

Your community update

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council

Clerk: Mrs. C. Crane

June 2025



Welcome to our June Community Update

In this edition you will find lots of updates from across the month of May and information from your Town Council and we hope you find the following informative.

Appointments for Chair and Vice Chair for 2025/2026



Redenhall with Harleston Town Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Cllr Mba as Chair of the Town Council and Cllr Chenery as Vice Chair for the 2025/2026 term. These appointments were confirmed at the Town Council Meeting on Wednesday, 28th May. We would like to extend our sincere

thanks to Cllr Matt Scade for his dedicated service as Vice Chair, recognizing his valuable contributions to the Council and the community. We look forward to the leadership of Cllr Mba and Cllr Chenery in serving our town and addressing local priorities.

Town Market update!

At the Town Council meeting on Wednesday 28th May, we were pleased to confirm our collaboration with market organiser Jamie Jordan to deliver a new market. A huge thank you to all the businesses who attended, engaged with us, and shared valuable insights. From **28th June 2025**, our fantastic stallholders will be joined by even more brilliant traders, offering a greater variety of stalls. Whether you're looking for fresh produce, artisan crafts, unique gifts, or delicious treats, there's something special waiting for you at the market. Taking place every **Wednesday and Saturday on the Market Place and Exchange Street from 9am until 4pm**, the market is a wonderful opportunity to support all local businesses, enjoy the vibrant atmosphere, and explore a fantastic selection of goods. We look forward to welcoming you!

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

Tree Incident at the Recreation Ground – 25 May 2025

The Town Council is aware of the recent incident involving a fallen bough at the Recreation Ground on Sunday, 25 May. We recognise that the incident was upsetting for those present and for the wider community and we are in contact with the families directly involved.

At the Council meeting on 28 May, it was agreed that an investigation will be undertaken to better understand the circumstances surrounding the incident. This investigation will be led by Councillor MBA, with support from the Town Clerk and Councillor Chenery.

The safety and wellbeing of all who use our public spaces is very important to us. We are committed to openness and will share the findings of the review at the next scheduled Town Council meeting.

We appreciate the community's understanding and support as we carry out this work.

Annual Town Meeting—20th May



The Town Council would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Town Meeting on 20th May!

We would also like to thank all the local groups and organisations who shared updates on their work. It's wonderful to hear about the projects supporting our town and its residents. We're grateful for your commitment and time in making Harleston a great place to live.

We would like to extend our thanks to Cllr West for generously volunteering to lead next year's Annual Town Meeting. It is truly invaluable to have our councillors actively supporting these important community events, and we greatly appreciate their dedication.

Internal Auditors report

At our Town Council meeting on Wednesday, 28th May, we reviewed the Internal Auditor's report and are pleased to share that it was positive, reaffirming the quality of our ongoing work. The report also included several recommendations, which we will be addressing in the coming months to further strengthen our processes. We remain committed to continuous improvement and ensuring the highest standards for our town.

Antisocial behaviour

If you witness antisocial behaviour anywhere in Harleston, the police strongly advise that you report incidents to them as they happen. Each report helps them build a clearer picture of when and where issues occur, enabling them to allocate resources more effectively and take targeted action.

Dogs on leads, please!

Dogs must be kept on leads while on the Recreation Ground. This is in accordance with local byelaws meaning it is illegal to have a dog off lead on the Recreation Ground. For off-lead exercise and play, a dedicated dog run has been provided, ensuring a safe and enjoyable space for pets and their owners.



Support Harleston's Vibrant Flower Planters – Become a Gold Sponsor!

Last year, we launched our flower planter sponsorship scheme, and thanks to the generosity of our incredible sponsors, it has been a great success!

We are once again inviting local businesses, groups, and organisations to be part of this initiative, celebrating our town and supporting the dedicated volunteers of the Harleston Town Flower Planters group.

Our beautifully maintained planters enhance the town centre, creating a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere for residents and visitors alike. With your support, we can continue this fantastic work!

Become a Gold Sponsor

For just £200, your sponsorship will directly fund new flowers within a twelve-month period, ensuring our planters remain bright and flourishing. Our volunteer group lovingly maintains each planter, bringing colour and life to Harleston.

Your sponsorship includes:

- Your name and logo proudly displayed on the planter and a planter flag in a prominent location along our high street.
- Recognition across local media channels, including print and social media.
- Increased visibility, community engagement, and a chance to showcase your business, group, or organisation.
- A meaningful way to demonstrate your support for Harleston and celebrate local pride.

