NORTON NEWS

JUNE 2021 ISSUE

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PLAY SPACE UPDATE

we are happy to report that our contractors, Eibe, have been able to return and complete further works on the site, which is now really coming together! The pathway across the field will hopefully be installed in early June, with the intention of opening the Play Space soon after the next phased easing of lockdown. The opening itself will be an event for all, as the area will have aspects for all Parishioners to enjoy. We look forward to welcoming everyone and will provide a date for your diaries as soon as possible.

With better weather hopefully on the way, more people will be out enjoying the beautiful walks that our Parish offers. The Parish Council would like to remind all walkers of the Countryside Code (see below). Whilst landowners support the use of Public Footpaths, please ensure that these rules are adhered to and respected.

It's also been brought to the attention of the Council that there has been an increase in owners not picking up after their dogs. This is a criminal offence and poses a potential risk.

We want to remind all dog owners that under the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Tewkesbury Borough Council have introduced a Public Space Protection Order to help protect our community.

The Order imposes the following on public land across the whole of the Borough:

* A person in control of a dog must ensure that dog faeces are removed from the land immediately
*A person in control of a dog must ensure that they have means available to clear up dog faeces
*A person in control of a dog must ensure that dog faeces are disposed of in an appropriate receptacle

We ask that all every Parishioner takes into consideration how their actions could affect others enjoyment of our Parish.

- The Countryside Code - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The Countryside Code

NATURAL ENGLAND

The Countryside Code RESPECT · PROTECT · ENJOY

Your guide to enjoying parks and waterways, coast and countryside

Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home - leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo - bag it and bin it - any public waste bin will do
- care for nature - do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure - know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING Stay safe

www.gov.uk/countryside-code

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Follow advice and local signs

In some cases, additional higher rights of access or permissive access could exist.











Permissive Path

Follow advice on local signs as landowners voluntarily provide access to these paths and choose who can use them. Some open access areas are also made available in the same way.



National Trail

National Trails are created for walking, with horse-riding and cycling possible on some trails or trail sections.

www.nationaltrail.co.uk



Open Access

You can walk and explore away from paths.

www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk

For further information visit www.gov.uk/countryside-code

NEW COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ELECTED

Simon Holden announced at the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 19th May, that he was stepping down as Chairman of the Parish Council. The Council thanked Simon for his leadership as Chairman and for bringing the community together to face the pandemic. Richard Page was elected Council Chairman and Anne Marie Delaney as Vice-Chairman.

BUSINESS PLAN

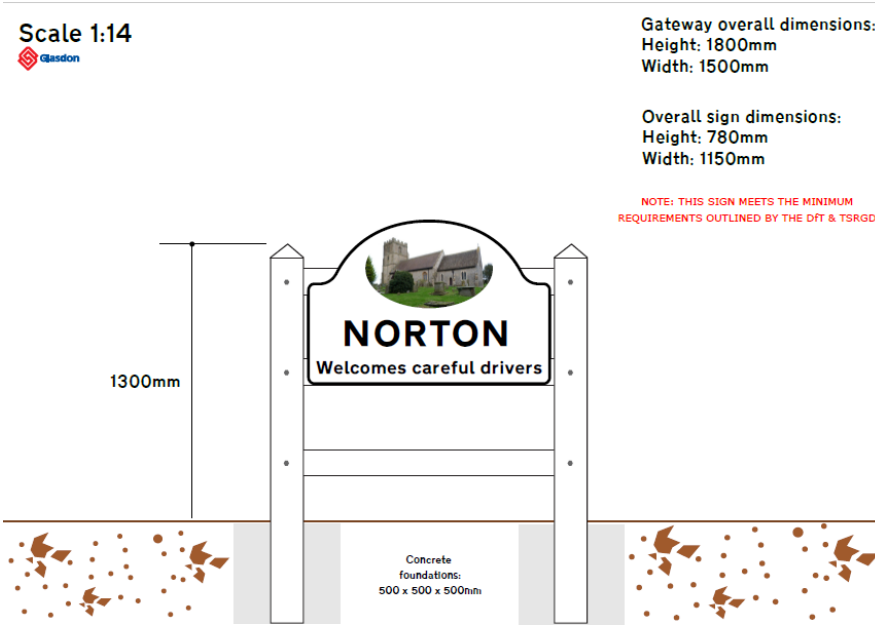
The Parish Council is to publish a Business Plan on its website, setting out its objectives for the coming year.

