



Your community update

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council

Clerk: Mrs. C. Crane

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Welcome to our November Community Update!

We have had a busy couple of months and we wanted to provide you with an update of all our activities and those of our local groups and organisations.

In October we asked for your views on the Memorial Leisure Centre, you can find out more about what we did, how and the next steps in this edition.

We have also hosted a range of events including a Macmillan Coffee Morning and a lovely family friendly Halloween event in town. Again read this edition to find out more!



Harleston Remembers

The Town Council are proud to work with the Royal British Legion Harleston & District Branch on the Remembrance Day Parade. This year it will be held on Sunday 10th November.

We invite everyone to join us firstly at the Market Place where the parade begins to form from 10.20am. The parade will march at 10.30am and will go along the Throughfare turning into Broad Street towards the War Memorial where the wreath laying and the act of remembrance will take place.

This will be immediately followed at 11.30am with a Remembrance Day Service at St John's Church.

We also welcome you to join us on Monday, 11th November at 10:45 AM at The War Memorial for a 2-minute silence at 11.00am to observe Armistice Day.



Town Council updates

Public Viewing Session on the Harleston Memorial Leisure Centre

Thank you to everyone who attended the public viewing session in the Social Room on Wednesday, 16th October. It was fantastic to see so many community members come out and engage with us. This session was a crucial first step in our ongoing commitment to gather your views on the proposed options and the services you believe should be provided.

For those who could not attend, we made all the information from Chaplin Farrant available on our website, along with an online mechanism to collect your feedback. Additionally, Harleston Information Plus supported us by providing paper forms for those who preferred to note their comments in writing.

All the feedback received will be analysed by Chaplin Farrant and compiled into a report for the Town Council. This report will help us make an informed decision on the next steps and we will keep you up to date via our usual channels.



Flower Planter Initiative Blossoms with Community Support

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council recently met with all the flower planter supporters and captured a photo with them alongside their beautiful planters. Their incredible support has been pivotal in our new initiative, allowing our dedicated volunteer planter group to adorn our planters with a delightful variety of flowers.

If you're interested in becoming a flower planter sponsor, please contact the Town Council at enquiries@harleston-tc.gov.uk.



Town Council updates continued...

Autumn Hedge maintenance

It's the time of year when we turn our attention to tidying up our gardens before the arrival of winter and the garden begins to hibernate. If your garden boundary is against public footpaths and highways please check your boundaries to ensure hedges are not encroaching on a public right of way. You do have a responsibility to cut back the vegetation sufficiently during the Autumn/Winter months to allow for seasonal growth without it reducing the width of the footpath. Many thanks in advance for your help in ensuring our footpaths and highways remain accessible to all.

Banking Hub

We have been in contact with the Local Community Engagement Officer at The Banking Hub raising our concerns about the closure of the Hub. We have heard from them and they noted the Hub is currently closed for improvements and they will keep us up to date with the work and when it will reopen. We will keep local residents up to date via our usual channels.

Straight Lane

The Town Council have continued to work with all parties in relation to Straight Lane raising our concerns and those of our local residents as we know its importance for our town. Our District Councillors are currently working with their colleagues at South Norfolk Council and we will keep you up to date with developments as and when we know more information.

Speeding on Mendham Lane

Recently, a covert speed monitoring device was placed on Mendham Lane by the local police for approx. 10 days. Over that period, a total of 15,635 vehicle have passed the box and the average speed across all vehicles was 25mph. 2701 vehicle have passed the box over 30mph, however the 85th percentile of speeding was 31mph and of those speeding only 3% exceeded the guidelines. Although this does show there is a very small percentage of speeding on Mendham Lane, according to the Police the results are very good especially in relation to all the places where the box has been set up in the past.

Update from Highways Winter Team

In May the Town Council provided the Winter Team at Norfolk County Council with information on grit bins within our Parish. The Winter Team is responsible for filling the grit bins as per their schedule and the replenishment of the salt /sand mix in grit bins is usually undertaken twice per winter season (which is in November/December and then again after Christmas, depending upon weather conditions). Unfortunately, due to funding pressures Norfolk County Council are unable to provide new/ additional grit bins in new locations.



October update from our County Councillor Martin Wilby

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Norfolk county farms have welcomed four new tenants, as part of the council's ongoing efforts to encourage new entrants to the industry and support the rural economy. The new tenants, who have taken on farms ranging in size from 72 to 250 acres, will bring a diverse range of skills and experience to the county's agricultural community. Among the new tenants are Montana Moore and Tyler Taylor who are just 21 and 22 years old. They both graduated from Easton College and have worked up their skills working on local farms and stables. The council's farms estate covers nearly 17,000 acres and has 95 farm tenants which makes it the second largest council-owned farm estate in the country. The farms provide opportunities for people to enter the farming industry, with a focus on supporting new and innovative approaches to agriculture. Find out more at www.norfolk.gov.uk/countyfarms

People have been warned not to abuse blue badges for disabled people, after officers took 13 people to court over reported misuse of the permits. Warnings were also issued to dozens and blue badges were destroyed because they had been wrongly used. More than 35,000 valid badges are held across the county, permitting holders to park on single or double yellow lines for up to three hours in vehicles they are driving or travelling in. Holders can also park for free in areas with on-street parking meters and pay-and-display machines.

