



Your community update

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council

Clerk: Mrs. C. Crane

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Welcome to our August Community Update!

We continue to be busy at the Town Council with a range of activities, which you can find out more about in this update. To help us scope and deliver these activities we continue to seek new councillors so if you have ever considered becoming a Town Councillor you can find out more in this update, speak to one of the current councillors or contact the office at enquiries@harleston-tc.gov.uk.

We hope you are finding our newsletters informative and enjoyable as we share the latest news from Redenhall with Harleston Town Council.

Update on the Banking Hub in Harleston

Due to the ongoing success of Banking Hubs in our region including Harleston there is now a dedicated Community Engagement Office. As you may know, our Banking Hub is currently in a temporary location next to the Post Office. The team are continuing their search for a more suitable premises which fits their requirements for our permanent Hub. If you do know of any premises within the town you think may fit their requirements, please do let the Town Council know and we can pass any details across our Community Engagement Officer.



Visit Harleston on Facebook

Our Visit Harleston Facebook page has a wealth of information and provides up to date information on our current event schedule. Do join our Visit Harleston Facebook page, to find out more and receive regular updates on all the exciting events happening in town.

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Harleston*

Would you like to become one of our councillors?

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council needs you to help make Harleston an even better place to live. Do you want to...

- ✓ Help us support nature recovery
- ✓ Develop new skills
- ✓ Preserve the historic and natural beauty of the local area
- ✓ Help us maintain our recreation ground and amenities
- ✓ Support our town events, leisure centre and town initiatives

Be the change!

This is your town, so why not come along and have your say in its future. If you want to talk more about what it involves or how you can balance it with your other commitments speak to one of the councillors or contact Clare Crane the Town Clerk on enquiries@harleston-tc.gov.uk to find out more.

Police—Bullock Fair

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

Dogs on leads on the Recreation Ground

Dogs must be kept on leads at all times on the Recreation Ground. With the summer holidays in full swing we want everyone to enjoy the recreation ground and we have fantastic dog run facilities on site so please use these if your dog needs a to have a run off the lead.

Road closure information for Visit Harleston events 2024

As you know we have some great events planned for 2024 and as part of this planning we want to keep highlighting the road closures to support the successful and safe running of our events. We encourage you look at these road closures and you can find the details on the Town Council website www.harleston-tc.gov.uk/our-commitment-to-running-successful-events/.

Paddock Road car park entrance

Please enter the town car park using the Paddock Road entrance and exit the car park using Bullock Fair Close. Do not use the entrance as an exit, as this is dangerous.



Just a
friendly
reminder...

Radio Interview!

The Chair of Harleston Town Council joins Park Radio monthly providing updates and insights about our town. You can listen to all the interviews via our [website](#).



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 and you find out about the Q&A's here: [Q & A from the May Town Councillor Surgery – Harleston Town Council \(harleston-tc.gov.uk\)](#).

Town Council Updates

U3a Harleston & District first flower planter sponsor!

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council are delighted u3a Harleston & District are supporting our flower planters as a gold sponsor. This is a new initiative for the Town Council, and we are grateful for u3a Harleston & Districts support for our vibrant flower planters which play an integral role in beautifying our town centre, creating a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors alike. As our first sponsors we can't thank them enough for their generous support.



u3a Harleston & District is part of a UK-wide organisation of over 1,000+ charities that provide the

opportunity for those no longer in full-time work to come together and learn for fun. They have a monthly meeting at St John's Church when an invited speaker gives their talk. They also have a programme of interest groups which run throughout each month. Further details can be found on their website: u3asites.org.uk/harleston.



If you are interested in becoming a gold sponsor find out more here: <https://harleston-tc.gov.uk/our-flower-planters-need-you/> and contact enquiries@harleston-tc.gov.uk. Thank you for your consideration.

Flower Planters Volunteers needed!

Our fantastic volunteer planter group are also looking for new volunteers to help maintain the town planters as part of a team, on a rota. This includes watering, dead-heading and general maintenance - enthusiasm is very welcome and experience isn't essential, please contact enquiries@harleston-tc.gov.uk if you are interested!



Clock Tower update

You will have noticed the scaffolding has been removed from our lovely clock tower. Lots of work has been conducted by our maintenance team over the six week period. This work included the fitting of two new clock face lights, maintenance of the Christmas lights, adding pigeon spikes to all levels of the tower so we don't have any concurrent issues, and the big operation of cleaning the tower including all gutters and drains. In addition, we have painted the windows and railings so the tower is looking beautiful in the summer sun.

Springy See Saw update

Our Springy See Saw is back in action! With thanks to the maintenance team who provided the necessary fixes to ensure it was back in working order for the summer holidays—we hope your children are enjoying playing on this and all the other items in our play area.



Town Council updates continued...

