



Your community update

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council

Clerk: Mrs. C. Crane

May 2025



Welcome to our May Community Update!

It's been a bustling period here at the Town Council, with a flurry of meetings and projects keeping us on our toes. From addressing community priorities to planning future initiatives, there's been no shortage of activity as we work to serve and support our wonderful town.



Thank you Michael Hardy. We wanted to inform our community that Michael, a valued and dedicated member of our council, has stepped down from his role. Michael has been an incredible contributor to our community, and his insight, passion, and commitment will be deeply missed. We extend our thanks for all his work and support during his time with us.

On this note 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

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.

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](#).



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

VE Day 80



On 8th May 2025, Redenhall with Harleston Town Council and the Harleston & District Branch of the Royal British Legion will unite with communities across the country for a shared moment of celebration and remembrance.

In Harleston, we have planned a meaningful day of events to mark this special anniversary, and we warmly invite you to join us in paying tribute to those who served and sacrificed.

9:00 AM Flag Raising & Proclamation

At the War Memorial, our Town Crier, Norman Steer, will read the official VE Day 80 proclamation as we raise the commemorative flag. This will be followed by a moment of remembrance.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Morning Gathering at the Market Place

Bring a cup of tea and a chair and join us for a relaxed morning gathering in the Market Place—a chance to reflect, connect, and celebrate together.

9:00 PM Act of Remembrance

We return to 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.

9:30 PM Tribute & Community Singing

We will join the nation in lighting the VE Day lamp, gather for a reading of the Tribute and Harleston Choral Society leading us in the hymn 'I Vow to Thee, My Country'.

This is a moment for us all to come together in gratitude and remembrance. We truly hope you can join us on this significant occasion.

Litter Picking at Harleston Sancroft Academy Primary Phase

This year we were approached by members of the school community about litter picking and we were pleased to support them by loaning our litter pickers and hoops. The school got in touch with us and shared the following:

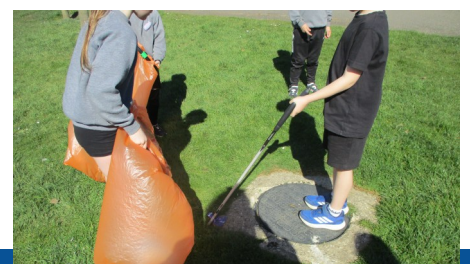


'Each year, we take part in the Great British Spring Clean and this year, each class will take part in a litter pick either on the school ground, down school lane or in the town.'

Through our litter picks, our aim is to encourage our children at Harleston Sancroft Academy, primary phase, to become Litter Heroes by engaging in litter-picking activities and helping to 'Keep Britain Tidy.' Today's young people are the key to eliminating litter and ending waste for now and for future generations.

We as a school want to develop passionate environmentalists who aim to eradicate litter. To this effort, they were also running a sponsored litter pick and tidy up at home over the Easter holidays and have set a competition to design 'Don't Drop Litter' posters which will be displayed on school lane and Redenhall road.'

If you run a community group and would like to conduct a litter pick in the local area please do get in contact about borrowing our litter pickers and hoops—we have a few available and we are happy to help where we can.



Town Council updates continued...

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 coming into 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.

Angles Way

Thank you to the residents who have spoken to us about the closure of the Angles Way footpath. We have been in contact with Norfolk County Council Highways, in particular the Norfolk Trails team about this closure. They have reported that they are working with the developers and Streetworks team to determine next steps for the path and will keep the Town Council up to date. In the interim residents can report defects such as obstructions of footpaths without a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) via their website: [Report a highways problem - Norfolk County Council](#).

Bollards on the Market Place

The Town Council have continued to contact Norfolk County Council Highways department about the bollards on the Market Place. We wanted to highlight to residents that they have informed us there is a considerable backlog of schemes due to staffing shortages. Once the estimate has been approved Highways will order the bollards with the aim of getting them installed in the summer. We will continue to keep our residents up to date.

Boost Your Grounds Maintenance Skills with Industry-Leading Training

LANTRA Accredited Operator Training – Delivered by Mow-Sure Training Ltd Hosted by Redenhall with Harleston Town Council.

Join us for an intensive, hands-on training programme designed to provide professional certification in the safe operation of land-based machinery. Delivered by *Mow-Sure Training Ltd*, a respected name in the turfcare and land-based machinery training industry.