Join us in keeping Harleston blooming! To find out more, view the leaflet and contact the Town Council at enquiries@harleston-tc.gov.uk.

Response to renewal of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) (Dog Fouling & Dog Control)

The Town Council met on Wednesday, 28th May and unanimously agreed to give their support to the proposal to renew the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) (Dog Fouling & Dog Control) under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 as required by the Act.

No parking on the Market Place

It is illegal to park on the Market Place and the Town Council have been working with Norfolk County Council Highways department to place bollards around the Market Place to stop all instances of parking.

Hedge maintenance

If your garden or house boundary is against public footpaths and highways please check your boundaries to ensure hedges are not encroaching on a public right of way. As we are in the bird nesting season, hedge maintenance can be conducted and hedges attended to, if required, as long as the necessary checks for nesting birds have been carried out prior to commencing any work. Many thanks in advance for your help in ensuring our footpaths and highways remain accessible to all.



**Harleston Town
Flower Planters
Sponsorship**



**Gold Sponsor
£200**

- Your business, group or organisation name and logo on the planter
- Flag in the planter with your logo

Your support will be mentioned:

- in the Grapevine;
- a press release; and
- on the Town Council website, Social Media and our newsletter

Benefits

- Increased awareness
- Boost your groups visibility
- Community pride
- Showcase your service/ product
- Foster relationships



**A brand new initiative
for Harleston**

Join us in celebrating our town by supporting our wonderful Harleston town planters volunteer group! Your support will go directly to providing new flowers twice in a 12 month period for our planters which are maintained by our volunteer group.

We are also on the look out for new volunteers so if your group or anyone you know are interested please contact us.

To take part

If you would like the opportunity to sponsor our fantastic planters in town please email your interest to enquiries@harleston-tc.gov.uk.

Find out more by contacting:
enquiries@harleston-tc.gov.uk
www.harleston-tc.gov.uk

Walking update!

Angles Way

We have been informed by the Norfolk Trails team at Norfolk County Council that the developer has reapplied for a temporary traffic restriction order (TTRO) of the Angles Way. This runs from 24th May until 1st September and the Norfolk Trails team are posting notices for the diversion of the Angles Way. The Town Council also wanted to share the map the Norfolk Trails team have provided and we will continue to work closely with the Norfolk Trails team.





NHS
Norfolk and Waveney
Talking Therapies

HARLESTON WELLBEING WALK

4th Thursday each month, 1-3 pm

Meeting by the 'Welcome to Harleston' sign, left of Co-op, Bullock Fair Close

Join us for a stroll around this ancient market town, and/or for a cafe catch up at The Apiary on The Thoroughfare from 2pm.

Anyone 16+ welcome with no need to book. For more info please email cdcteam@norfolkandwaveneymind.org.uk

for anxiety and depression

Harleston Wellbeing Walk

We wanted to share Norfolk and Waveney Talking Therapies Harleston Wellbeing Walk!

They are meeting at the 'Welcome to Harleston' sign left of Co-Op at Bullock Fair Close on the fourth Thursday each month between 1pm-3pm.

Find out more on their poster or email cdcteam@norfolkandwaveneymind.org.uk

Join the next Neighbourhood Policing Meeting!

We're pleased to share that the next Diss, Long Stratton & Harleston Quarterly Neighbourhood Policing Meeting will take place on Thursday, 10th July 2025, from 18:00 to 19:30, in the Social Room at the Memorial Leisure Centre, Harleston.

This hybrid meeting gives you the choice to attend in person or online via Microsoft Teams. It's a great chance to hear updates on local policing efforts over the past three months and speak directly with your community officers about any concerns or questions. If you would like the Microsoft Teams link please see our website.



Exciting News! The Blossom Charity's Sculpture Trail Returns.

We're thrilled to announce that The Blossom Charity will be bringing its much-loved sculpture art trail back to both Eye and Harleston this year!

From July to September, expect to see an incredible array of farmyard animals popping up around town—standing proudly outside and even peering from windows.

The Blossom Charity have provided us with the following information which we wanted to share with our community.

What's in Store?

This year's selection is bigger than ever! You'll find life-sized sculptures of a calf, Shetland pony, and miniature donkey, alongside sheepdogs, pigs, a Highland cow, and many more. And with sponsorship tiers ranging from £100 for minis to £400 for extra-large sculptures, there's an option to suit every budget.

