date!

Ensure you're fully informed by subscribing to the Town Council website for emailed updates at www.harleston-tc.gov.uk and stay connected with quick updates on the Redenhall with Harleston Town Council Facebook page.



Town Councillor 'Drop-In' Surgery:

Don't forget our Town Councillor drop-in surgeries, held from 10 am to 12 noon on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Harleston Information Plus. Your questions and concerns, along with our responses, are featured on the Town Councillor 'Drop-In' Surgery page on our website. It's a great way to stay informed.

Grants Information

We have secured £300 from South Norfolk District Council's 'Clean Up and Bloom Campaign'.

We have also received Parish Partnership Scheme funding. Each year local councils are invited to submit bids for highway improvement schemes with Norfolk County Council funding 50% of the cost of successful bids. The funding will be used to install removable bollards on Exchange Street, aimed at preventing parking on the Market Place.

We're thrilled to share that we've secured Pride in Place Grant Funding for a Feasibility and Design study focused on the potential development or renovation of the Leisure Centre into a possible community building in Harleston.

Unfortunately, our application for Pride in Place Grant Funding for an event in 2024 was unsuccessful. However, we remain committed to exploring alternative funding opportunities for community events.

Grant news for South Norfolk residents!

Play Streets Grant Now Open! Residents are encouraged to apply for the Play Streets Grant offered by South Norfolk District Council, promoting safe and car-free play areas for children right in their neighbourhoods. Visit their website for more details.

Harleston Businesses

All eatery businesses in town have been invited to participate in the Summer Solstice Food Fest Event on June 20th. Harleston businesses can now stay informed about town events through our Trial Free Text Messaging Service. To participate, please email events@harleston-tc.gov.uk.

Radio Interview

Our Chair is frequently interviewed by Park Radio, providing updates and insights about our town. Another interview is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd. You can listen to these interviews through our [website](#).



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Police—Bullock Fair

A reminder from the police that entry from Bullock Fair into the carpark is prohibited and enforceable. Violators may face a fine of £100 and receive 3 points on their license.

Dogs on Leads—Recreation Ground

Be reminded all dogs must be kept on leads on the Recreation Ground, except in the Dog Run.

<https://harleston-tc.gov.uk/important-notice-responsible-dog-ownership-guidelines-for-our-recreation-ground/>



Just a
friendly
reminder...

Watch this space for exciting news!

Eye art sculpture trail

The Eye art sculpture trail is gearing up for its 6th year, and we couldn't be more thrilled to share that there are hopes of extending this fantastic collaboration to Harleston! We will let you have more information when we can.

Clock Tower

We are awaiting the scaffolding to be installed around the Clock Tower to conduct a thorough survey of its current condition and allow us to address any necessary remedial work.

War Memorial

Efforts are underway to ensure the War Memorial is cleaned and prepared for the upcoming D-Day commemorations in June.

Harleston Leisure Centre

Works are ongoing at the Leisure Centre to address water damage, with scaffolding in place as necessary.

The Town Sign

The town sign was repaired on Thursday, April 28th, and we're delighted to see it restored to its proper condition.

Redenhall Churchyard

We have been made aware of concerns regarding the condition of the ground's maintenance in the Churchyard, and a recent meeting was held with SNDC to request that they address this issue. There have been reports of the path through the churchyard to the Cemetery being muddy. We are exploring options to mitigate the muddy conditions.

Recently completed

Church Street

SLOW' road marking has been added to ensure pedestrian safety.

Broad Street

The wheel stops have now to been added to the chevron parking along Broad Street to prevent vehicles from blocking paths with the overhang of vehicles.

The Thoroughfare

Now has a new bench to allow pedestrian the chance to rest and relax.



District & County Council Updates

Awaiting direction and support from the District & the County Council on the following matters:

The Town Clerk and Council Chair have met with NCC Highways to address the malfunctioning control flow plate at the Town car park. The suppliers of the control flow plate are planning an on-site inspection to resolve ongoing issues. Discussions are also underway regarding the inappropriate use of the Co-Op car park entrance as an exit.

We are awaiting signage installation in the market place; "no waiting at any time" notices will be added to existing highway signs and a proposed traffic regulation order for a pedestrian zone at Exchange Street on Saturdays. Once completed, it will be advertised to the public for feedback. Also a traffic regulation order to implement extra disabled and non-disabled parking in Harleston town centre is being progressed. These are currently with Norfolk County Councils legal team for drafting. We have not heard anything more about the proposal from Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk District Council regarding the 'gold standard bus stop'.

Town Council actions

The broken wooden bollard in Bullock Fair car park is being replaced by a local contractor any time soon.

The Operations Manager is currently obtaining quotes for resurfacing and relining both Broad Street and the Town car park (Co-Op).

A shed with a rainwater supply system will be installed in the cemetery in due course.

An investigation is underway to assess the need for re-lining at the Paddock Road entrance of the car park addressing concerns about worn-out road markings.

Re painting of the wording at the emergency exit Co-Op is being investigated.

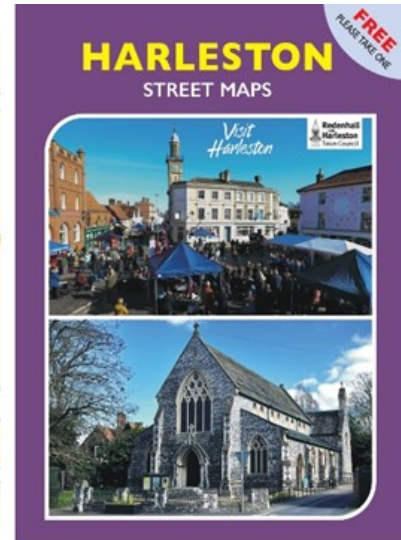
We are aware of the absence of covers on the light posts in the church car park. Since these covers are outdated, we are actively seeking replacements.



Town Guide and Harleston Street Map

The Town Guide for 2024-25 will soon be distributed to every household, and copies can also be obtained from HIP, the Library, the Leisure Centre, and various businesses throughout the town

The Harleston Street Map for 2024-2025 will soon be released, offering comprehensive event information through the end of the year.



Upcoming events!

Explore Visit Harleston for exciting upcoming events and activities, including the Easter Trail and a special opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny on April 5th. Don't miss out! Visit our website at www.visitharleston.org.uk for the full 2024 event calendar.

Dates for your diary!

April 1st – 12th: Easter Trail throughout the Town

Friday, April 5th: Meet the Easter Bunny on the Recreation Ground