

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

NEWSLETTER



Spring 2024

Parish Councillor Responsibilities

(January 2024)

(in addition to general Council responsibilities)



Chairman: Cllr. Fincher

Vice-Chairman: Cllr. Job

Allotments: Cllr. Richmond

Bus Services/Norton Connector: Cllr. Waizeneker

Flooding and Drainage Matters: Cllr. Arrow

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

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group/Parish Aspirations Review:

Cllr. Arrow, Cllr. Pollard, Cllr Waizeneker

Parish Green Spaces Working Group:

Cllr. Arrow, Cllr. Fincher, Cllr. Waizeneker, Mr Perks*

Parish Hall Representatives:

Cllr. Fincher (Parish Council Chairman & Hall Trustees Chairman),

Cllr. Dawson

Planning Matters:

Cllr. Richmond (Lead Councillor), Cllr. Fincher, Cllr. Pollard

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

Police Liaison: Cllr. Job

Public Rights of Way: Worcs County Council Parish Paths Warden

Social Media and Website: Cllr. Pollard

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review/Infrastructure Matters:

Cllr. Fincher, Cllr. Waizeneker, Cllr Pollard, Cllr Arrow

Worcester Norton Community Interest Company Representative:

Cllr. Fincher (Parish Council Chairman & Chair of WNCIC)

Worcester Norton Regiment Group Liaison: Cllr. Job

* co-opted members (non-Parish Councillors)



Do you want to know what's happening in our Parish?

Did you know that the Parish Council has:

A website www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org

A Facebook page www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil

An online newsletter

www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/newsletters

An email news service:

enter your email address in the Subscribe box at

www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org

If websites, emails and Facebook aren't for you then:

- Keep an eye on the Parish Council noticeboards
- Request a printed copy of our quarterly newsletter delivered to your door by contacting our Parish Clerk

Jane Greenway:

Phone: 07955 756528

Post: 18 Corunna Close, Norton, Worcs WR5 2PW

Email: NJKparishclerk@aol.com

Other Parish Information



In addition to the items included in this newsletter, information for Norton Parish Hall, the Sergeants Mess (the new name for Worcester Norton Sports Club Ltd/WNCIC Clubhouse) and St James Church, can be found via the following links:

Parish Council:

www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org

www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil

Norton Parish Hall:

www.nortonparishhall.co.uk

www.facebook.com/nortonparishhall

Worcester Norton Community Interest Company (WNCIC):

www.wncic.co.uk

www.facebook.com/worcesternortonci

St James Church, Norton:

<https://www.severnsideparishes.co.uk/norton>

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<https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/privacy-statement/>

Our Newsletters



Thank you for your feedback about our Parish Council Newsletters, which are 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 register to receive a hard copy of all 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 by post to : Mrs Jane Greenway, 18 Corunna Close, Norton, Worcs WR5 2PW

Name:.....

Address:.....

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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: 07955 756528

Post: 18 Corunna Close, Norton, Worcs WR5 2PW

By visiting our website: www.nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org

Via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil



Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

2024 Meeting Dates

18 January, 22 February, 21 March, 25 April,
23 May (Annual Parish Council Meeting),
20 June, 18 July, 26 September,
24 October and 28 November.
Annual Parish Meeting: 9 May 2024



All dates are 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

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Parish Council (PC) Chairman's Report – Feb 2024

If you have been out and about in Brockhill, you will have seen that a lot is going on around the cricket pitch. Worcester Norton Community Interest Company (WNCIC) work on the Sergeants Mess commenced in earnest in January and what was initially a clear-out has now moved on to demolishing!



Sergeants Mess - Front view 04/02/2024



Sergeants Mess – Rear view 04/02/2024

The works are scheduled for 21 weeks, hopefully bringing it to completion w/c 11 June 2024, and soon after that WNCIC (now responsible for it) will be holding an opening event to welcome the community. You may wonder what is happening to the Cricket Club's fixtures that commence in April, but they will go ahead as normal with temporary facilities.

Moving on to the wall along the Active Travel Corridor (ATC) in Brockhill Lane, the Worcestershire County Council (WCC) works demolition phase is now complete, with efforts now turning to completion of the foundations. The original foundations were no more than two feet deep, but as the photographs show, the new foundations are substantial.



Brockhill Lane wall looking towards the Church Lane junction – 04/02/2024

The fact that the wall is missing along most of its length also afford views not seen in decades, and unlikely to be seen again.



Brockhill Lane wall looking towards the Church Lane junction – 04/02/2024

Before moving off activity around the cricket pitch, dog fouling and damage to the cricket square is becoming an increasing issue. The majority that use the area are responsible dog owners, keeping their dogs under control and using the bins provided for their waste, but there is an increasing number who do not control their dogs or keep them on a lead, and allow their dogs to dig, foul and generally abuse the site (in particular the cricket square) without consideration for those trying to keep it properly maintained. If you see abuse of this nature taking place, please call it out so that responsible users can continue to benefit from the space and the cricket club can maintain it for their sport.

