# NORTON NEWS

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## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

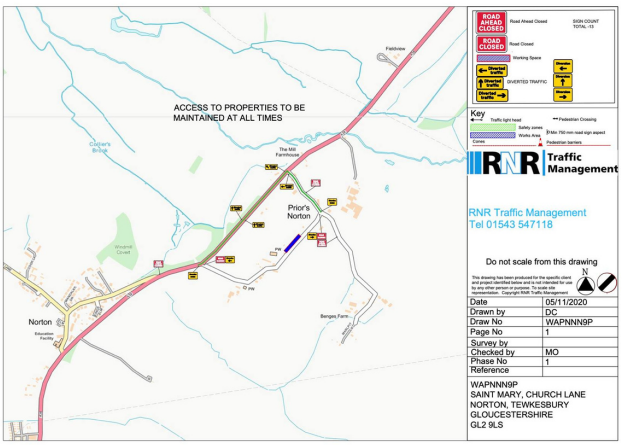
**The Parish Council has included the cost of new Norton village nameplates in its budget for 2021/2022. After consultation with the Highway Authority, the plan is to erect these signs at the entry points to the village to replace the current utilitarian signage. The final design has still to be chosen, but the new signs will be appropriate for a village like ours and help give Norton its own identity.**

## **ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION**

**Church Lane, Priors Norton**
**The road will be closed (as per the plan below) on 10/02/2021 (08.00 – 16.30)**

**This is to allow for a telegraph pole replacement on behalf of BT. (Access/egress to frontages is to remain at all times) .**

**If you require any further information regarding this closure please contact Gloucestershire Highways on 08000 514 514.**




## NORTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1924-2021?

**"We had very much hoped to celebrate our 97th birthday in February, but a global pandemic rather changed things this last year. With many of our decreasing number of members in the vulnerable category, and the closure of the Village Hall, we have been unable to continue. Most of our members do not 'do' Zoom.**

**Failure over the previous two years to attract new members to join and take on roles within our WI has led to the very difficult and sad decision to close. This will take effect before the end of March 2021.**

**It is a real shame to do this, just 3 years before our centenary! With so many new people in the Parish, perhaps there are some that would like to revive the WI in Norton? With that hope in mind, funds will be held over for the next 3 years. Should that be the case, please feel free to contact me and I will happily give further information."**

**Margaret Edwards, on behalf of Norton WI**

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**There is a regular collection of donations for the Gloucester Food Bank at St Mary's in Prior's Norton. Please drop any food items and toiletries every other Wednesday morning. Food is collected from the church between 1-2pm. Upcoming dates are:**
**Feb 3, 17**
**Mar 3, 17, 31**
**Apr 14, 28**
**May 12, 26**
**If you can't get to Prior's Norton, please email: NNEditor@nortonparish.com**

## NORTON RFC

**With the return to rugby guidelines in December, the Warpigs managed to play a home game on the 19th December. They narrowly lost to a Forest of Dean Select XV. The game was played and hosted under very strict guidelines, and with our early kick-off time, was the first game of rugby in the country that Saturday and, therefore, this season! Thank you to Gary and the team for all the planning and setup that had to be done to facilitate this game. It was a very unusual after-match experience! It was great to see lots of players keen to play in the Green & Gold of Norton. As usual, the team were well supported by locals - thank you to all who cheered on the team. This may be the only time the Warpigs get to play in Norton this season. With the new lockdown, all rugby activities have been suspended. We hope that some rugby activities will be allowed before the end of the season.**

**Looking ahead to the summer, the club plans to organise its usual weekly touch rugby during the off-season. This is great fun, open to all and good for fitness. We also hope to celebrate our 10-year anniversary in August. Watch out for details!**

**The Warpig Trotters running club will resume on Thursday evenings when we can. Please get in touch if you would like to join us.**

**To keep up to date with the clubs activities, follow the Norton RFC page on Facebook. Stay safe and please support Norton Warpigs!**

## NORTON & THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

**If you are interested in the history of Norton, there is a link via the Parish Council website that will give you lots of local information.**

## USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

http://*nortonparish.com*

http://seventowers.org.uk/

*nortoncouncil@gmail.com*

*Norton History*

Norton Village Hall

NHS 111 online

Police Non-Emergency: 101

## LITTER PICKING

**Following on from the litter post, one of our parishioners has recommended that any over-18 volunteers who are interested sign up to be a volunteer litter picker with Tewkesbury Borough Council. They give you training (for issues such as needles), litter picking equipment and you will be insured. Find out more at:**
**https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/volunteer-litter-picking-scheme**

**There is also litter picking equipment available through the school - email nortoncouncil@gmail.com for more details.**




## NORTON CHURCH

**Although we are not having any services in the church at the moment, we are open on a Tuesday from 10am-4pm for private prayer. There is also a 10am Benefice service on Zoom every Sunday. Call 07774 803177 for details. For services in the Benefice please go to: seventowers.org.uk**

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

**Please don't park your vehicle on the pavement - it is both inconsiderate and potentially dangerous. There is a particular issue along the pavement by the new houses on Wainlode Lane, where it is already badly damaged. Please consider others.**



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**Did you know there is a Norton branch of Neighbourhood Watch? With over 60 villagers in the group, it's a great way to keep in contact in these difficult times. Please email to join:**

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