Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2021



Councillor Responsibilities

Parish Council Chairman: Cllr. Fincher

Parish Council Vice-Chairman: Cllr. Richmond

Allotments: Lead Councillor: To be advised

Bus Services: Lead Councillor: Cllr. Waizeneker

Envirosort Community Liason Group: Cllr. Lucas, Cllr. Pollard

Finance, Staffing and General Purpose:

All Parish Councillors

Responsible Finance Officer (Mrs. J. Greenway)

Flooding and Drainage matters: Cllr. Arrow, Cllr. Turvey

GDPR Matters: Cllr. Pollard, Clerk (Mrs. J. Greenway)

Land Ownership/Lease Matters: Lead Councillor: Cllr. Lucas

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:

Cllr. Arrow, Cllr. Lucas, Cllr. Waizeneker, Cllr. Pollard, Cllr. Turvey

PACT (Police & Crime Together): Cllr. Kelly

Parish Hall Representative

Cllr Fincher: Parish Council Chairman & Chair of the Parish Hall Trustees

Parish Hall Project Working Group:

Cllr. Dawson, Cllr. Pollard, Cllr. Waizeneker, Cllr Fincher

Planning Matters:

Lead Councillor: Cllr. Richmond, Cllr. Fincher, Cllr. Pollard, Cllr. Turvey

Playing Fields/Recreation Areas: Cllr. Dawson, Cllr. Richmond

Public Rights of Way:

Lead Councillor : Cllr. Turvey (Parish Paths Warden), Cllr. Dawson

Social Media and Website: Lead Councillor: Cllr. Pollard

South Worcestershire Development Plan/Infrastructure Matters:

Cllr. Fincher, Cllr. Turvey

Superfast Broadband Matters: Lead Councillor: Cllr. Waizeneker

Our New Newsletter

Thank you for your feedback about our new Parish Council Newsletter, which is available for you to read online via https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/newsletters/ or by hard copy upon request (as detailed below).

A small supply of our Newsletters will also be placed in locations around the Parish (e.g. Parish Hall, Garden Centre, Norton Connector, etc.).

Our online publication schedule is Spring edition – 1st March, Summer edition – 1st June, Autumn edition – 1st September and Winter edition – 1st December. We will highlight when each edition has been published online via our Parish Council Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil and on our Parish Council noticeboards.

We are continuing to develop our Newsletter to serve our community and if there is anything that you would like to see (or not see) in future newsletters, or you would like to contribute, please let us know.

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If you wish to continue to receive a hard copy of future editions of the Parish Council Newsletter and have not already notified us, please email the following details to Mrs Jane Greenway, Parish Clerk, NJKparishclerk@aol.com or return this slip and by post to : Mrs Jane Greenway, 18 Corunna Close, Norton, Worcs WR5 2PW

Name:

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Address:

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New Business Directory

Free Advertising for local businesses!

Find that local plumber, electrician, accountant etc.

Adverts are now published in a separate online only Business/Services Directory, with adverts being free of charge. If you would like to advertise in this Directory, or amend/remove your existing advert, please let us know.

The Business/Services Directory can be found using the following links (by business category or business name):

https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/business-directory/business-categories/

and

https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/business-names-a-z/

If you are a local business and want to advertise on our website free of charge contact the Parish Clerk at NJKparishclerk@aol.com

or by post to: Mrs Jane Greenway, Parish Clerk, 18 Corunna Close, Norton, Worcester WR5 2PW.

All you need is one side of up to A4 as a pdf or jpg and tell us a business category name for your listing



STAY HOME
STAY SAFE

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Latest advice on how to self-isolate:

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been told to self-isolate you should:

- Go home and stay at home
- Do not leave your home unless for medical reasons
- Stay away from those you live with
- Do not go out for walks or exercise
- Do not meet friends
- Do not go to work or school
- Isolate for 10 days if you are COVID-19 positive
- Isolate for 14 days if you are told you are a contact
- Contact our Here 2 Help service if you have no support: **www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help**

You should not go outside at all. This is different advice to during a lockdown.

Self-isolating means you must not leave your home, not even for a daily walk.

Make sure you have plenty of healthy food and drinks, books, magazines and other activities to keep you busy.

Let friends, family and contacts know to stay away.

Please stay at home and stop the virus spreading

Get all the lastest updates at:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus

worcestershire county council

Parish Council (PC) - Chairman's Report Winter/Spring 2021

Despite the new lockdown that we have all experienced since my last report, the Parish Council continues to meet virtually on a monthly basis, with it having minimal effect on the various projects we are pursuing.

The notable exception is the Norton Connector, which has quite understandably seen a reduction in users during the lockdown, while continuing to have a core membership which relies upon it. As previously reported, there is a finite grant to run the service until it becomes self-sustaining, and we don't want to run out of funds in a period when the chance of it becoming self-sustaining is unlikely. We have therefore negotiated a compromise that will reduce outgoings by 50%, while maintaining the level of service required by those that still rely upon it. The net effect is that the Norton Connector minibus will disappear from our streets for the foreseeable future, replaced by other vehicles operated by Worcester Wheels. Hopefully, those that rely upon the service will not experience any difference.

The January meeting saw the agreement of the budget for the forthcoming financial year. Due to the nature of the 2020/21 financial year (Covid-19 impact), projects planned for completion in 2020/21, and their funding, have been pushed forward into the 2021/22 financial year. As a result of this accrued funding, and projects being pushed forward, it has been possible to not increase the precept for the 2021/22 financial year. The £61,145 funding requirement represents a decrease of £915, which equates to a 0.6% decrease in Band D Council Tax of 37p (from £62.09 to £61.72). Given the current climate this seemed a pragmatic way forward and it is hoped that parishioners will welcome the decision.

I'm pleased to report that the Community Apiary project is moving along well. The land (opposite and slightly to the left from the entrance to the Parish Hall) has now been visited by ecologists, members of Pershore bee-keeping society and Pershore Horticultural College, and all are agreed regarding how to proceed, the hope being that hives will be introduced to the site in April/May this year. We already have seven volunteers from the local community who wish to become involved, and their training will hopefully commence in the next few months. The hope is that once established we may be able to get local schools involved and produce and sell our own honey. We are also talking with Pershore Horticultural College regarding establishing a community orchard nearby, which will complement the apiary.

You may recall some time ago that the phone box in St James Close was mysteriously painted blue, and no-one knew who had done it and why. I'm pleased to say that the mystery has now been solved! We have now been informed that the phone box is owned by the police and it was painted blue to commemorate 50 years of West Mercia Police. It seems that West Mercia Police are working with a charity who organise the installation of defibrillators and are looking to arrange for a defibrillator to be installed in the St James Road blue phone box. We will remain in contact with the police to see how this project progresses and believe this would be a welcome addition to our Parish.

We're always grateful for feedback from parishioners whether good or bad, but by far the largest amount of regular feedback we get is regarding something we can do little about, irresponsible dog owners. Let's be clear, the majority of dog owners are entirely responsible, but there is a minority that are not. Not clearing up after their dogs, or if they do clear up, leaving the poo-bag on a bush or on the floor by the bin because the bin is full, when they can quite legitimately place it in their own household waste.