Moving on to the Active Travel Corridor (ATC) running between St Peter's and the Parkway Station, it continues to cause heartache. More and more pedestrians are using the ATC to access the station and footfall is only likely to increase as the days get longer. WCC, who owns the thoroughfare, has not acquitted itself well in its establishment of the ATC, and the section from The Retreat to Worcestershire Parkway is particularly dangerous. Having been denied the request for the Parish Council (PC) to address the County Council on the matter at a Full Council meeting, we can only continue to harangue them by email and seek meetings. If you have an opinion regarding the inadequacy of the ATC, please express it to your WCC Councillor, Linda Robinson (email: lrobinson2@worcestershire.gov.uk, Tel: 07563 399254).

As we do this time every year, the PC sets its budget. The budget it sets is taken via individual Council Tax payments and paid to the PC as its precept, the amount it needs to provide the services within the parish for the forthcoming year. Having not changed it last year, rising prices have compelled us to increase it this year, submitting a budget requirement of £65,324 to Wychavon District Council (WDC), which equates to an annual increase of £3.52 (5.6%) for Band D Council Tax. Among other things, the 2024/25 budget will allow for the continued operation of the Norton Connector and will provide match funding towards the biodiversity projects being progressed by the Parish Green Spaces Working Group (PGSWG). This includes the re-wilding of several areas of land that the PC owns and the creation of a nature trail including hides and information boards.

Hopefully, many of you saw Alice in Wonderland at the Parish Hall. It was sold out for each performance and by popular opinion was their best performance yet! The age range of those involved is fantastic, from primary school to seriously retired, but everyone plays their part, and there were some definite budding thespians in this year's cast! It's not been decided what next year's production is yet...will Puss be trying on new boots? Will Genie have moved on from living in a lamp? Or will the scriptwriter be writing something new and fantastic? They're not sure yet, but when they decide, they'd love to hear from you <http://facebook.com/nortontheatregroup>



The cast of Alice in Wonderland, Norton Theatre Group production 2024

When I wrote my last newsletter it was 55 sleeps till Christmas and Norton and Whittington PCs had managed to convince Santa to visit Norton and Littleworth on 2nd and 8th Dec respectively. We're pleased to say that he did, and many of you turned out to see him, much to his delight! Including the Whittington Parish visits the elves raised £1,500, which was then doubled by DHL to £3,000 and split between St Richards Hospice and Worcester Wheels (who provide our very own Norton Connector). We're hoping to convince him to come back next year!

I've mentioned previously that The Littleworth and District Royal British Legion was in danger of closing due to a lack of members. I'm now pleased to report that it's no longer in danger, having recruited the statutory 15 required to continue, but it could always do with more! For the Poppy Appeal this year the group raised £10,040.70, which I hope you'll agree, is not bad for a branch that was very close to closure! Reinvigorated by its newfound numbers, it's currently in the process of arranging an 80th Anniversary of D-Day Dinner & Dance at the Parish Hall (1930, Saturday 8 June, tickets on sale soon). If you would like to become a member, it meets on the third Thursday of every month in the Parish Hall Coffee Shop.

Hopefully, you've all noticed that the beds around The Sentry have now been planted. Plants from overseas where the Worcester Regiment has served on one side, and plants from the UK in the other, flanked by two Worcester Black Pear trees. The oak tree in the Platinum Jubilee seat has also been re-planted the previous one having not survived the transplant from the Parish Hall. The seat being securely anchored to the ground, it wasn't an easy job...



The Chairman and Clerk took the action to replace the oak tree....

It is with sadness that I pass on the news of the passing of David (Dave) Fletcher. A resident of Littleworth and our Parish Council Groundsman and Litter-picker for many years. He will have been a familiar face to many of you around the parish. David had a long-diagnosed brain tumour and regrettably, it was this that took a turn for the worse just before Christmas, with him eventually passing away on 6 Feb 24. I have passed on the parish's condolences to his family. I understand Dave's wishes were for a direct cremation without a funeral. I will circulate details of any celebration of his life for those of you who might wish to attend when known.

As I always do, finally a shout-out to all the volunteers doing their thing! There are all sorts of things going on, not forgetting those who volunteer to run and constantly improve the facilities that host the various events! Without them (perhaps you?) we wouldn't be able to do as much as we do in a parish that is the envy of many other parishes around us. Everyone is welcome, especially younger members of the community seeking Work Experience or Duke of Edinburgh Award validation. If anything in this report makes you think that you would like to become involved, please contact us; it's your parish and you can make a difference!

Cllr Kevin Fincher
Chairman
Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council
(NJKPC)



South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Update

As a reminder, the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR) covers development requirements out to 2041. It calls for a further 14,000 new homes across the three South Worcestershire Councils (Worcester City, Malvern Hills and Wychavon) by 2041. Of these, and with a major impact on Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish, 5,000 will be in Parkway Garden Town – mostly to the east of Worcestershire Parkway Station (WPS) - together with associated infrastructure – town centre, roads, schools etc... A further 5,000 homes are intended after 2041.

The SWDPR was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in late September 2023. Inspectors have been appointed and a dedicated webpage has been set up www.localplanservices.co.uk/swdpreview This details the progress of the examination and includes questions submitted to the Local Planning Authority to date and its responses.

We do not know how long the examination process will take, but estimates suggest most of 2024, with SWDPR then ready for formal adoption by the three South Worcestershire councils in late 2024 or early 2025.