Calling Local Artists!

They are also looking for talented local artists to take part. If you or someone you know is interested, they would love to hear from you!

For more information or to get involved, please get in touch with Clare at the Blossom Charity at clare@theblossomcharity.co.uk or 01379 67848.

Blossom Charity Art Trail 2025

FARMYARD TRAIL HARLESTON & EYE



VE Day 80 in Harleston – Honouring the Past, Celebrating Community

On 8th May 2025, Redenhall with Harleston Town Council with the Harleston & District Branch of the Royal British Legion joined the nation in commemorating VE Day 80, marking eight decades since the end of World War II in Europe. Through a series of meaningful events, we honoured the sacrifices of the past while bringing our community together in remembrance and celebration.

Raising of the VE Day 80 Flag and Proclamation

The day began with an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, where residents gathered to pay tribute to those who served and sacrificed. The VE Day 80 commemorative flag was raised and the Town Crier delivered the official VE Day 80 proclamation, setting the tone for a day of reflection.

Local dignitaries, veterans, and community representatives laid wreaths at the War Memorial, ensuring that the legacy of those who fought for freedom was honoured with dignity and respect.



Celebrations in the Market Place



The community came together at the Market Place for a relaxed morning gathering. The sun was shining as we spent time meeting old friends and new acquaintances whilst enjoying a cup cake – or two! The Royal British Legion curated a captivating display of historical artifacts from the era, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past. The Town Crier once again took center stage in the Market Place, delivering the proclamation to a crowd of residents, marking the official recognition of this historic anniversary.

Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

We gathered once more at the War Memorial for a solemn tribute, laying 24 individual crosses in honour of the men of Harleston, Wortwell, and Redenhall who lost their lives during World War II. As the nation united in remembrance, Harleston joined in, with John Graham, Chair of the Harleston & District Branch of the Royal British Legion, delivering the Tribute. Our focus then turned to the symbolic lighting of the VE Day lamp at 9:30 PM, a moment of reflection and unity. This was followed by a moving rendition of I Vow to Thee, My Country, led by the Harleston Choral Society, creating a deeply poignant and memorable conclusion to the day.



Thank you

Thank you, Harleston, for coming together to commemorate this special day. Your presence was essential in making our shared remembrance and celebration truly meaningful.

We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible local volunteers, including the Harleston Volunteer Planter Group and Flag Force, as well as our dedicated local businesses. Your efforts in creating such fitting tributes ensured that VE Day 80 was honoured with the respect and pride it deserves.

Visit Harleston Update!

Car boot sale

We had a fabulous day on the Recreation Ground hosting our Car Boot Sale on 18th May. The car boot is so popular and we hope seller and buyers enjoyed it as much as we did! We are holding on next car boot sales on 20th July on the Recreation Ground. It is £5 per car so if you have some things to sell come and join us! If you would like to take part please turn up on the day between 9am-10am to set up ready for a 10am start.

Get involved!

The Town Council, via our Visit Harleston brand, is working hard to engage with our local community, shops, and businesses. If you are interested in finding out more and getting involved in any of our events, please contact us at events@harleston-tc.gov.uk.



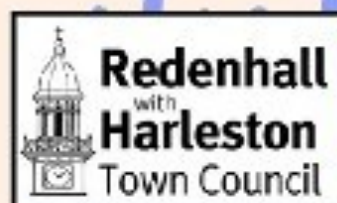
Summer solstice food festival

Who's ready to meet some of our food traders for our Summer Solstice Street Food Festival next month?! On Saturday 21st June from 5pm until 9pm you will be able to savour the amazing flavours of our fantastic local food trucks! We will be joined by Hitwrap, Zaks, Thai Orchid, Norwich Soul Kitchen, Destiny's Dough Street Food and more!

So come down to the Market Place, bring your own drinks and camping tables/chairs and enjoy an evening of brilliant street food!



Stay tuned for more details about our upcoming activities and initiatives by visiting www.visitharleston.org.uk.



LAUNCHING ON THE 28TH OF JUNE...

HARLESTON

MARKET

FRESH PRODUCE | LOCAL CRAFTS | TASTY TREATS | VINTAGE FINDS & MORE!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY &
SATURDAY**

9AM - 4PM

FIND US...

**MARKET PLACE &
EXCHANGE STREET**



For more information head to

