



Your community update

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council

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Welcome to our July Community Update

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

Town Council Meeting Overview – June 2025

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council met to progress a number of important community matters, with updates touching on nature recovery, town markets, committee structures, and development projects. Here's a summary of the highlights:

Nature Recovery and Green Space Protection

The Council gave its support in principle to a proposed **Community Nature Recovery Project**, aimed at preserving green spaces important to Harleston's character and biodiversity. Councillors welcomed the initiative, recognising the long-term value of securing the land for public benefit.

Update on Harleston Markets

Plans for the New Harleston Markets unfortunately fell through after the appointed contractor withdrew due to a lack of stallholder interest. While disappointing, councillors acknowledged the challenge of revitalising market culture amidst changing shopping habits. Public communication was issued promptly to maintain transparency.

Cemetery Financial Agreement Finalised

A long-standing issue regarding cemetery arrangements has been resolved. A formal agreement between Wortwell Parish Council and Redenhall with Harleston Town Council was approved and has now been forwarded to Wortwell PC — a positive outcome after productive dialogue.



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).

Planning, Lighting, and Development

Councillors reviewed lighting plans for new developments north and south of Spirketts Lane:

An additional streetlight was requested to improve pedestrian safety near the Cripps Development entrance.

The Orbit Development lighting plan was adopted, aligning with terms used in similar past developments.

Directional car park signage proposals were also discussed, with appreciation expressed for the work involved. This topic will continue under the Strategy Committee's remit.

Appointed Representatives

Cllr Graham is to represent the Armed Forces Covenant.

Cllr Roy appointed as Footpath Representative.

Community Voices and Ideas

During public participation:

Suggestions were made to repurpose a tree stump into a bird-friendly sculpture.

Residents raised adding bike racks to where the old EV chargers were located.

Support was shown for land preservation mentioned in the nature recovery project.

Later, councillors added further proposals during the Member Forum, including rusting bins, ideas for youth engagement, and plans for VJ Day commemorations on 15 August at 12pm, coordinated by Cllr Graham.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 23rd July 2025 at 7:00pm

Social Room, Memorial Leisure Centre

Join us for VJ Day 15th August: A Time to Remember

Redenhall with Harleston Town Council and the Harleston & District Branch of the Royal British Legion warmly invites residents to VJ Day events remembering and celebrating the end of the Second World War. While VE Day celebrated the end of conflict in Europe, it was VJ Day — 15th August 1945 — that brought the war to a final close.



An important part of the day will be the Act of Remembrance at the Harleston Town War Memorial on Thursday 15th August. It is a chance for us all to pause, reflect, and remember those who served and sacrificed, particularly in the often-overlooked Far East campaign.

Timings for the Act of Remembrance:

11:30am — Assembly at the War Memorial

11.45am—Laying of Wreaths, a short tribute, and prayers

12:00 noon — Two-minute silence observed with the nation

The Harleston & District Branch of the Royal British Legion will also be present on the Market Place throughout the day, offering opportunities for the community to engage, commemorate, and learn more about the importance of VJ Day. We will be providing more information in the coming weeks on additional plans so let's come together not only to remember, but to celebrate peace, freedom, and the enduring spirit of our community.

Town Council meeting update continued

Town Council Committees for 2025-2026

At the Town Council meeting on 25th June 2025 the following committees and membership were agreed by the Town Council. These changes streamline governance and ensures work continues efficiently across Council priorities. They look forward to working on key priorities for our community and the agendas and minutes will be shared as usual on our website.

Amenities & Facilities Committee

Cllr Roy, Cllr Scade, Cllr West, Cllr Wilkinson

Core Responsibilities:

Open Spaces & Assets: Allotments – Manage plots, conditions; Recreation Ground – Maintenance of areas, car park, trees, bins, play areas; Planters & War Memorial – Ensure upkeep

Public Infrastructure: Bus Shelters – Inspect and maintain; Streetlights – Oversee repairs; Public Toilets – Inspect, maintain, ensure accessibility

Buildings & Facilities: Car Parks – Maintenance and signage

Cemetery – Inspect and maintain

Leisure Centre & Gym – Monitor usage and upkeep

Market Place – Oversee markets

Finance Committee

Cllr Brownsea, Cll Chenery, Cllr Mba, Cllr Scade

Delegated Functions:

Prepare and monitor the annual budget; Oversee income, expenditure, reserves, and financial risk

Ensure compliance with Financial Regulations.