Prospective developers for the land across the B4084 from Parkway Station, and the Merton College land between Woodbury Lane and the M5, have set up a website to share their vision: www.wpnewsettlement.co.uk The developers have indicated a second round of consultation in early 2024.

The Parish Council continues to engage with the SWDPR, and with the various developers with their emerging visions, striving to influence plans and to gain the best outcome for the Parish. Our Neighbourhood Plan is an important tool in seeking to manage developments within the Parish, with some recent success. We reiterate that whilst few of us are likely to be in favour of this development, against the backdrop of a national housing shortage, it is unrealistic to expect to stop this altogether, but please be assured that we are working hard to manage its impact.

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council



Community Update & Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 9 May 2024, 7.30pm
Norton Parish Hall, Littleworth

Come along and join us to find out what's happening in your Parish.

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 Parish Council presents a summary of its activities over the last year and its future plans. The meeting also includes reports from District and County Councillors, including items that are considered to be of specific interest to residents e.g. South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) Review. The Council also invites other organisations and groups to give presentations on their activities and plans at the meeting.

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

If you would like to take a look at the Information Booklet produced for our 2023 meeting, this can be found on the Parish Council website via this link: <https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/annual-parish-meetings/>

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your feedback.

Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

The Norton Connector and Other Bus Services

The Norton Connector community minibus provides transport for those members of our parish without access to cars or who prefer to use public transport. Usage of the service, operated for the Parish Council by our friends at Worcester Wheels, continues to increase steadily.

Through the continued flexibility of Worcester Wheels, the funding we originally had has now been stretched to support the minibus well into 2024. Beyond that we continue to look at alternative ways of financing the service, the Parish Council is determined to maintain this important community service.

If you would like to make use of the Norton Connector, call Worcester Wheels on 01905 450654. For more information about the Norton Connector see the Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council website:

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

It is interesting to see Worcester County Council is launching a trial Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) minibus service covering Kempsey, Malvern and Upton. The eastern end of the area touches on Norton-juxta-Kempsey and if you live in Hatfield or Norton (around the church) you should be able to access the service. At present residents of Littleworth and Brockhill will not be able to use it, but that may come in future.

The DRT service will operate similarly to the Norton Connector in that you book a ride when you want from a nearby pick-up point to wherever in the area you want to go to. Apart from destinations inside the area covered you can also use it to go to Parkway station and St Peters Tesco/Aldi/B&M, but not to Worcester. The service can be booked through an “app” or by phone. Further details and how to use this service can be found via the following link (or search for Worcestershire on Demand).

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/bus-travel-worcestershire/worcestershire-demand>

We should emphasise this new DRT service is entirely separate to the Norton Connector and the Norton Connector will continue to operate exactly as it does at present.

Other nearby bus services, the X50 (hourly) and 32 (approximately half-hourly) operate much as before at the edges of the parish. You may even have seen the occasional 54 creeping through our villages – this is primarily aimed at getting students to and from Pershore High School and only runs on schooldays.

Councillor John Waizeneker
Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

Reporting of Highway Issues



If you see an issue relating to a road or pavement, please report it to Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Highways via the following link:

[Report-road-or-path-issue](#)

Examples of reportable items include:

- Highway flooding
- Gritting/snow clearance (including grit bin matters)
- Overgrown vegetation/hedges overhanging the carriageway/pavement
- Overhanging, damaged or fallen trees
- Potholes (carriageway/pavement)
- Damaged/loose kerbs/slabs
- Blocked/damaged highway gullies/culverts/grips
- Non-functioning/damaged street lights/traffic signals
- Damaged road signs
- Faded/missing road markings

The Norton Connector



The Norton Connector is the Community Minibus operated by Worcester Wheels on behalf of Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council.

The service runs Monday to Friday 08.00 – 16.00 between any of the following pick-up/drop-off points:

PICK-UP POINT	DROP-OFF POINT	SINGLE FARE
• St Peters Tesco • Worcestershire Parkway Station • Brockhill • St Peters Garden Centre • Norton • Littleworth	• St Peters Tesco • Worcestershire Parkway Station • Brockhill • St Peters Garden Centre • Norton • Littleworth	£2 or £1 with bus pass
• St Peters Tesco • Worcestershire Parkway Station • Brockhill • St Peters Garden Centre • Norton • Littleworth	• Crowngate Worc • Trinity House Worc • Asda/B&M Lowesmoor • Lidl/Haresfield Surgery Newtown Road • Worcestershire Royal Hospital	£4 or £2 with bus pass

Please note this is a dial-up service operated by Worcester Wheels, a not-for-profit charity, and all passengers must book in advance. To use the Norton Connector you must be a member of Worcester Wheels.

To join Worcester Wheels or to book the Norton Connector call **01905 450654**

Lifetime membership is **free** and allows members to use the full range of Worcester Wheels services by arrangement. So in addition to the Norton Connector, you can book ongoing or separate travel to destinations not covered by the Norton Connector.

Read more about Worcester Wheels here: <https://worcesterwheels.org.uk/>

You can connect at Parkway Station to the X50 bus route to Worcester, Pershore and Evesham for ongoing journeys from the Norton Connector. Also Cross Country Trains to Birmingham and GWR trains to London plus many other destinations.