Not keeping their dogs on a lead. From an owner's perspective a Great Dane bounding up to an individual is ‘it just wants to be friendly, it wouldn't hurt a fly’, but to someone who fears being knocked over (elderly or infirm or scared of dogs) it’s a huge threat. If you are a responsible dog owner, please educate those that aren't; pick up dog mess, put it in the bin or take it home, and keep your dog on a lead where this is required (e.g. Parish Hall playing field) and under close control where being on lead isn’t a specific requirement for the area.

Over the years there have been many questions asked regarding PC support to Worcester Norton Sports Club Ltd (WNSC Ltd), and many times I have written explaining that they were a private company and therefore ineligible for support from public funds. I’m therefore delighted to report that Worcester Norton Community Interest Company (WNCIC) has now been established, enabling the public funds to be used. You’ll find an article elsewhere in this magazine offering some additional detail regarding the progress made.

You’ll also find another article regarding the progress being made with the Parish Hall Project; contracts are let and work to replace the roof, install green energy and create additional meeting rooms will commence shortly.

If you think we are missing something, or not applying effort in areas you consider we should, please contact the Clerk, but in the meantime, stay safe, and stay in touch with your community.

Kevin Fincher

Chairman,

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

Norton Connector Community Minibus – an update February 2021

With the lockdown since Christmas, not surprisingly there have been very few passengers using the Norton Connector, and we have become concerned that without being able to build up the number of passengers (as was starting to happen last autumn) we are using up the grant funding from Wychavon DC more quickly than originally planned. On the other hand, we do have a small band of regular users and we do not want to let them down by withdrawing the service as some other public transport providers have.

We are delighted therefore to be able to tell you that with the willing help of our partners at Worcester Wheels (WW) and Worcestershire County Council (WCC), we are able to continue offering the full service until hopefully we can all come out of lockdown and begin to lead some sort of normal life again.

The Norton Connector minibus that you will have got used to seeing round the parish is being put into temporary storage with WCC. This saves us the major cost of leasing the vehicle. Worcester Wheels will instead provide the service using their other vehicles, which may be cars or buses depending on the demand. The service will work in the same way and to the same timetable as before, with up to four trips each way from Tesco St Peters to Littleworth Parish Hall. Optionally the route can be extended to Parkway Station at one end and Worcester City and the surgeries and hospital at the other. Fares will be as before, £2 for a single trip anywhere between Tesco and Parkway, £3 for a single trip into Worcester. Concessions will still apply.

Timetable information can be found using the following link and is also printed in this newsletter.

https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/norton-connector/

As you would expect full Covid-19 protection rules and guidance will be observed at all times. If you have any concerns about this, please call WW and they will explain exactly what they do to keep everyone as safe as possible. Since much of their work is in the care sector, all regular WW drivers have already had their first vaccination.

So please comply with the lockdown rules, but if you do need to go out call Worcester Wheels on 01905 450654 and book your trip (and don't forget your mask!)

On behalf of us all, we would like to thank Worcester Wheels, Worcestershire County Council and Wychavon District Council for the willingness and flexibility they have all shown to help us keep this important community transport service up and running.

Norton Connector Timetable from 2nd December (* Mon, Wed & Friday only)

Crowngate Bus Station*			13.10	15.10
Asda/B&M Lowesmoor*			13.15	15.15
Lidl Newtown Road*			13.20	15.20
Haresfield House Surgery*			13.20	15.20
Worcs Royal Hospital*			13.30	15.30
Tesco St Peters	08.40	10.40	13.40	15.40
Tiree Avenue	08.42	10.42	13.42	15.42
Grasshopper Drive				
Regiment Close 1	08.47	10.47	13.47	15.47
Regiment Close 2				
St Peters Garden Centre	08.49	10.49	13.49	15.49
Mandalay Drive	08.51	10.51	13.51	15.51
Gazala Drive				
Church Lane				
The Retreat	08.55	10.55	13.55	15.55
St James Close				
The Hideage				
Littleworth Parish Hall	08.57	10.57	13.57	15.57
The Hideage				
St James Close				
The Retreat	08.59	10.59	13.59	15.59
Woodbury Park*				
Parkway Station*	09.05	11.05	14.05	16.05

Parkway Station*	09.10	11.10	14.10	16.10
Woodbury Park*				
The Retreat	09.16	11.16	14.16	16.16
St James Close				
The Hideage				
Littleworth Parish Hall	09.18	11.18	14.18	16.18
The Hideage				
St James Close				
The Retreat	09.20	11.20	14.20	16.20
Church Lane				
Gazala Drive	09.23	11.23	14.23	16.23
Mandalay Drive				
St Peters Garden Centre	09.26	11.26	14.26	16.26
Regiment Close 2	09.28	11.28	14.28	16.28
Regiment Close 1				
Tesco St Peters	09.35	11.35	14.35	16.35
Crowngate Bus Station*	09.45	11.45		
Asda/B&M Lowesmoor*	09.50	11.50		
Lidl Newtown Road*	09.55	11.55		
Haresfield House Surgery*	09.55	11.55		
Worcs Royal Hospital*	10.00	12.00		

* REQUEST ONLY STOPS (single fare = £2 or £1 w/bus pass)

* REQUEST ONLY STOPS (single fare = £3 or £2 w/bus pass)

Contacting Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

If you would like to contact the Parish Council concerning Parish matters, this can be done in the following ways:
By contacting the Parish Clerk directly:

Mrs Jane Greenway,
Clerk to the Parish Council Email: njkparishclerk@aol.com
Tel: 01905 763515 / 07955 756528
Post: 18 Corunna Close, Norton, Worcs WR5 2PW
By visiting our new website: www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org
Via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council 2021 Meeting Dates

21st January, 25th February, 25th March, 29th April,
27th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting), 24th June, 15th July,
30th September, 21st October and 25th November.
Annual Parish Meeting: 5th or 6th May (to be confirmed)
All dates subject to confirmation

If you would like to take part in the public question time session, or observe the Parish Council meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk for details.
Email: NJKparishclerk@aol.com
Tel: 01905 763515/07955 756528

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Parish Hall Trustees (PHT)
Chairman's Report Winter/Spring 2021

The bad news is that it's all still closed…

The good news is that while it's been closed, we are doing an awful lot of work behind the scenes to improve the facility, and I'm confident that once we exit the lockdown, the hall will once again begin to come alive with whatever the 'new normal' will be, and in a much-improved state when it does.

Hopefully, you have already read about the work that the PHPWG is doing regarding roof replacement, green energy and new meeting rooms, and alongside that the Trustees are exploring the replacement of the CCTV system and a new main door. Both of these pieces of work will be funded by the Trustees in addition to the £180k Community Legacy Grant that the PHPWG are spending and hopefully be completed by the end of March.

The Parish Hall is a charity and the closure of the hall, and in particular the Coffee Shop has reduced income to zero. Thankfully, the charity remains in a good financial position, making best use of the various grants available, enabling it to weather the current lockdown and hold onto its highly valued staff through furlough and reduced hours.

Other than the work to the hall, a lot of what the Parish Hall Trustees would normally be trying to achieve, e.g. community events, is understandably on hold, but rest assured that ideas continue to be discussed, and we will be ready at the first opportunity.