Update on the Feasibility and Design Study for the Community Building on the Wilderness Lane site

There has been quite a bit of activity relating to the feasibility and design study for the community building on our Wilderness Lane site. Our steering group have been meeting with Chaplin Farrant, the company chosen as part of our procurement process, and have been reviewing options and associated budgetary costs. These options have been thoroughly discussed by the steering group alongside feedback from stakeholders (groups and organisations currently using the facility) which has been collected by the Clerk. Our current discussions are focused on available funding and the Clerk has reached out to the County Association to explore potential loan options under "Public Works Funding." The next steps for this work involves further evaluation of the options and additional consultation and we will keep you up to date via our Community Update.

Highways and Harleston

We have also been busy with ongoing actions with Norfolk County Council Highways and since February we have been engaging with Highways regarding parking restriction on London Road. In addition, as part of the Parish Partnership Scheme we have received funding for bollards around the Market Place and we are meeting with our colleagues in Highways to determine the next steps and their schedule of work.

Town Council meetings

Everyone is welcome to come and join the meetings we hold and we encourage members of the public to come and join us whether its to listen and reflect or to ask a question. You don't need to ask a question to come a join a meeting you are a more than welcome to just watch and listen to what happens and how decisions impacting you and our town are made. Our next meetings are all listed on our website here <https://harleston-tc.gov.uk/calendar/> and our next Town Council meeting will be on Wednesday 28th August with a 7.00pm start in the Social Room at the Memorial Leisure Centre.



Updates from our County Councillor Martin Wilby



Norfolk County Council (NCC) is warning of new scam aimed at pensioners which targets pensioners with health conditions in Norfolk. People across the county have reported receiving calls from individuals claiming to be local medical practitioners or health workers who are claiming they are entitled to a free medical alert device because they are over 70 and have health issues. They are then asking for payment to “register the device”. NCC trading

Standards advice is: **“As with any telephone call that you receive out of the blue, we urge you to be vigilant and take a moment to stop and think – especially if you receive a request over the phone or e-mail to make a payment from someone claiming to be from a trusted organisation.”** All scam calls can be reported to the council via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service line on 0808 223 1133.

The Summer Reading Challenge which is run by all of our libraries across the county is a highly successful national programme aimed maintaining or improving the literacy of 4–11- year-olds over the long summer holidays. It's key to our strategy in supporting children to become more confident readers and is a tool to provide the benefits of reading to families. Last year 11,261 joined the challenge in Norfolk (an increase of 27% on the previous year) and this year we hope that number will grow even more. Although there is a theme again this year –

Marvelous Makers – the emphasis is on the fact that children can read anything they like – from comics to recipe books – to take part in the challenge. You can find details in our Harleston Library. Also, for our youngsters across the county during the summer holidays we have the Big Norfolk Fun programme,



where we work with Active Norfolk to deliver loads of different activities for children and young people throughout the summer. As always, children who receive benefits related school meals can join up to 16 free sessions and receive a free healthy lunch. There are also places available if you are not eligible for a free space. The scheme is a great way for children to have fun, stay active and make friends and is part of our commitments to helping every child in Norfolk to flourish as well as supporting families and our wider communities. [Visit our website for all of the details.](#)



Visit Harleston update

Summer Beach Party

We had a wonderful day on 1st August and even the morning downpour didn't dampen the spirits of everyone who came out to enjoy a lovely day of beach day activities from crazy golf to Punch and Judy shows. This event couldn't have gone ahead without the support of our fantastic sponsors— The Cap, Redenhall Tyres and Batteries and The Card and Party Shop! Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed a fun day out and to our sponsors—everyone's support makes such a difference and we are pleased to be able to celebrate everything Harleston has to offer with you all.



July Car Boot Sale and Volunteer Fayre

In July we held our second car boot sale and were joined by South Norfolk Council hosting their first Volunteer Fayre! It was a lovely Sunday morning and we had lots of people attending to sell their goods, to pick up a bargain and to find out more about all the volunteering opportunities in the local area.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and volunteered to make the events such a success. In fact, due to the feedback we received from this car boot we have decided to get another in the diary so put 22 September onto your calendar and take a look at the details on our poster in this update!

Our Commitment to running successful events

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council are proud to hold a variety of events across the year with our local community groups. To ensure these events run successfully and as smoothly as possible for all residents and businesses we have a wide range of event planning processes and procedures. Part of this has been to develop on our new website page <https://harleston-tc.gov.uk/our-commitment-to-running-successful-events/> providing you with key information such as road closures for events to noise management.

Upcoming events!

Dates for your calendar!

22nd September - Car Boot Sale

27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning

31st October - Halloween

Explore *Visit Harleston* for exciting upcoming events and activities - don't miss out!

Visit our website at www.visitharleston.org.uk for the full 2024 event calendar.

RECREATION GROUND,
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Car Boot SALE

Sunday 22nd September

10AM - 1PM

SELLERS TO ARRIVE BETWEEN 9AM - 10AM
THEN EXIT BETWEEN 1PM - 2PM.

ENTRANCE VIA WILDERNESS LANE ONLY



Scan for full details

£5 per car (cash only)

Head to Visit Harleston on Social Media and Google