At St Peters you can connect to the 32 bus route to Worcester or Kempsey.

For full timetables and routes visit:

First Bus – <https://www.firstgroup.com/worcestershire>

Cross County- <https://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk>

GWR – <https://www.gwr.com>

A Green Vision for Norton-juxta-Kempsey (NJK) Parish

This largely rural parish is increasingly encroached on by development from all directions. Although theoretically the parish is intended to retain its rural character long term, pressures to build more houses continually threaten the “green-ness” of the parish. As a counter to this creeping concretion, NJK Parish Council is launching a long-term initiative to:

- Protect, enhance and add perpetual green spaces both within and adjacent to NJK both on Parish Council-owned land and where possible on land owned by other parties.
- Encourage and nurture biodiversity within those green spaces. In particular to support (and where appropriate, re-introduce) the heritage species once typical of the Worcestershire countryside.
- Inform residents and visitors alike on all aspects of the green spaces particularly as to the flora and fauna found there.
- Guide people with walking trails and routes to visit the green spaces safely and without adversely impacting the resident flora and fauna. Such routes will form part of the active travel network essential to promoting healthy living.
- Without impacting the biodiversity objectives, support other complementary themes such as art displays etc. To further encourage the healthy living theme, it is envisaged to include an outdoor gym and/or trim trail.

As stated above this will be a long-term initiative with an overall set of objectives and delivery plan. Delivery will be through a series of individual projects carried out as funding and resources become available. We hope to work with adjacent parishes and other bodies to spread these ambitions beyond Norton-juxta-Kempsey.

The Parish Council has set up a Green Spaces Working Group to oversee the implementation of the vision. Members of the Working Group currently are from the Parish Council and other interested parties.

If you would like to participate either as a member of the Working Group or in helping to fulfil a specific project please contact our Parish Clerk, Jane Greenway (Email: NJKparishclerk@aol.com Tel: 07955 756528).

Parish Council Social Media/Website Communications Report

Although we realise that not everyone is a Facebook fan it has developed into a very good means of quick communication with a large number of people. Our page now has 679 followers, up by 10 since the winter newsletter, which is nearly 30% of the adult population of our Parish.

The Facebook page concentrates on local news and public information and has become an important source of information, including for people outside our Parish. Always hugely popular are posts regarding local road closures and very local information, often news that can't be found anywhere else. An example of that local information is that we have now started to publish local planning applications with links to enable people to view documents and comment directly.

What could be regarded as “information-only” posts from various government bodies that we publish prove to be the most uninspiring in terms of the number of views, but something we feel that we must continue to do despite this.

To complement Facebook we also publish our news and information on our website, in quarterly newsletters and via free “Parish News” email subscriptions. Additionally, we use local notice boards and banners when it is appropriate. We are always looking to improve our communications further so please let us know if you have any ideas for opportunities to extend our coverage to even more local residents.

Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/NJKParishcouncil>

You can read all our News and quarterly Newsletters which are published at the beginning of March, June, September and December by visiting our website at:

<https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/category/news/>

While you are there hit the subscribe button at the bottom of the page to keep yourself up to date with local news directly to your email inbox. We have a growing list of subscribers which is good to see and you can unsubscribe at any time.

The online publication of the quarterly Parish Newsletter is now well established but that doesn't mean we are neglecting those of you who prefer to read a printed version. We still print and deliver a limited number of copies directly to homes, as well as placing some for general distribution in the Parish Hall, the Retreat, St Peters Garden Centre and on the Norton Connector bus. If you or someone you know wish to receive a printed version, this is available upon request, by contacting Jane Greenway, Parish Clerk by email: NJKparishclerk@aol.com or by sending a request by post to: Jane Greenway, Parish Clerk, 18 Corunna Close, Norton, Worcs WR5 2PW.

The website continues to attract a large number of visitors averaging around 1,500 per month. Why not pay us a visit? It's packed with lots of local history and information including all our Parish Council meeting minutes and other publicly available documents. We have recently added a new page in the information section called "My Local Area". It's an excellent mapping tool provided by Wychavon and it gives you lots of information about any particular address. Super for newcomers to the area.

Website: <https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org>

We have not forgotten non-FB users and recently printed and delivered a Parish Information flyer through every door.



Finally, if you are a local business then you can advertise FREE on our website Business Directory. Almost every day there are social media posts from people asking "Does anyone know a good local plumber/carpet fitter/electrician etc." We want to make our website the "go-to" site to find local businesses. If you are a local business or know someone who would like to advertise with us, then please let us know. The Business Directory (with a listing both alphabetically and by category) could develop into a useful resource where people could get the details of local businesses and tradespeople which might not be easy to find anywhere else.

Councillor Martin Pollard

Social Media & Website Communications February 2024

Allotments Report – Spring 2024

Spring has finally sprung! With warmer weather and longer days ahead, a great time to be outside digging and planting!

As always, a warm welcome to our new allotment holders; we do hope you are enjoying your plots.

We have launched a Facebook group dedicated to allotment holders – search Littleworth Allotments. This is a private group for plot holders to share tips, swap excess produce and advertise allotment items, and also for us, the Parish Council, to update you on allotment matters. We hope you can join!

For those who don't use social media, we have a new notice board for the allotments which is situated on the garages over the road from the main allotment plots.