Kevin Fincher
Chairman
Parish Hall Trustees

Coffee At WRFive
Norton Parish Hall, Littleworth

Up to date information on the coffee shop opening hours can found at:

www.facebook.com/nortonparishhall

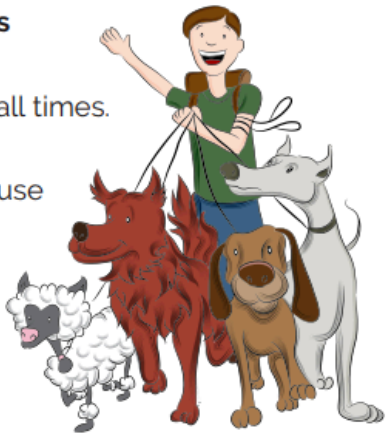
or www.facebook.com/CoffeeAtWRFiveNorton/

Please Keep Dogs on Leads at Norton Parish Hall

Whilst dogs are allowed in the grounds of Norton Parish Hall, they must be kept on leads at all times.

Please can we remind <u>all</u> dog walkers at the Parish Hall that:

1. Dogs must be kept on leads at all times.
2. Dogs are not permitted in the play area, tennis court or multi-use games area.
3. All dog mess must be picked up and disposed of in the bin provided.



Thank you for your assistance

Parish Hall Project Working Group (PHPWG) -
Chairman's Report Winter/ Spring 2021

The PHPWG is a PC initiated Working Group comprised of Parish Councillors and Parish Hall Trustees to oversee the delivery of the Community Legacy Grant (CLG) funded improvements to the Parish Hall. It has continued to meet virtually throughout the pandemic and individuals have hosted numerous, socially distanced meetings with potential contractors at the hall to discuss quotations for the various aspects of work required.

Since the last report, I'm pleased to inform you that contracts have been advertised via the Government Contract Finder website (where this is a requirement), tenders considered and down selected, and contracts awarded. I'm also pleased to report that of the three contracts let, two of them went to local companies who won on merit despite national competition.

The work to replace the main hall roof will commence on 22 Feb and leading up to that you will see a works compound being constructed and scaffolding being put up. The work itself should take no more that a fortnight assuming that the weather is favourable. As the roof is completed, the solar panels will also be fitted, using the same scaffolding to enable the work. The remainder of the green energy work i.e., car charging points, battery stores, smart management panels, etc.… can then be completed independently of the roof. It is hoped that the green energy system will be commissioned by 17 May.

The work to create additional meeting rooms from unused or underutilised space will commence on 5 April. Prior to that the main storeroom and other storerooms will need to be emptied and the contents sorted for future use. A new permanent feature at the hall will be a 20ft ISO Container against the wall opposite the MUGA (multi-use games area). It will be painted cream to fit in with the hall and will be the new home for the majority of the panto equipment.

Another new container will also appear, this time 10ft, painted green, and located to the left of the Coffee Shop as you look at it from the main gate, and this will be for the Groundsman's equipment. An additional, temporary 20ft ISO will also appear, as will several large skips, but this will be to enable the sort out that is required and will disappear on completion. It is hoped that the construction of the new meeting rooms will be complete by 30 April.

Each stage of work has been carefully planned to enable the recovery of VAT to enable the next phase to commence, hence it's only once the roof, green energy and new meeting rooms are complete, and VAT recovered that we can start considering the village shop. It is anticipated that the Village Shop work, for which there is already an outline plan, will commence sometime in the autumn.

The pandemic has had an effect in numerous ways and assimilating quotes and finding available tradesmen is one such effect. Quite unexpectedly, BREXIT has also had an effect, the roof panel supplier, though UK owned, is based in Belgium with deliveries being delayed while the new export/import paperwork is worked through.

However, the members of the PHPWG have proved resilient and I'm confident that the hall will be in a much-improved state to welcome back the community when we are allowed to. I'm sure you will be understanding while the hall is being worked on, but like us, excited in the prospect of what we are hoping to deliver.

Kevin Fincher
Chairman
Parish Hall Project Working Group

[1] It has been established that only a certain amount of energy can be pushed back into the National Grid and the optimum is 30Kw of solar panels; enough to power and heat the hall with power to spare (i.e. allowing for future growth), while charging batteries for dull days and powering the car charging points, while also pushing as much as allowed back to the National Grid, thereby creating income for the Parish Hall.

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

Financial Report - Year to 31st December 2020 (9 months)

INCOME	**Year to Date Actual £**	**Annual Budget £**
Precept	60,793	60,793
Rental/Lettings - allotment, garage, sports/playing field, Pre-school	4,700	5,059
Grants and Lengthsman Reimbursement from Worcs CC	3,385	3,827
Neighbourhood Plan Funding Grant	2,992	950
Tax Rebates (VAT)	7,146	0
New Homes Bonus funds - Parish Hall developments	0	50,000
Community Legacy Grant - Parish Hall developments	0	100,000
Community Legacy Grant - Norton connector mini-bus	15,000	30,000
Transfers from Reserves to assist in funding expenditure **(items * below)**	0	24,483
Other Income	1,887	20
TOTAL INCOME	**95,903**	**275,132**

EXPENDITURE (NET OF VAT)

Capital Items

Provision for Community Assets	2,130	0
Replacement/new parish furniture *	0	3,000
3 year development plan for Parish Council owned lands *	0	5,000
Expenditure associated with developments within the Parish *	0	2,000
Community Legacy Grant Project - Parish Hall developments *	0	165,000
Community Legacy Grant Project - Norton Connector mini-bus	6,978	32,000
TOTAL	9,108	207,000

Parish Maintenance *

TOTAL	15,150	24,706

Administration

Donations & Grants/Events Support	300	3,850
Newsletter, communication printing costs, website/social media costs	526	2,900
Audit and professional fees/legal fees, land registration/tenancy matters *	3,625	3,575
Neighbourhood Plan *	916	4,340
Parish Officers Honoraria plus PAYE, NI and pension contributions (all employees)	15,019	21,262
General Administration	1,029	2,100
Insurance - Capital and Public Liability	0	3,500
Subscriptions	1,160	1,300
Chairman's Allowance	0	100
Other: training for Councillors & Clerk, Councillor expenses, vandalism costs	21	500
TOTAL	22,596	43,427
TOTAL EXPENSES	**46,854**	**275,132**
VAT paid on expenses - recoverable	2,890	

NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**49,049**	**0**

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

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LITTER PICKING

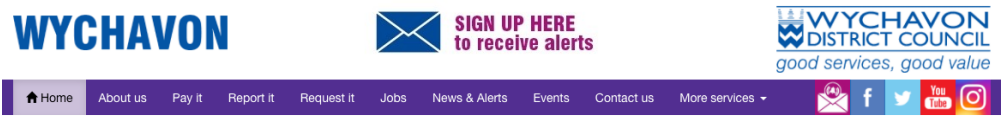
If you notice any areas within our Parish that need litter picking, pleas advise the Parish Clerk: Mrs Jane Greenway

Email: NJKparishclerk@aol.com

Tel: 01905 763515 or 07955 756528

Wychavon Information Updates

Would you like to receive updates from Wychavon District Council on subjects such as refuse collection dates and planning applications within the Parish?
If so, please visit www.wychavon.gov.uk and click on the 'Sign up here' button on on the home page (shown below) to start receiving alerts.