As the nights draw in and temperatures fall, we know that cold weather and the risk of ice and snow can make getting around a challenge, whether you're driving walking or cycling. All of our salt/grit stores are full across the county and when the temperature drops below freezing our fleet of 47 gritting vehicles are ready to spread the salt on over 2,000 miles of our roads. We have many local farmers on standby to help with clearing the roads in snowy conditions. Also we have around 2,000 yellow salt/grit bins across the county where the salt is spread across pavements and roads by local volunteers. Keep up-to-date with weather warnings, gritting and road safety advice at www.norfolk.gov.uk/norfolkwinter

The One Million Trees for Norfolk subsidised tree scheme is now open for individuals, parish councils, community groups, businesses, schools and landowners to apply for tree packs (and tree protection) at up to 50% off the original price. As well as the usual range of tree packs available, this year, for the first time there are a limited number of single Norfolk Oak Trees, grown at Gressenhall Community tree nursery, making it possible for more people to take part and be 'one in a million'. Those interested can apply for subsidised tree packs by visiting www.norfolk.gov.uk/subsidisedtreepacks. Also NCC is once again partnering with Busseys, to launch the Busseys Community Grant. This initiative offers £10,000 in funding to support tree planting projects across Norfolk that gives tangible benefits to their local area. For all details visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/busseyscommunitygrant

The annual Hazardous Waste Amnesty at Norwich South recycling centre takes place over the weekend of November 16th/17th 9am to 4pm where you can take such items as paint, thinners, weed killer, varnishes, wood preservatives, insecticides and special cleaning products.

Cllr Wilby's next surgery is at HIP on Saturday 2nd December 10.00 am.

October updates from our District Councillors—James Eddy and Trevor Graham

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Winter Pressures Fuel Grant

The District Council has released the Winter Pressures Fuel Grant to help communities support themselves, with a focus on aiding vulnerable residents. With the support of our District Councillors, various local groups have coordinated their plans to create a consolidated calendar and maximize their grant applications, not just to South Norfolk Council but to other providers. The initiative includes HIP, the Library, Swan Hotel, Foodbank, St John's Church, Harleston Kindness Help Hub and the Town Council who are all working together on this initiative.

Community Involvement and Consultation

A consultation is underway on the proposed solar park and battery storage facilities around long Stratton, running from Wednesday 23rd October to Friday 6th December 2024. Additionally the Town Council recently held a consultation on plans for the building on the recreations ground, as emphasised in the Neighbourhood Plan, highlighting their commitment to involving the community in decision- making.

Planning Updates

Spirketts Lane Development: The planning application for land south of Spirketts Lane was approved by the Development Management Committee at South Norfolk Council with six votes in favour and three abstentions. District Councillors clarified that healthcare capacity assessment included Paddock Road due to available floorspace.

Planning Compliance: Successful actions have been taken regarding planning compliance within Harleston. Recognizing the need for improvement South Norfolk Council have appointed a new Planning Compliance Manager and an Enforcement Oversight Board has been established to enhance service and raise awareness among Members about enforcement processes. Both of our District Councillors are part of this five-member Board.

Church Graveyard Improvements

Significant improvements have been made to the physical state of the graveyard and graves at Redenhall Church, which is managed by South Norfolk Council. Despite budget constraints, the officers at South Norfolk Council have been proactive and creative in finding solutions. The involvement of the probation service has been invaluable, providing a sense of accomplishment to those undertaking the work.

Our District Councillors will be available for a drop-in surgery at Harleston Information Plus on Exchange Street on 9th November from 10.00am to 11.00am.

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Past events



Macmillan Coffee Morning

During the last few weeks of September, we hosted our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Due to the windy and rainy weather, we moved our event to St John's Church. A huge thank you to St John's for their incredible help and support with the move and for hosting us at short notice.

It was heartwarming to see so many people turn out on such a miserable day to enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea and indulge in some delicious cake. A big shout-out to Becs Cake Creations for donating the scrumptious lemon drizzle cake, classic Victoria sponge, and decadent chocolate brownies.

We are thrilled to announce that we raised an impressive £193.27!

A massive thank you to St John's, Becs Cake Creations, and everyone who joined us—we couldn't have done it without you!

Recreation Ground Fun!

We wrapped up our 2024 car boot sales with a bang at our final car boot sale of the year in September. The event drew numerous sellers and enthusiastic bargain hunters, all of whom had a fantastic day on our recreation ground.

This year, our recreation ground again played host to Larry Gray's Fair. Despite a bit of a wet start, the fair extended its stay, ensuring everyone had ample time to enjoy the fun and festivities. We hope everyone who attended had a wonderful time!

Halloween event fun!

On 31st October we held our spooktacular Halloween event where families came in to town to enjoy a ghoulishly good time in town! Children enjoyed dressing up in their best Halloween costumes whilst taking part in a spooky trail in town. Thank you to all the shops who took part on the day and we

hope all the families who came to town enjoyed themselves.

Upcoming events

Join Us for the Annual Christmas Lights Switch-On!

In partnership with Harleston's Future, we are excited to announce our annual Christmas Market and Christmas Tree Lights switch-on event on 30th November! We hope everyone will come to town to support Harleston's Future and all the stallholders at the market and in the evening support the Town Council with the lights switch-on. Its set to be a fun and memorable day filled with holiday cheer and all the wonderful things Harleston has to offer. Come and join the festivities and make some magical memories!



Reminders!

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.

Dogs on leads on the Recreation Ground

Dogs must be kept on leads at all times on the Recreation Ground. We have fantastic dog run facilities on site so please use these if your dog needs a to have a run off the lead.

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.

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 \(harleston-tc.gov.uk\)](#).



Just a
friendly
reminder...

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.



Christmas Market and Christmas Tree lights Switch-on

SATURDAY

30TH NOVEMBER

12PM - 7PM

HARLESTON TOWN CENTRE

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR A
FULL LISTING OF THE DAY'S EVENTS

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