We are keen to get an allotment committee started – made up of plot holders, councillors and myself. Please get in touch if you would like to join.

If you are struggling to maintain your plot or wish to give it up (or part of it), please do contact me as we have a waiting list of eager new tenants.

We wish you every success in your gardening endeavours this year and please do get in touch if you have any feedback relating to the allotments or any matters to report.

Katy Watkinson, Assistant Clerk to Norton-juxta-Kempsey Parish Council
(Part-time – usual working day is Friday)

Email: njkassistantclerk@gmail.com



Norton-juxta-Kempsey Community Apiary

Bees from our local apiary produced over 200 jars of honey last year. Stocks sold out in record time and the feedback has been great with many customers wanting more. The spring honey was pale and fragrant whilst the summer honey was more golden in colour with a more robust and sweeter taste. It was really interesting to see the differences in the colour and flavour from each extraction - all based on what the bees foraged on!

2023 was a tough year for bees worldwide, in the UK this was mainly due to the poor and changeable weather affecting their natural activities. That said, during the summer we were able to successfully increase the number of hives to 5 as part of swarm control. However, it was necessary to merge some colonies back together to prepare them to go into the winter; we now have 3 strong colonies. The bees have worked hard to top up their food 'stores' of pollen and nectar - mainly from ivy and local crops of rape seed etc. to prepare themselves for the winter months. As beekeepers, we help the bees by adding specially formulated bee food to give them a helping hand and ensure they don't go hungry.

We are busy preparing for the bees for 2024 and look forward to being able to provide more delicious honey (available to purchase from the shop at the Parish Hall – Shop @ WR5).

Apiary information and updates are available at: <https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/community-apiary/>

Thank you for all your support.

WR5 Beekeepers



The Sentry Garden

The Norton Worcestershire Regiment Group wanted to create a low-maintenance garden around the statue, and with support from the Parish Council, it planned a space with carefully selected trees, plants, shrubs and bulbs that, once established, would give year-round interest and colour.

As you look at the Sentry from the roadside, the planting to the left is of a European theme. A French pear tree plus plants, shrubs and bulbs from counties where the Regiment fought, mirroring plants found in the many cemeteries overseas - maintained by the Commonwealth War Grave Commission.

The flower bed to the right is planted with a red, blue and white theme - a Pershore plum tree, dogwood roses, foxgloves, salvias, rosemary etc. as well as various spring bulbs including English Bluebells.

There is more planting to follow in the spring - both French and English lavender, poppies, more bulbs and a scattering of wildflowers etc. Once completed, a full list of the plants will be available on the Parish Council website:

<https://nortonjuxtakempseyparishcouncil.org/the-sentry/>

The Norton Worcester Regiment Group would like to thank the Parish Council and St Peters Garden Centre for their continued support, especially Megan from St Peters GC for her excellent horticultural skills and advice, which were greatly appreciated!

We hope the gardens will be enjoyed by everyone who passes by.

Norton Worcester Regiment Group

Norton-Juxta-Kempsey Parish Council

Financial Year to 31 October 2023 (7 months)

INCOME

	Actual to Date £	Annual Budget £
Precept	60,733	60,733
Allotment/Ground/Garage/Playing Field Rental	2,872	5,857
Grants & WCC Lengthsman Reimbursement	4,677	5,444
From Reserves re planned expenditure	0	37,796
Other Income incl. bank interest & VAT reclaim	1,661	2,098
TOTAL INCOME	69,943	111,928

EXPENDITURE (NET OF VAT)

Capital Items

Provision for Community Assets	4,028	1,521
Expenditure re developments within the Parish	0	2,000
Play area replacement/refurbishment (future plan)	1,880	15,395
TOTAL	5,908	18,916

Community Services

Community Legacy Grant Prolect: Norton Connector	2,100	5,400
Funds to reserve for Norton Connector mini-bus 2024/25	0	3,576
TOTAL	2,100	8,976

Parish Maintenance

TOTAL	18,059	46,484
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Administration

Donations/Grants/Events Support	928	1,850
Newsletter/printing & website/social media	558	1,150
Audit/professional fees/legal fees	930	2,621
Parish Officers' costs	13,409	24,065
General Administration/subscriptions/insurance	2,307	7,154
Other Miscellaneous	33	710
TOTAL	18,165	37,551
TOTAL EXPENSES	44,232	111,927

VAT paid on expenses - recoverable	0	0
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NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	25,711	1
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Maintenance of Public Rights of Way and Reporting of Issues

Following changes to how Worcestershire County Council (WCC) manages public rights of way, the Parish Council felt it would be helpful to clarify responsibilities relating to public rights of way, and how any issues can be reported.



Responsibilities for public rights of way are shared between WCC and the owner/occupier of the land that the public right of way crosses, with further information available at [Public Rights Of Way | Worcestershire County Council](#)

WCC has statutory duties to keep public rights of way open. In summary, the authority must:

- Keep the surface of public rights of way which are maintained at public expense in a fit state for public use.
- Make sure obstructions are removed.
- Maintain some bridges over natural watercourses, including farm ditches.
- Provide at least a 25% contribution to landowners' costs for replacing and maintaining structures for the control of animals, e.g. gates or stiles, on completion of the work to a standard the highway authority is satisfied with.
- Make sure there are no notices that prevent or discourage the use of a public right of way.
- Add signs where a public right of way leaves metalled roads.
- Make sure the public's rights to use a public right of way are protected.
- Make sure landowners carry out their duties and take action if they don't.