This three-day course offers **LANTRA-certified training** in:

- ☒ Ride-On and Pedestrian Mowers
- ☒ Strimmers (Brushcutters)
- ☒ Hedge Cutters
- ☒ Leaf Blowers (Mow-Sure Certification)

 Achieve LANTRA Certification and enhance your skills, compliance, and safety awareness.

 16th – 18th June 2025

 Maintenance Compound, Recreation Walk, Harleston, IP20 9BX

 £1000.00 per person

 For bookings or more information, contact: deputy-clerk@harleston-tc.gov.uk or call 01379 854519

Spaces are limited – secure your place today!



Town Council updates continued...



Redenhall with Harleston Town Council received the following information from the Norfolk Community Foundation. Grants of up to £10,000 are available from the Norfolk Community Foundation to provide funding for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector organisations working in Norfolk who are supporting fathers in the first 1001 days of fatherhood, from conception to an infant's 2nd birthday.

This is a short-term opportunity (all expenditure to be completed by 31st March 2026) to fund existing projects and/or pilot activity that supports fathers in the first 1001 days.

Find out more on the [Norfolk Community Foundation website and apply](#). Please note the Fund closes on Wednesday 21st May.

Harleston Wellbeing Walk



The poster for the Harleston Wellbeing Walk features a blue background with a white border. It includes a 'WELCOME TO HARLESTON' sign, a photo of a green field, and a logo for 'THE APIARY' which is a bee on a yellow background. The text on the poster reads: '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', and 'for anxiety and depression'.

NHS
Norfolk and Waveney
Talking Therapies

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

Wishing Becs Bake Creations all the best!



We want to express our gratitude to Bece Cake Creations, one of our amazing market stall holders, as they embark on a new chapter. Bece has made the tough decision to step away from our Wednesday market due to her ever-growing business—Wednesdays have become a bustling baking day!

We couldn't be prouder to have played a role in her baking journey and are thrilled to see her business continue to thrive. A huge thank you for your generosity in donating cakes to our fundraising coffee mornings; your support has made such a difference!

But don't worry, you can still find Bece Cake Creations at our Visit Harleston events—make sure to stay updated through our Visit Harleston socials. Let's keep cheering her on!



Redenhall
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TUESDAY
20TH
MAY
6PM



Redenhall
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Annual **TOWN MEETING**

FREE

Open to All Residents

Complimentary Tea & Coffee

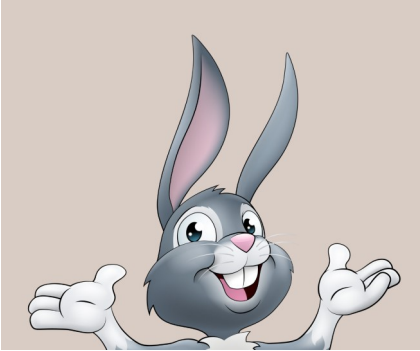
LEISURE CENTRE, HARLESTON



Let's Celebrate Harleston

Visit Harleston Update!

Easter Bunny Trail



From 7th - 22nd April lots of families enjoyed taking part in our Easter Bunny Trail throughout the town to find hidden bunnies in shop windows during the Easter Holidays. We had a whopping 78 entries—our best yet—picking up their forms from Harleston Information Plus, Harleston Library and Harleston Leisure Centre.

Congratulations to our winners:

Hamper Winner - Arlo Chrystal

Gift bag winner 1 - Bloomfield

Gift bag winner 2 - Reeve

Gift bag winner - Edward Ellershaw

Thank you to everyone who took part including the 21 brilliant local businesses who popped a bunny in their window for the trail. We could not have done any of this without everyone's support so thank you!

Upcoming events

Car Boot Sales!

Back by popular demand! This year we are holding our wonderful car boot sales and our first one for 2025 in on 18th May 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.

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



RECREATION GROUND,
HARLESTON

Visit
Harleston

**Car Boot
SALE**

Sunday

- 18th May
- 20th July
- 14th September

10AM - 1PM

SELLERS TO ARRIVE BETWEEN 9AM - 10AM
THEN EXIT BETWEEN 1PM - 2PM.
ENTRANCE VIA WILDERNESS LANE ONLY

£5 per car (cash only)

www.visitharleston.org.uk



Scan for full details

April update from our County Councillor Cllr Martin Wilby



Norfolk County Council's annual spring and summer road surface dressing programme has started on April 7th and will see Norfolk's roads get a new seal to help prevent potholes forming and extending the life of roads with a new skid-resistant surface to reduce the risk of accidents. The work will continue through until September, to take advantage of the warmer weather. This year 320 miles of Norfolk roads will be dressed, up from 280 miles last year thanks to extra funding from the Department for Transport for highways maintenance this year. The programme will target high tourism areas and main roads first, so they are complete before the start of the busy summer season. The total programme will cost around £12 million and is a proven pro-active approach to highways maintenance. People are urged to drive slowly and considerably across the new surface until it is bedded in, and Highway Teams return to sweep up the loose chippings.