Rob Adams
County & District Councillor

At the time of writing, 10th February, there seems to be a very small light at the end of the tunnel with Covid. The r number for the West Midland region is between .7 and 1. It needs to be lower before we can even start to think of lifting any part of lockdown. Last Friday I received the injection at St Peters Baptist Church. They were extremely friendly and well organised, leaving White Ladies Aston, having the injection and returning home in less than one hour. Please, please when you are offered the injection take it!

Social isolation and loneliness are on the increase due to the lockdown. I believe we can all help by making that extra phone call or two to our families and friends more often.

The weather at the moment is not good having been so wet and now very frosty at night. Let's hope that after this winter weather moves on we will see the first signs of Spring. Here on the farm we are only three weeks away from lambing time followed by Spring calving of some of the cows and of course April with the New Forest mares having their foals, which is always welcomed every year by young and old residents of the village.

You may have noticed that I am not standing at the County Council elections in May this year but will continue to be your District Councillor. This has not been an easy decision but having taken on more responsibilities at Wychavon DC and the need to have more time to ourselves. I must add I am still as keen as I was back in 1999 when you gave me the chance to represent you on the District Council. My …… we have seen some changes and will see a lot more over the next 20 years.

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When you receive this report Council tax will have been agreed and I am expecting the following:

Worcestershire County Council increase 2.5%
Wychavon District Council no increase 0%
Police increase £15.00 at Band D equivalent 6.66%
Fire Authority rise 1.99%

At last night's Wychavon District Council Chairman's Jubilee Virtual Awards Ceremony Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council put former Chairman Howard Turvey forward for recognition. Although Howard was not able to be present, the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Kevin Fincher, paid a wonderful tribute to Howard acknowledging all the years of dedication in his term as both a Parish Councillor and Chairman of the parish. I must add Howard always gave me so much support and guidance representing you at both County and District. Thanks Howard.

I would like to finish with a quote from the County Council Chief Executive, Paul Robinson's, annual report: "The One Worcestershire strategy to raise the profile of the county goes from strength to strength. The Council is working with a growing network of private and public sector partners from all parts of Worcestershire to promote the county as an excellent place to live, work and invest".

Keep safe everybody.

Rob Adams
rob.adams@wychavon.net
Tel: 01905 345223

Reporting of Highways/Footway/Footpath Issues

If you notice a problem relating to highways/footways/footpaths, please report this directly to Worcestershire County Council Highways using online reporting or by phone.
Online report: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it
Tel: 01905 765765

Examples of reportable items include:
Overgrown vegetation/hedges overhanging the carriageway, footway/ footpaths
Overhanging, damaged or fallen trees
Potholes (carriageway, footways and footpaths)
Damaged/loose kerbs and slabs
Blocked/damaged highway gullies, culverts and grips, loose/missing gully covers
Non functioning/damaged street lights, traffic signals, zebra crossing beacons
Damaged/missing road signs, highway railings, bollards and marker posts
Faded/missing road markings
Highway flooding
Gritting and snow clearance (including grit bin enquiries/grit bin filling)

Thank you for you assistance

Reporting of Bins that Need Emptying

If you notice a litter or dog waste bin that needs emptying, you can report these directly to Wychavon District Council as follows, and they will aim to empty these as soon as possible.

Email: client.services@wychavon.gov.uk
or
Tel: 01386 565018

Thank you for your assistance.

Report from Nigel Huddleston M.P.

With the vaccination programme now firmly underway, I am confident we can look forward to getting our lives back to a more familiar version of normality than most of us were able to manage on 2020 - a year few of us will look back on with great fondness.

We knew that this winter would come with challenges, and the past few months have certainly confirmed that. I know that many of us celebrated Christmas in a different way than we had planned, and we began the new year entering lockdown again as infection rates rose and we faced the challenges of a new more virulent variant of the virus.

But there is light at the end of this long tunnel. On 8th December, a 91 year old grandmother in Coventry became the first person in the world to be given a Coronavirus vaccine as part of a mass programme and since then the vaccination programme has been rolling at an incredible pace. At the time of writing this piece we are still in lockdown but the Chief Medical Officer recently confirmed that we are over the peak and the number of cases, hospitalisations and deaths is falling. We are rolling out one of the most efficient vaccination programmes in the world and here in Worcestershire we are vaccinating the most vulnerable at one of the fastest paces in the country. I would like to congratulate and thank everyone involved in the vaccination programme from the doctors and nurses administering the injections, to the administrative and logistics teams organising the appointments, to the volunteers in our GPs surgeries and vaccination centres greeting and reassuring patients. Their efforts are saving lives every day.

Sadly, in January we also passed the milestone of 100,000 deaths from coronavirus – a stark reminder of the loss and grief that we have faced over the past year. Our hospitals are still under significant pressure, and we have had to endure further restrictions on our work and personal lives that none of us imagined back in January 2020. The Prime Minister has announced that schools will remain closed to most students until at least the 8th March. But the government is working on a disciplined reopening plan for society and the economy that will slowly but surely return us to a more familiar way of life.

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Of course, coronavirus was not the only thing in the headlines as we entered the new year, as we came to the end of the transition period and officially departed from the EU. There was a lot of scepticism about getting a deal. But right before Christmas a deal was struck, Parliament was recalled and we received Royal Assent on the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill and have now embarked on a new chapter in our relationship with Europe. We continue to work hard in ensuring that we get the best for our UK businesses and industry.

Parliament has been able to continue largely as normal, although with more virtual participation and obligatory face masks in the Chamber when we are not speaking. My role in the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has meant that I have been very involved in various reviews and pieced of legislation including a review of our gambling laws. I made a statement to the House of Commons, outlining how we are looking to update gambling regulations to make them fit for the digital age, considering changes online stake limits as well as gambling advertising and sponsorship. As Heritage Minister, I've also responded to a number of debates on aspects of this industry, such as the 125th anniversary of the National Trust – an organisation that I know is so important to many of us and that we want to protect. I have also responded to debates on subjects as varied as fairs and showgrounds, domestic tourism and which sports should form part of the Olympic Games.

Also in the field of sport, we have begun to distribute grants and loans from the £300 million Winter Survival Package for Sports to help clubs get through this difficult period in which they are trying to survive without paying spectators in grounds and stadia. I was pleased to announce that several National League football clubs in Worcestershire will benefit from £10 million of grants to clubs in Steps 3 to 6 of the National League football pyramid. I recently held a roundtable discussion with prominent football players to discuss the future of football, and to assess abuse and discrimination in the game, and online. This comes ahead of introducing the Online Harms Bill to better regulate social media and ensure that social media platforms have to take responsibility for children and vulnerable users of their sites. I also hosted a roundtable on the impact of head injuries on sports people, which proved to be incredibly insightful and eye-opening as we look forward to how we can better protect our sportspeople.

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Of course, the restrictions continue to have a major impact on all the stakeholders within my ministerial portfolio including tourism, sport and heritage sectors - and I continue to hold regular calls with representatives from all these sectors. I am working with the Tourism Industry Council to develop the Tourism Recovery Plan to help boost our tourism sector once it is safe to travel again.