Further details can be found at:

[Public rights of way: local highway authority responsibilities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Landowners (or occupiers of land) responsibilities include:

- Keeping the route of any public right of way crossing their land visible.
- Not obstructing or endangering users.

Further details can be found at:

[Public rights of way: landowner responsibilities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

All public rights of way issues should be reported to WCC as follows:

- **Via the WCC website**

[Report a problem on a Public Right of Way | Worcestershire County Council](#)

- **Via phone: 01905 845617 (Public Rights of Way Team)**

Parish PRoW

Scale = 1:10000 x 388865

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 (where the time is restricted and it is within the time period relating to the restriction) : 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 when phone 999).

If the parking appears related to the 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.

COFFEE AT WRFIVE, NORTON PARISH HALL OPENING HOURS



MONDAY 9.30AM - 11.30AM

WEDNESDAY 10.30AM - 12.30PM OVER 50s COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 3PM - LATE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 3-6PM

We always
need
volunteers!
Please get in
touch if you
can help!

Contact: [njparishhall@gmail.com](mailto:njkparishhall@gmail.com)



Reporting of Bins that Need Emptying

If you notice a litter or dog 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 565 018

Thank you for your assistance

Litter Picking

If you notice any area within our Parish that need litter picking, please advise the Parish Clerk: Mrs Jane Greenway.

Email: Njkparishclerk@aol.com

Tel : 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 the Wychavon District Council site to start receiving alerts.

Wychavon email alert service sign-up

<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/about-wychavon-district-council/>

Care for your Area

The Parish Council has been advised that garden and other residential-type waste is being dumped around the Parish, with this reported along public rights of way, in ditches, under hedges and on grassed areas.

Please remember that fly-tipping is an offence and those tipping waste, including green waste, may be fined.

All waste should be disposed of using your wheelie bins, the Wychavon bulky item collection service or by visiting a licensed household recycling centre.

A garden waste bin can be arranged via: <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/garden-waste-collection-service>

A bulk collection can be arranged via: <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/bulky-waste-collection>

Details of household recycling centres in Worcestershire can be found via: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/hrcworcestershires>

If you spot any fly-tipping, please report this via the following link: <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/streets-and-toilets/street-care-and-cleaning/fly-tipping>



County Mobile Library Service

Enquiries about this service should be made as follows:

Tel 01905 822722

Email: mobilelibraries@worcestershires.gov.uk

Website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk
and search for "mobile library"



The mobile library visits St Peter's Garden Centre on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

DOG WALKERS

We have received reports of dogs being walked off lead in fields where 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.

SHEEP GRAZING IN FIELD



**PLEASE
KEEP DOGS
ON LEADS**

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

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 the 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) highway 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 homes, 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.

Help with Overgrown Trees

Please can you check any hedges/trees in your garden (or on land that you own), to ensure that these aren't encroaching onto pavements, public rights of way, or roads, creating access, visibility and safety issues.

To ensure that pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles can pass safely, please can you carry out any maintenance work that may be required.

Thank you for your assistance.



Rob Adams
Wychavon District Councillor Report

At the time of writing, 5th February, there are signs that Winter is starting, in a small way, to give way to Spring, evident with longer daylight hours and snowdrops, together with a few daffodils out.

What is in store for us in 2024? For me it's all change: as many of you know I have lived and farmed on the Spetchley Estate at White Ladies Aston since 1969. I gave up the farms over 12 months ago but remained in the old farmhouse. Unfortunately, we have not been able to find a bungalow to move to in White Ladies Aston, so have purchased one in Upton Snodsbury which has taken a long time to alter for us to move into.

Over the last nearly 25 years I have been ready to try to support you whatever your problems and issues may be, 24/7, Christmas and other holidays. I have taken phone calls as early as 6.30 in the morning till 12.45 at night. I tell you all this because **nothing will change**. The only change will be I ask you to use the mobile telephone number (07885 306608) if you can not get through on the landline because I will have to have a new landline, the email will not change.

Let me concentrate on District matters where we are now the Ward of Drakes Broughton, Norton and Whittington. Planning applications are taking up a great deal of my time at present, especially in Drakes Broughton.

Still to be confirmed, Wychavon are proposing a £5.00 at Band D Council Tax increase in 2024/25. With regard to the strategy for the next four years (2024/2028) there are some interesting goals and promises around a vision of: People Priority; Place Priority; and Environment Priority.

One of my duties at Wychavon involves being Armed Forces Covenant Champion. A recent initiative involves **HM Armed Forces Veteran Card major rollout to streamline access to the services.** Thousands of Armed Forces veterans can now apply for their HM Armed Forces Veteran Card following the launch of the service. The Veteran Card service is being delivered by the Ministry of Defence together with the Office for Veterans' Affairs, as part of the work to improve the support available to veterans. Thousands who left the forces before December 2018 are eligible to apply. The cards confirm veteran status and simplify access to support services.