Another major milestone in the construction of Long Stratton Bypass was reached with installation of the pre-cast concrete beams to create a new road bridge on Hall Lane. Each of the 10 beams, weighing up to 33 tonnes each and measuring over 17 meters, were carefully lifted into place using a 300 tonne crane. The bridge deck will now be formed using reinforced concrete before surfacing is laid to link the approaches being constructed on either side. This milestone follows the recent successful installation of the new footbridge at Church Lane. The Hall lane bridge is a single-carriageway road bridge which will carry traffic on Hall Lane over the new bypass, with a footway for pedestrians. Both bridges will come into use later this summer with the bypass open to traffic by the end of the year.



Norfolk County Council's Trading Standards service plan for 2025-2026 has been approved by NCCs cabinet. The plan provides an update what the service achieved over the last year and sets out key areas for the year ahead. Last years achievements included, Tackling tobacco and alcohol sales to children, Removing from sale counterfeit vapes, dangerous electrical items, unroadworthy cars and children's toys which failed consumer safety checks. Protecting people from fraud, scams and rogue traders by raising awareness. Dealing with recent animal disease outbreaks, including blue tongue virus and avian flue.



The Spring edition of Your Norfolk magazine has been delivered to every household across the county with all the usual information and contact details for NCCs services, plus an update on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.

Best Wishes
Martin



April update from our District Councillor— Cllr Trevor Graham



Environment. South Council Norfolk (SNC) have helped organise 18 litter picks across the district, collecting over 200 bags of waste. There is still time to get involved, the 'Big Litter Pick' is offering £20 to every group that takes part and the chance to win a £200 prize. The 'Clean up and Bloom' project allocated £300 to 27 towns and parishes. I was glad to see that Harleston Town Council took up the offer. In line with government policy, a new food waste collection service for businesses has now started, and domestic collections will be introduced next year.



As you will all know I am very supportive of nature conservation and recovery. The SNC Nature Conservation Fund is being promoted across social media. I am helping a local community group together with environmental groups prepare, and submit, a collective Expression of Interest for a project within Harleston. More information will follow in the coming months.



Tourism. SNC have released a series of guided walks to compliment the 'Friendly Invasion' trail booklets. The Harleston walk will run each month from May to September as part of a programme of weekly guided walks presented by the Historical Society. SNC have arranged the listing of all the Harleston walks on the website.



SNC and environmental groups are supporting Harleston Heritage Open Days. This provides an opportunity to promote Harleston to a wider audience. There are more events and interest than last year, which was commended by the regional organisers. To date there have been twelve entries accepted by the national programme. The first Saturday is to include a nature focused market stall event throughout the town. This collective working is what makes a community.



Business and Community Awards. The Community Awards which recognise people and groups who give their time, energy, and passion to make South Norfolk a better place to live, work, and visit is open until 31 May. There is still time to submit a nomination.



Communities. I was very pleased to hear that the rededication of the unveiling of a memorial to aircrew in a WWII tragedy went well with a large attendance. Unfortunately, I was not able to be there but pleased that SNC were able to quickly remove the rubbish to provide a fitting approach to the service.

SNC are drafting a Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy. A public consultation is running until the end of the month.



Grants and Funding. The Members Ward Allowance grants are again open for application. Please get in touch if you would like some help. While not within Harleston, but within the Ward, a group in Wortwell has been awarded a 'Go For it Grant' of £300 towards a Wacky Races event in the summer and Wortwell Council has been awarded a 'VE Day Grant' of £300 towards decorations and the cost of a band.

I will hold my next surgery on 10 May at Harleston Information Plus on Exchange Street in Harleston at 10:00. It would be great to see you there.

Cllr Trevor Graham



South Norfolk **COMMUNITY AWARDS** *2025*

WHO'S YOUR SOUTH NORFOLK COMMUNITY HERO?

Nominations are now open to find
this year's community champions.

There are a number of categories to
nominate in, and it only takes five minutes.

Nominations close 30 May 2025.



Scan the QR code or
search South Norfolk
Community Awards to
find out more.