As a consequence of lockdown my normal visits around the constituency have been severely limited, with my recent interactions predominantly being virtual. But in periods between lockdowns I was able to get out and about supporting local businesses and charities right across the constituency in the run up to and immediately after Christmas – all in a socially distanced way of course. And I continue to hold surgeries and meetings online.

I've been in regular contact with leaders of Wychavon District and Worcestershire County Councils who are closely monitoring developments with the virus and who are working hard to keep essential local services going. Working with many local charities and groups, council staff have been doing an incredible job making sure businesses, families and the vulnerable have been getting the support they need. Staff and teachers in our local schools are also doing a great job at educating our children – whether remotely at home or in the classroom for children of key workers. I have been particularly impressed by the positive, can-do attitude of many local headteachers who are motivating their staff and inspiring our children in incredibly difficult circumstances. As of course, are many parents!

As ever, I'm hopeful that in the next few weeks and months, we will see a further slowing down of cases, even more progress with vaccines, and more optimistic news on recovery plans. In the meantime, please do stay safe.

Nigel Huddleston MP, Member of Parliament for Mid Worcestershire
House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
Email: nigel.huddleston.mp@parliament.uk Tel: 0207 219 5814



Firstly, I hope that this message finds our members and supporters safe and well during this current lockdown. The Worcestershire League have released all the League fixtures for this season which is indeed welcome news for all concerned at this uncertain time. We are looking to field four senior teams every Saturday, home and away, and Sundays are pencilled in for 2x Development XI's which will cater for our club's flourishing and exceptionally talented junior players, this worked really well last season and we are hoping for this will help in their development. We are of the belief as I write this message that strict measures will still be in place for everyone's safety and it will be great to see cricket played again. The competition will continue until mid-September so please wander over any Saturday / Sunday afternoons, if you fancy watching live sport over a beer. The bar will be open, along with a regular bbq (weather permitting) and bar snacks will also be available.

It will be a blessing to see so many of our senior and young cricketers back at the club, enjoying the chance to get out and exercise, playing the sport they love, after so many months in lockdown.

If you want to find out when the games are on, or to see our latest results, please click on our website at **www.worcestercc.play-cricket.com**

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As we approach the start of the season is where the hard work starts, we would normally be planning social events and our ever-popular fireworks night we hope to do the same this year but will be sure to follow the government advice on large gatherings. Please keep an eye on our social media for updates.

As well as new cricketers, we also welcome new volunteers and sponsors. There are many opportunities to help in fundraising, coaching, social media, communications and groundwork etc. Being part of a voluntary organisation with a vibrant social side can be a rewarding and energising experience, if you are interested in being involved in club life please get in touch. All Club volunteers receive training and are vetted according to the DBS scheme. Please contact our chairman – his details are below.

Finally, just to wish you all good health and continued wellbeing in these challenging times and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Dormston Cook, Chairman
07595 531233 - dormston@worcesterwheels.org.uk

Facebook: @WorcesterCricketClub
Web: www.worcestercc.play-cricket.com
Twitter: @Worcester_CC

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severn side parishes

As things remain somewhat uncertain in terms of restrictions, please see our notice boards and social media sites for information on services. A digital service is broadcast each week at 10.30 am.

www.severnsideparishes.co.uk

Severn side Parishes

You Tube :

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9Ol31B-fyZ4aahnsue_qeA

Facebook:

@severnsideparishes or @nortonchurch

Parking in Littleworth

Please can drivers park considerately and safely to ensure the safety of our children, residents and those using the village.

Cars are being parked on yellow lines, at junctions, blocking drives and pavements, and are potentially causing access problems for emergency vehicles.

Please remember that the car park at the Parish Hall remains open for use for school time parking, as does the car park at The Retreat.

We have received reports of parking issues across the Parish and hope that the following helps to clarify how these can be reported (including vehicle registration numbers where possible):

- Parking on double/single yellow lines (within the time period relating to the restriction where time limited). Contact Wychavon DC Parking Team: 01386 565009 at the time or email details to: parking@wychavon.gov.uk
- Parking causing an obstruction (where not on yellow lines). Phone the Police at the time using the 101 non-emergency phone number (unless it is an emergency situation when phone 999)
- If the parking appears related to school, also contact the school to highlight the situation by phoning 01905 820420.

We appreciate that the majority of drivers park considerately and thank you for this.

Important

Please contact the organisers of any activities/events/meetings detailed within this newsletter to check on current plans due to Covid-19



County Mobile Library Timetable

Enquiries about this service should be made as follows:
Tel: 01905 822722
Email: mobilelibraries@worcestershire.gov.uk
Website: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk and search 'mobile libraries'



Worcester Norton Community Interest Company (WNCIC) - Chairman's Report Winter/Spring 2021

Over the years there have been many questions asked regarding Parish Council (PC) support to Worcester Norton Sports Club Ltd (WNSC Ltd), and many times I have written explaining that they were a private company and therefore ineligible for support from public funds. I'm therefore delighted to report that Worcester Norton Community Interest Company (WNCIC) has now been established, enabling the public funds to at last be accessed.

WNCIC has been formed with seven board members: members of the shooting club, cricket club, and croquet club, a landlord representative, a member of the Parish Council, and two members of the local community. The vision for the company is to create a community hub for the local community, while also enabling the on-site clubs to continue to flourish.

There are currently two big hurdles to surmount: the agreement of a forty-year lease from WNSC Ltd to WNCIC, and the matching of available funds to aspiration. The former is in the throes of being negotiated, but without that agreement between landlord (WNSC Ltd) and tenant (WNCIC) there can be no public money. Suffice to say that everyone is keen to see the best possible outcome for the site, and it is hoped that an agreement can be reached soon. The latter is again entirely achievable, but some serious negotiation is required….

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Originally the plan for the development was based upon the supposed availability of £2M. This was subsequently determined to be £1.4M. Closer scrutiny then determined it to be £1.04M. The architects that were engaged produced a plan based upon the £1.4M figure and it is that for which Planning Permission is currently being sought. Clearly that leaves a gap between aspiration and reality but having engaged with Wychavon District Council (WDC) on the issue, all parties are confident that the gap can be bridged, and negotiations are ongoing to do exactly that. The S106 funding that makes up the project funding comes in various amounts at various times and it is the smoothing of that flow that will allow the project to proceed.

The project itself is extremely exciting: the demolishment and complete re-build of the changing rooms, which will be linked directly to the Sergeants Mess and have a new badminton court sized sports hall behind it, and the complete refurbishment of the Grade II (by curtilage) listed Sergeants Mess. Due to the conditions set upon some elements of the funding, the first ‘spade in the ground’ must take place by Sep 21, and at present there is nothing to suggest that this will not be achieved. The old married quarters, or groundsman’s houses (also Grade II listed by curtilage) on the cricket pitch will also be refurbished, but it’s presently unclear when this will take place.

This has been a long time coming, and it is hoped that something of benefit for the whole community can be realised.

Kevin Fincher
Chairman
Worcester Norton Community Interest Company

We are pleased to announce the formation of a new company, the Worcester Norton Community Interest Company (WNCIC).

WNCIC will manage and develop the sports club facilities at the Gordon Jones Memorial Ground on Brockhill Lane.