Veterans card rolled out to streamline access to services – GOV.UK
(www.gov.uk).

Rob

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Liz Turier, Wychavon District Councillor Report

Hello,

I'm your new District Councillor, elected in the council election last year. I have really enjoyed meeting and talking to local residents and to be working with Norton juxta Kempsey Parish Council for the next four years.

I have been extremely impressed by the Parish Council's enthusiasm, hard work and innovative approach – the Norton Connector, the Green Spaces initiative with its hopes of an outdoor gym and trim trail, the Community Apiary...to name but a few of the projects and I am keen to get involved wherever possible.

The Norton-juxta Kempsey and Whittington ward has been expanded to include Drakes Broughton, which is why you have two councillors. The new ward is large and not without its challenges – not least of which is the Worcester Parkway New Town, which is one of the major concerns for all of us at the moment and we are all working hard to monitor the plans, developers, highways, sewerage and infrastructure requirements that the development and the SWDPR are proposing. I am attending the Joint Parishes committee meetings and am also a member of the Planning Committee at Wychavon.

The Council is also in the middle of finalising its projects and initiatives for the next four years – which we hope to be able to confirm shortly. I am always really keen to hear what residents have to say so if you think there is something specific the Council should do, please get in touch.

If I can help in any way I would love to hear from you.

My contact details :- liz.turier@wychavon.net or 07860 165056

Liz



Linda Robinson County Councillor Report Spring 2024

It has been a busy time at County with Budget proposals being finalised to cover a net £ 22.2m overspend in funding. This is in line with many other regional authorities across the country with several like Birmingham having declared bankruptcy and been served with 114 notices from Government. Happily, we are not in that position, but significant pressures have been highlighted in respect of children's social care payments, home-to-school transport and adult social care. The proposed increase to the County's portion of the Council tax will be 4.99%. 2% for the Adult Social Care Levy and 2.99% for other Council services. Council officers have been offered voluntary redundancies to help reduce costs with other cost-cutting measures under discussion. The continued year-on-year increase in the cost of children's social care placements emphasizes the importance of continuing the drive to recruit foster carers.

Much of County Hall remains closed due to the presence of RAAC being discovered in some of its concrete. Full Council & Planning meetings are being held at District offices to be able to accommodate large numbers.

New Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Rail Strategy

WCC has unveiled a brand-new rail strategy to transform travel across Worcestershire. The ambitious plan from WCC includes more frequent trains to London, greater country-wide connectivity, a fast Worcestershire to Bristol service, Worcester Shrub Hill and Redditch masterplan implementation and parking developments. Parkway station which is the first new station to open in Worcestershire continues to encourage passengers with more than half a million trips made last year. Plans to extend the parking are being considered. WCC hopes the plans will help deliver better rail improvements across the county and set medium and long-term proposals to support and build on passenger demand until 2050.

"The strategy highlights the county's ambitions for driving forward rail improvements, recognising the role that rail plays in connecting people, communities, and businesses."

For more information visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/transport-strategy-and-planning/strategies-and-plans

Measles Outbreak

The Director of Public Health for Worcestershire (DPHW) has urged people and parents across the county to make sure theirs and their children's MMR vaccines are up to date after measles cases soared across the West Midlands. Between October 1 and January 12, there were 167 confirmed cases (including four travel-related) and a further 88 likely cases. Around 80 per cent of cases have been in Birmingham, but Coventry, with 10 per cent, saw the second steepest rise. The DPHW said the full vaccination rates for the MMR in Worcestershire are among the highest in the region, but added: "There is a minority of children, and some adults, not vaccinated – and so they are at risk of serious illness."

UKHSA health professionals are concerned figures will rise quickly as, while most parents ensure their children get both MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) doses, in some communities' uptake of the MMR vaccine is worryingly low which has led to the spread. Measles spreads very easily among those unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools, and is a nasty illness. In some children, it can lead to hospitalisation and in rare cases causes death. Babies, young children, pregnant women and people with weakened immunity, are at increased risk of complications if they catch measles.

Flooding and Rainfall

The last few months have been exceptionally disruptive across our region with travel and homes being affected by both surface water run-off and flooding of main rivers. At one point there were 14 flood alerts in effect in Worcestershire, with multiple road closures including major bridge crossings on the Avon & Severn. Data shows that the total rainfall for 2023 as recorded on the Civic Centre, Pershore weather station, was 1036mm – this is the first time it's exceeded the 1 metre mark. Looking back through archive local rainfall totals, this is the highest on record certainly for at least 60 years. Highlights since 2008 show record rainfall for October and the second-highest December total.

We will no doubt find out soon enough how 2023 has gone down nationally and while it may not be the wettest on record across the board, it certainly looks that way for our locality. During the latest flooding County's Highways & Transport Control Centre were working from 8am till 8pm.

For future reference see below for useful contacts:

- To report an urgent issue, call 01905 845676 and speak to an advisor.
- Alternatively, you can find flooding advice and how to report issues at <https://worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/environment/flooding>

Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you. I am intending to attend your Annual Parish Meeting on the 9th of May and would be happy to answer any questions you may have for me in person.