HR Committee

Cllr Chenery, Cllr Mba, Cllr Scade

Delegated Functions:

Ensure legal compliance in employment; Oversee recruitment, welfare, and retention; Monitor staffing needs, appraisals, and training; Advise on HR policies and contracts.

Planning and Development Committee

Cllr Graham, Cllr Mba, Cllr Roy, Cllr Scade, Cllr West

Delegated Functions:

Review and submit comments on planning applications; Monitor planning enforcement and report breaches; Engage with Local and Neighbourhood Plan consultations.

Strategy Committee

Cllr Brownsea, Cllr Chenery, Cllr Graham, Cllr Mba, Cllr West

Core Responsibilities:

Strategy & Vision – Develop and review long-term goals; Neighbourhood Plan – Progress key delivery areas (e.g. community building feasibility); Audit Recommendations – Implement improvements;

Community Engagement – Councillor surgeries, youth forum, website; Tourism & Market Town – “Visit Harleston” and event support; Legal Matters – Policies, leases, legal reviews

* Unless otherwise directly appointed, the Chairman of the Council is an ex-officio member of all Committees.

Important message about events in Harleston



At Redenhall with Harleston Town Council, we're committed to transparency and to ensuring our community receives clear, accurate information about local events and the dedicated individuals who help bring them to life.

We'd like to take this opportunity to clarify the organisation of Town Council and Visit Harleston events. The Town Council has appointed a dedicated contractor to plan and coordinate events in Harleston under the Visit Harleston banner. While this contractor delivers a number of events on our behalf throughout the year, the recent New Harleston Markets were not among them. These markets were due to be delivered by the contractor responsible for the Bungay Street Markets, but unfortunately, they were unable to fulfil their commitments in Harleston.

We'd like to stress our Events Organiser continues to serve the community with professionalism and dedication, and should not be associated with the markets in question. We kindly ask everyone to help keep information accurate and to continue supporting those who work hard to make Harleston's events a success. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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.

Antisocial behaviour

If you witness antisocial behaviour anywhere in Harleston, the police strongly advise that you report incidents to them as they happen by calling them on 101. 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.

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.



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.



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

Visit Harleston Update!

Summer solstice food festival

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along to our second Summer Solstice Street Food Festival on 21st June. What a day! The sun was shining, the food was sizzling, and it was absolutely wonderful to see so many of you out enjoying everything on offer. These events aren't just about great food and fun (although there's plenty of that!) — they're about bringing our amazing community together, giving people something special to do, and showing visitors just how fantastic Harleston is. We're so proud of our town and all the brilliant independent businesses here, and we hope each year our events will grow bigger and better — putting Harleston firmly on the map!



Our next events Summer Beach Party

On Friday, 1st August 2025 our Summer Beach Party is back from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. You can find loads of summer activities on our Harleston High Street which will be transformed into “Harleston-on-Sea”

What you can expect:

Traditional seaside fun including children's sandpits, buckets and spades, deck chairs, ice cream, Punch and Judy shows, face painting, and family-friendly entertainment with classic seaside games and attractions throughout the day

Traffic Notice: To support the event, there will be temporary road closures on:

- Exchange Street (whole length)
- Church Street (from Old Market Street to The Thoroughfare)
- The Thoroughfare (from London Road to Swan Lane) These closures will be in effect from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM on the day and are aimed at ensuring safety for all those participating in creating a wonderful day for everyone.

Car boot sale

We have a fabulous car boot sale planned on the Recreation Ground on 20th July. It is £5 per car so if you have some things to sell come and join us! Or if you are looking to pick up something new for your home, garden or the kids come and take a look at the stalls and what they have to offer.

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.



RECREATION GROUND,
HARLESTON

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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)

Scan for full details

www.visitharleston.org.uk

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**FRIDAY
1ST
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SUMMER BEACH PARTY

HARLESTON TOWN CENTRE

10AM – 6PM



- **'POP-UP' BEACH WITH MINI SAND PITS**
- **DECK CHAIRS**
- **BUCKETS & SPADES**
- **PUNCH & JUDY**
- **TRADITIONAL BEACH GAMES**
- **ENTERTAINMENT**
- **SPINNING CUP RIDE**



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