A community interest company (or CIC) is a special form of a non-charitable limited company, which exists primarily to benefit a community; and with a clear commitment of pursuing a social purpose, rather than to make a profit for share-holders.

Worcester Norton Sport Club Ltd will retain ownership of the land but all the land and assets (except the Shooting Club) will be on a long lease at a peppercorn rent to WNCIC.

The new WNCIC has access to funds to carry out ambitious and exciting development plans for the benefit of the whole community.

In brief the proposed plans include refurbishment of the Clubhouse building (including the demolition of the cricket changing facilities), and the construction of a multi-function community hall and cricket pavilion, including alterations to the existing car park, drainage and landscaping.

The new build Community Hall will include a usable space of circa 180-200 square metres and will be capable of flexible use, for example:

- Local Youth Club, Rainbows, Cubs, Scouts etc.
- Indoor Sports e.g Badminton, Volleyball, Squash ,Table Tennis, Short Mat bowls etc.
- Health and Fitness e.g. Aerobics, Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Dance, Martial Arts
- Community uses e.g. Lunch clubs, Parties, Events, Meetings, Exhibitions, U3A, etc.

The new Community Hall will be complemented by a fully renovated Club House and its internal facilities.The existing building is currently in a very poor state of repair. It was the original Worcestershire Regiment Sergeants Mess and is Grade II listed by curtilage of the barracks building with an historic value to the local area. The renovation will be thorough but will ensure that the aesthetic value of the building within the local community and setting is kept.



Above: An image of the cricket changing room element with the Clubhouse in the far left.



Above: A general aerial view of the proposal

Below: A view of the proposal from the existing car park, showing the retained boundary wall and the new building in-situ





Above: A view from the cricket pitch towards the north-eastern gable.

2034: Worcester Norton Community Hall
Proposed 3D views

BOUGHTON BUTLER
ARCHITECTURE - PLANNING - DEVELOPMENT

WNCIC has already submitted a planning application for this work and if successful it is hoped that work will commence in autumn 2021

Find out more :
About CICs - https://www.gov.uk/set-up-a-social-enterprise

About the planning application - https://nortonjuxtakempseyparish-council.org/category/news/ - 17/01/2021

3D “fly-through” of the planned development - https://youtu.be/2U5h2AFRUjc

(Article submitted by the directors of WNCIC)

See also the Parish Council Chairman’s Report and the WNCIC Chairman’s Report published elsewhere in this Newsletter to read how the Parish Council is working closely with the CIC. The directors appreciate their ongoing support.

Worcester Norton Shooting Club

Affiliated to – MLAGB - UKPSA - NRA

Norton Barracks Brockhill Lane Norton Worcester DY5 2PP

NEW Web Site: www.wnsc.co.uk



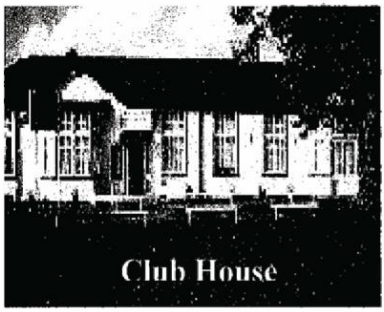
Worcester Norton Shooting Club as part of Worcester Norton Sports Club Limited have been operating since 1982 and are pleased to offer a variety of facilities for the use of air gun, small bore & full bore shooting plus limited shotgun opportunities.

With nearly 300 members covering an age range of 6 to 70+ we offer a friendly, safe and welcoming Club environment for all shooting interests. Our Club Range Officers are CRB vetted and many hold National Rifle Association additional qualifications.

If you wish to visit our club please contact either the Chairperson or General Secretary through the Clubs Website.

Worcester Norton Sports Club Limited also includes a Cricket Section and Social Membership.

Our main Club House facility is licensed and has function rooms available. Applications for Social Membership are open to all residents in the Norton area.



Call in & see what you're missing!

NORTON Brockhill Village NHW

A neighbourhood watch scheme exists to serve the Norton Brockhill Village area. The objective of this group is to share information on neighbourhood issues within the local community and encourage members to stay vigilant and report incidents.

The scheme is run by members of the West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch team working in partnership with West Mercia Police, Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council and the Pershore Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The group are using digital technology to monitor, report and respond to incidents. WhatsApp and Facebook groups are used by members to communicate in real time, which allows the community to spread the word instantly if issues or incidents are reported. For more information, or to join the Norton scheme then please see our Neighbourhood watch website or Facebook pages for more information:

https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/36764/norton-crookbarrow-road/

Thank you for helping to keep Norton a safe area for local residents!

In partnership with the West Mercia Pershore Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team

Reporting of Police Matters

The Pershore Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) is working with partners to tackle the issues causing most concern in your neighbourhood which could include subjects such as anti-social behaviour and speeding.

Due to the Covid-19 impact, the SNT is no longer carrying out the PACT surgeries but any non-urgent concerns or matters can still be reported to the Police as follows:

Telephone: 101

Online reporting form:
https://www.westmercia.police.uk/a/your-area/west-mercia/south-worcestershire/norton-and-whittington/?introducingyourlocalpolicingteam=contactus

Emergencies should continue to be reported using 999

DOG WALKERS

We have received reports of dogs being walked off lead in fields were livestock is grazing.

Please can walkers ensure they only use public rights of way and also keep dogs on leads when walking in areas with livestock present.

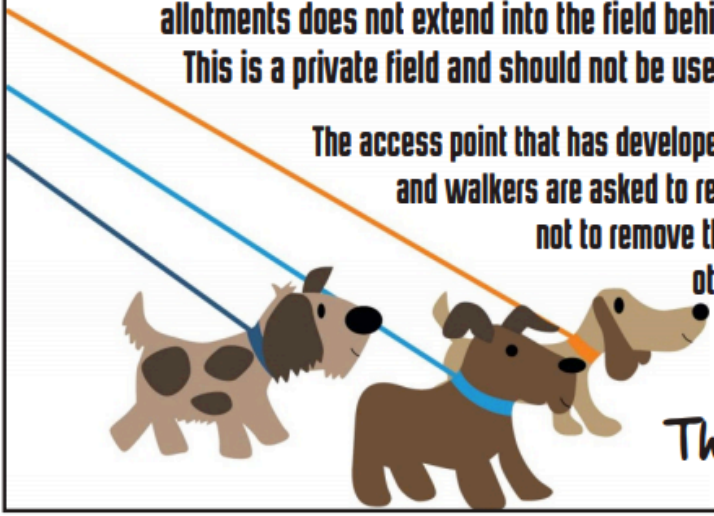
Thank you.



Dog Walking in Littleworth

Please note that the public right of way that runs along the back of the allotments does not extend into the field behind the allotments. This is a private field and should not be used for dog walking.

The access point that has developed is being removed and walkers are asked to respect this and also not to remove the farmer's fencing, otherwise sheep will escape from the field.



Thank you



Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Worcestershire will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

Norton-juxta-Kempsey 2021 Annual Parish Meeting

After such an extraordinary 12 months, we would like to invite you to join us at our 2021 Annual Parish Meeting.