Linda Robinson, County Councillor

Tel: 07563 399254

Email: lrobinson2@worcestershire.gov.uk



Report from Nigel Huddleston MP

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. Since my last update, we have all hopefully had an enjoyable festive period. Christmas is a time for reflection and thinking about others, and here in Mid Worcestershire we are fortunate to have such wonderful community and togetherness.

A lot has happened in Westminster since I last spoke to you. In November I was appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury and was therefore involved in the Autumn Statement. A particular highlight of the Statement was delivering a cut in National Insurance contributions for around 29 million people, including tens of thousands in my Mid Worcestershire constituency. I understand how hard my constituents work, and it is right that they should benefit from it.

Since my last update, the Government has continued to deliver on key priorities. Most significantly, we have taken decisive action to help with the cost of living by achieving our central aim of halving inflation to below 5%, thereby putting more money in people's pockets. Another key issue for many people is the NHS, hence the Government has created the first long-term workforce plan in NHS history. The plan puts staffing on a sustainable footing, with training and investment for the future provided, and I was particularly pleased to learn in October of the return of funded training places at the Three Counties Medical School in Worcester – something which MPs from across Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire have long campaigned for.

More locally, I was delighted to hear the outcome of the Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund (CCLF) in which several fantastic organisations in Mid Worcestershire have received combined funding of over £100,000. This funding is part of a wider £76 million fund being administered by the National Lottery Community Fund and will allow the successful organisations to continue their vital work in our communities.

Finally, in recent weeks I have been pleased to speak in the House of Commons Chamber in my ministerial capacity as Financial Secretary to the Treasury, specifically by leading the Finance Bill through various stages of the parliamentary process. Some essential aspects of the bill include empowering British business and extending investment schemes, and I know that the Finance Bill will help the many brilliant businesses within Mid Worcestershire.

As always, if there is anything I can help you with, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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



Norton Parish Hall - Food 'Pop-Ups'

The following food pop-ups are being hosted at Norton Parish Hall, Littleworth, with the bar also open for you to enjoy!

Sri Lankan Food - 22 March

Beefy Boys - 5 April

Taco Banditos - 3 May

Please see the Parish Hall Facebook page for further details:

<https://www.facebook.com/nortonparishhall/>

Shop at Norton Parish Hall, Littleworth

Have you visited Shop @ WR5 yet?

Officially opened in June 2022, this self-service shop is proving to be very popular!

Open from 6am to 11pm every day you can find daily essentials and lots of tasty snacks and drinks. As well as a hot drinks machine.



We also stock locally produced honey from the Apiary over the road! Pop down and take a look at what is on offer - you won't be disappointed.

Follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/ShopAtWR5>



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

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 well-being and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Facebook: @WorcesterCricketClub

Web: www.worcestercc.play-cricket.com

Twitter: @Worcester_CC

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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!

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



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www.nortonpreschool.org

Or call Helen Hope on 07813 343545

Visit us at the rear of Norton Parish Hall,
Wadborough Rd, Littleworth. WR5 2QB





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



Meet your safer neighbourhood team

We are a dedicated group of police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) who work with local communities and partner organisations to keep our residents, businesses and visitors safe and to prevent crime and tackle anti-social behaviour in your locality. Officers can be contacted on the below numbers concerning community issues.

To report a crime in progress call 999 and for non emergencies, report online at www.westmercia.police.uk/report. If you are unable to report online, you can contact us via the 101 non-emergency number.



Inspector
David Wise



Sergeant
Jason Maiden

Pershore Rural

pershorerural.snt@westmercia.police.uk



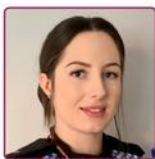
PC
Molly Keeler
07817 947084



PCSO
Ashley Smith
07971 395274

Pershore Town

pershoretown.snt@westmercia.police.uk



PC
Amy Hunt
07971 395014



PCSO
Rebekah Ashley
07773 053576

Whilst the information is considered to be true and correct at the date of publication, changes in circumstances after the time of publication may impact on the accuracy of the information (September 2023).

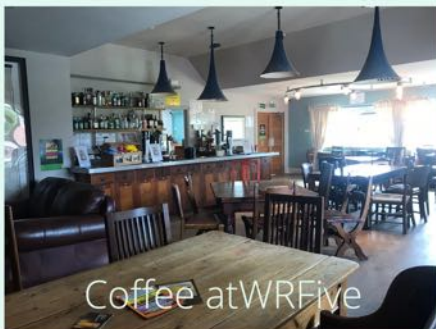


NORTON PARISH HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 508249

Our facilities include:

- The Freeman Windsor Hall and kitchen - a large room which can hold up to 200 people. Ideal for parties, wedding receptions, exercise classes and more.
- The Littleworth Suite - a purpose built meeting room that can be split into two smaller rooms ideal for meetings, smaller exercise classes, baby groups and small parties. It has its own external entrance, toilets and small kitchen area.
- Coffee at WRFive - a beautiful family friendly facility run by volunteers that can be hired outside of opening hours for certain private functions.
- Large children's play area
- Free parking for over 100 cars
- Playing fields, tennis court and MUGA



Coffee at WRFive



Freeman Windsor Hall



Littleworth Suite



Would you like your photographs to be considered for a Parish Newsletter?

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. Front cover photo courtesy of Ian Etherington