Arrangements for the meeting are being finalised and will comply with the Government Covid-19 guidelines. The meeting will be held on either Tuesday 5 May or Wednesday 6 May at 7.30pm, with this likely to be held virtually via Zoom. The date and meeting arrangements will be confirmed as soon as possible, with details placed on the Parish noticeboards, the Parish Council website www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org and the Parish Council Facebook Page www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil

You may ask, 'what is an Annual Parish Meeting?'….

The Annual Parish Meeting is open to residents and provides an opportunity for you to learn more about the area in which you live, to outline your wishes and desires for the future and to ask any questions that you may have.

The law requires the Parish Council to hold an annual meeting between 1 March and 1 June which is open to all residents (Local Government Act 1972), where the Council presents a summary of its activities over the last year and its plans for the for the coming year. The meeting also includes a report from the District and County Councillor and items that the Parish Council considers to be of specific interest to residents e.g. South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) Review, Parkway Station development/Active Travel Corridor, Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

An agenda will be produced closer to the date and, if a topic requires a vote, only electors registered in the Parish may vote.

The Council also invites other organisations to give a presentation on their past activities and future plans. Presentations have, in the past, included Norton Parish Hall Trustees, NJK CE First School, Norton Worcestershire Regiment Group, Norton Theatre Group, St. James the Great Church, Norton Methodist Church, Royal British Legion – Littleworth and District Branch, Worcester Norton Sports Club and the Police.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to attend so that you can give us your feedback and so that the audience is fully representative of the Parish.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your views.

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

The Royal British Legion

Littleworth and District Branch



NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

YOUR LEGION WORKING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

We would welcome any new members and currently hold our meetings approximately every 8 weeks at Norton Parish Hall, Littleworth.

If you would like further details, please contact us on the phone numbers below.

CONTACT:

David Field 07858 399 415 david.field@sky.com

Pam Hammond (Secretary)

07522 928 249 daz836@hotmail.com

Apply early to vote by post or proxy in this May's elections

Residents are being urged to apply early if they are thinking of voting by post or proxy in the upcoming May elections.
Voters go to the polls on Thursday, 6 May to elect a new West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner and councillors to represent them on Worcestershire County Council.

Arrangements are being made to make sure people can vote in person at these elections. Covid-19 Secure measures will be in place at polling stations including one-way systems, regular sanitising of common touchpoints and ventilation where possible. Because of this people may not be able to vote at their usual polling station so should check their poll card carefully when they start to arrive at the end of March/early April.

Voters will also be asked to bring their own pen or pencil to make their mark on their ballot paper and will have to wear a face covering unless legally exempt. Social distancing will also be in place.

Anyone who would prefer to vote from the safety of their own home though can do so by applying for a postal vote or can send someone else to vote for them – known as a proxy vote. The deadline for applying for a postal vote for this election is 20 April 2021 at 5pm and a proxy vote at 5pm on 27 April 2021.

Details of how to apply can be found at
www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections

Anyone who has recently moved house or just turned 18 may need to register to vote.
This can be done online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Alternatively, you can telephone Wychavon District Council on 01386 565000 and ask to speak to Electoral Services.

Electoral Services
Wychavon District Council

During the winter lockdown, as a school community, we have reflected on our school values more than ever.

You may overhear school staff saying that school is a busy place, but it's only when you pause and reflect that you can truly appreciate the scale of what has been accomplished.
Despite the unsettled year due to Covid-19, pupils at NJK have achieved and experienced some remarkable things. Despite some families being in more need than ever it is during exceptional times like these that as individuals we show ***courage*** and we remember that together, whether 'physically or virtually' we can, accomplish more, ***love*** more and be less alone.



Families have embraced online learning and our pupils continue to be given opportunities to excel academically, physically, creatively and spiritually. At NJK we have enthusiastically taken part in virtual sports competitions and won awards and eagerly contributed to a Guinness World record attempt. We have also passionately contemplated different faiths during Interfaith week. We learnt that there is far more commonality than difference between people, particularly when caring for our planet is concerned.

The staff, pupils and families of NJK have reached out to raise money for local charities, collect and deliver food bank parcels, mailed birthday cards to Sir Captain Tom Moore and sent letters, pictures and sung Christmas songs 'virtually' to local care home residents. Their ***compassion*** shows no end.
The PTA have worked tirelessly to ensure that a Covid-Safe 'bubble' based Christmas Fayre was able to take place, which alongside the newly introduced half termly class birthday party has helped to lift spirits.
Pupils have also created and displayed art work to show their ***respect*** and to thank all NHS and keyworker staff with many of their own parents fulfilling these roles. Earlier in the year windows were adorned with hearts and rainbows, reminding us

It was with great pride that each and every child made their own Christmas bauble to hang collectively on the school tree at the Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival and all the Reception children starred in NJK's first ever Nativity film.

Together, as a school community, we continue to find ways to ***discover, develop and maximise potential and share our love and joy of learning.***







Unfortunately, pupils have experienced loss. Loss of freedom, loss of choice, loss of ***friendships*** and loss of loved ones. Now more than ever before, we can remind ourselves that in the journey of life, we pass pleasures and pain, there will be sunshine and rain. There will be loss and gain but we must learn to smile again and again.
In the words of Sir Captain Tom Moore "tomorrow will be a good day" and in those words we should hope and ***trust.*** In true style, NJK's school council and staff already have ideas on how to best remember the life of this man who was a beacon of hope and resilience for many.

As spring approaches and pupils learn about Easter, we teach the importance of ***forgiveness*** and the need for fresh starts. We are all ready for a fresh start where friends and families can come together safely, all parents and pupils are welcomed back into schools and we can plan community-based projects for the future.
As this edition goes to press, pupils are preparing for the culmination of Children's Mental Health week by expressing themselves, understanding their emotions and learning how to care for their own mental health and wellbeing. Currently, mastering these skills is as, if not more critical as reading and writing, to their future success.

So, it is accurate to say that school is a busy place.
Why not take a look at our website?
There is always something quite remarkable going on.
https://www.nortonprimary.worcs.sch.uk/

Mowing of Grass Verges at Brockhill

Despite this seeming quite a straightforward activity, due to the complexities of who owns and is responsible for various areas of green space/verges, it unfortunately isn't.

In response to feedback received regarding mowing of the small areas of grass at Brockhill (those that are situated between the pavement and the road), we are seeking to clarify the situation. These areas are Worcestershire County Council (WCC) highways verges and are the responsibility of WCC to maintain, however the WCC mowing schedule is not frequent enough to keep these areas tidy within their setting. We are very grateful to those residents who mow the small verges that are in close proximity to their home, as this helps to reduce costs to the Parish Council, but we appreciate that this isn't something that all residents are able to do.

To keep these small areas of grass tidy, the Parish Council arranges for mowing as a top up to the WCC maintenance schedule during the growing season. We ask motorists not to park vehicles on these verges as this destroys the surface and makes mowing difficult.

This Parish Council arranged work doesn't extend to 'service strip' areas that form part of, or are adjacent to, residents' gardens and generally fall within property boundaries.

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

Norton Baby and Toddler Group

Thursday from 10am-11.30am (term time only)

Norton Parish Hall

A friendly and welcoming group run by parents for babies, toddlers and their parents/carers.

Activities, toys, crafts, singing and refreshments for adults and children included.

£2 (plus £1 for each extra child).

Norton Parish Hall, Wadborough Rd, Littleworth Nr Norton, Worcestershire WR5 2QB

Find us on facebook Norton Toddler Group



Norton Pre-School

Offering high quality care for children 0-5 years.

*Flexible hours *2 Early Years Teachers *Secure garden *Forest School

Funded places available for eligible 2 & 3yrs old, 15 or 30hrs per week.

Open 0800 – 1600 Mon – Fri

(Additional hours negotiable)

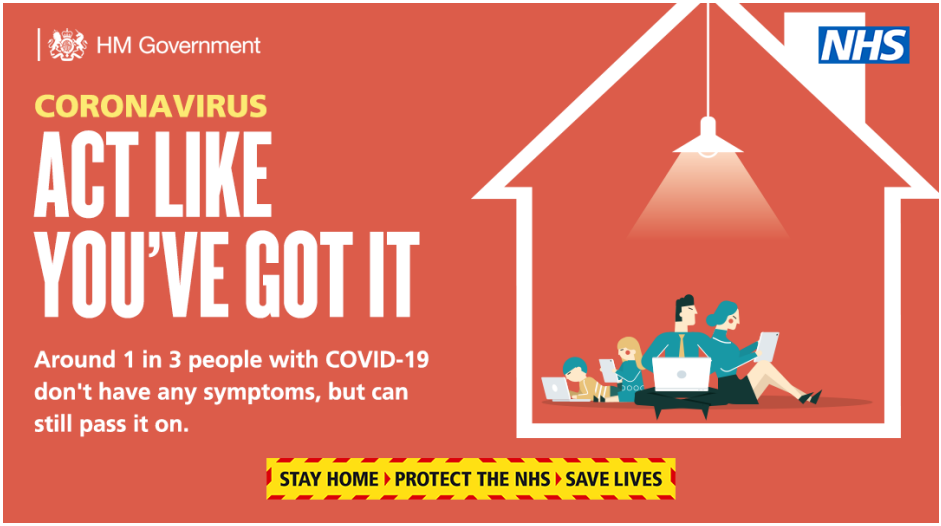
Look at our website for full details

www.nortonpreschool.org

Or call Helen Hope on 07813343545

Visit us at the rear of Norton Parish Hall, Wadborough Rd Littleworth. WR52QB (No appointment necessary)





Remember all the latest Covid guidance and support available in our Parish can be found on the Wychavon website.

https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/coronavirus-covid-19-update

or by phoning Wychavon on 01386 565000



NORTON PARISH HALL



Our facilities

- The Freeman Windsor hall and kitchen (capacity 200)
- The Sparling meeting room (capacity 20)
- Family friendly coffee shop and bar (capacity 50)
- Large children's play area
- Sports field
- Free parking for over 100 cars



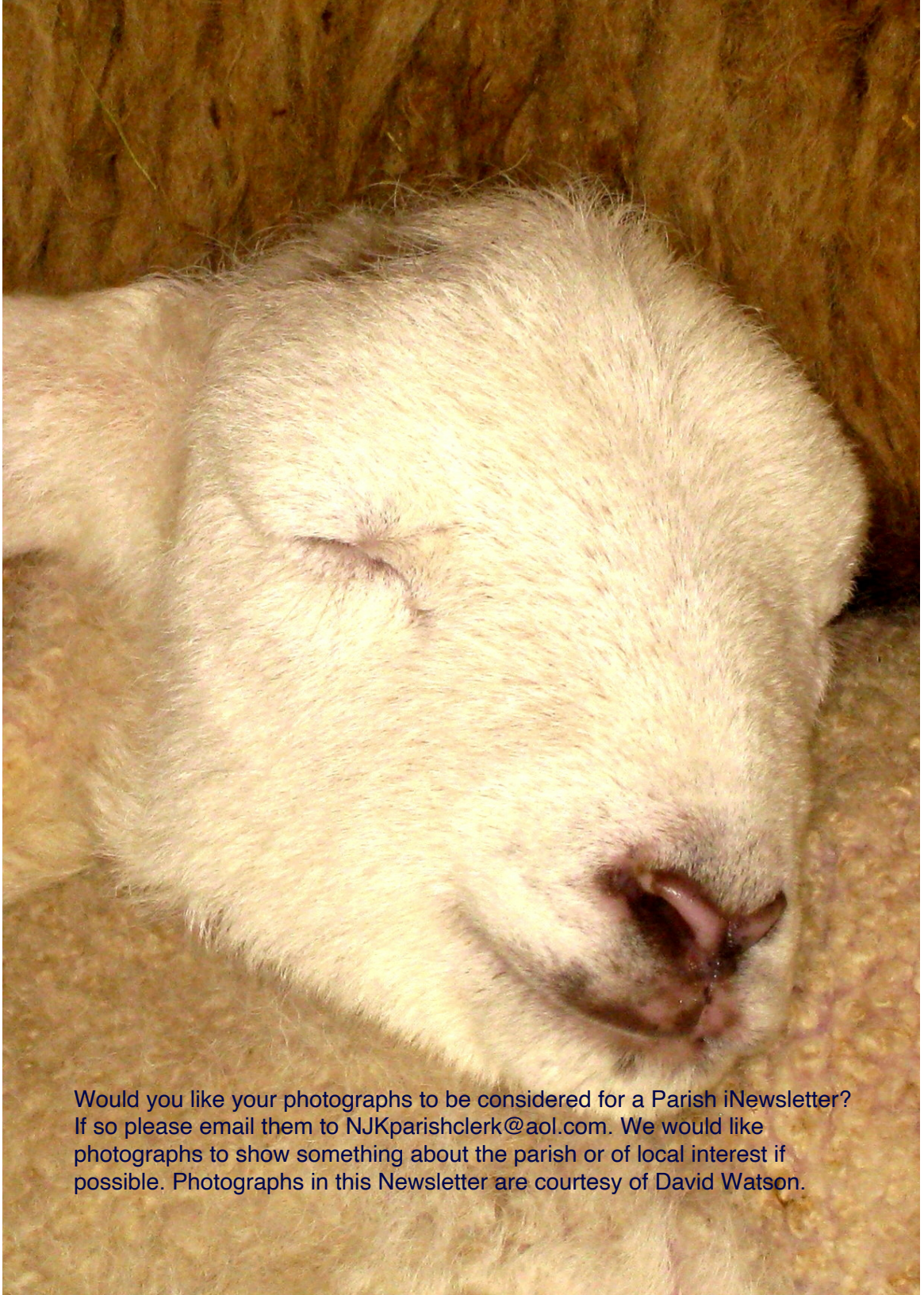
Transformed for a wedding reception



Our stylish coffee shop can be hired for exclusive use

For more information and booking enquiries contact
Ally on 07714 673915 or njkparishhall@gmail.com
Visit www.nortonparishhall.co.uk
Follow us on Facebook to find out about our latest events @nortonparishhall

NORTON PARISH HALL, WADBOROUGH ROAD, LITTLEWORTH, NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE, WR5 2QB



Would you like your photographs to be considered for a Parish iNewsletter? If so please email them to NJKparishclerk@aol.com. We would like photographs to show something about the parish or of local interest if possible. Photographs in this Newsletter are courtesy of David Watson.