PUBLIC VOTE ON NEW VILLAGE NAMEPLATES

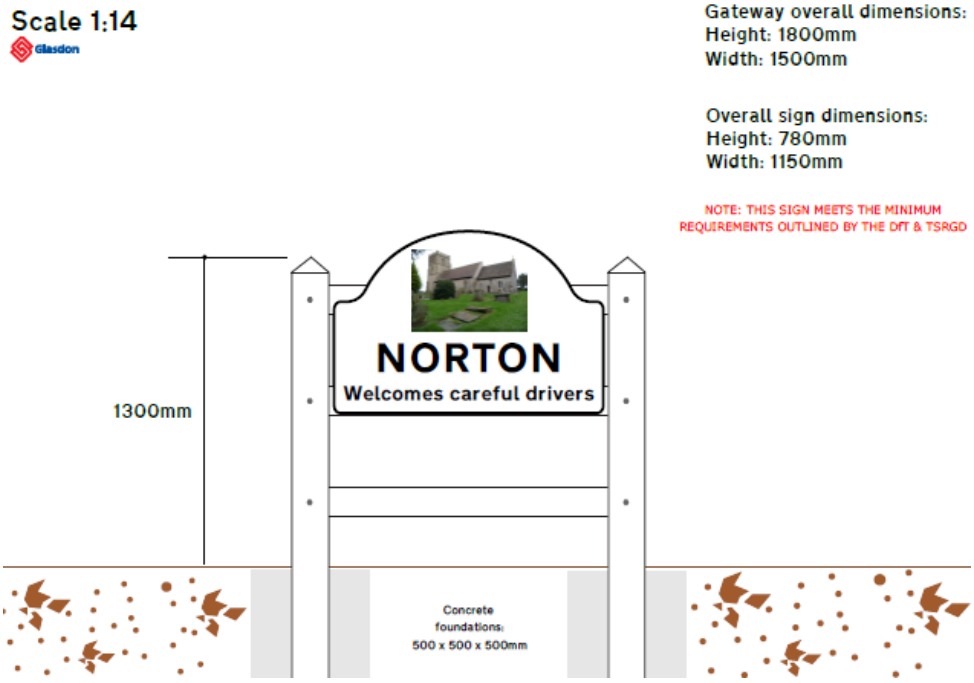
Following local consultation, the Parish Council has short-listed two designs for new "Norton" village nameplates to be erected on the A38 at the entrance points to the village. Both designs feature Norton church and will be posted on the Council's website and Facebook page.

Parishioners are invited to vote for their preferred design - either on the Facebook page or by emailing nortoncouncil@gmail.com. (Only one vote per person please!) Voting is now open and will close on Monday 7th June. The winning design will be announced on Facebook.

Here are the two designs:



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Join Longfield Hospice for its first ever Superhero Challenge. The event takes place on Sunday 22 August in the beautiful Westonbirt Arboretum. Walk, jog or run through the pathways and tree-lined avenues of the Arboretum. You choose the pace! The event is open to all ages and you are encouraged to wear a cape or costume as you soar around the course.

Don't miss this lovely opportunity to take part with your very own superhero, or remember an inspirational person in your life. All superheroes to complete 5k will receive a medal.

What does it cost to take part?

Early bird prices are:

Adults: £20, Children: £15. A £5 per car fee is also payable when you book your place and will go The Forestry Commission. This will allow you (and up to four spectators) entry to the Arboretum – that's a saving of up to £35 in entry fees!

All money raised on top of your entry fee will help Longfield Hospice provide care and support for our patients and their families at a time when they need it most. With our NHS still dealing with the impact of the pandemic, end-of-life care has never been more vital.

Right now, our Hospice at Home team is working across Gloucestershire, caring for patients in their last days and weeks. As a registered charity, we rely on the hard work and generosity of people like you to fund this essential care. Thank you.

To sign up and for more information head over to the hospice website at: https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/superhero-challenge/

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

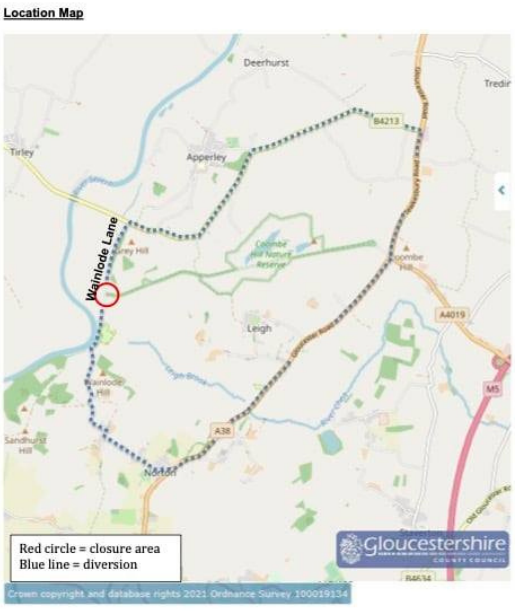


On Saturday 12th June we are putting together a working party to tidy up the grounds of St Mary's Church Norton. We would welcome your help if you're happy to participate whether you're comfortable to prune or heavy strim!

We will be working from 11am until 1pm and again from 2pm until 4pm. All help, great or small, will be gratefully received. Thank you.

BREAKING NEWS

Please see below regarding a planned 24/7 road closure to strengthen Greyhill Bridge on Wainlode Lane from 1st - 11th June 2021. More details on NPC Facebook page.



NORTON RFC

With no competitive rugby possible this season, the last training session of the season was on the 25th May. Touch Rugby will resume shortly on Tuesday evenings, before pre-season training starts in July. For the upcoming 2021/22 season, we will be playing in Gloucestershire 2 League, which is only 9 promotions away from the Premiership! The first competitive game of the upcoming season will be at home to Cheltenham on the 25th September.

The Warpig Trotters Running Club is out each Thursday evening. All are welcome to join for a 5-7km run.

To keep up-to-date with our news, please follow the Norton RC Community page on Facebook. Lookout for an announcement about our 10-year anniversary celebrations this summer.



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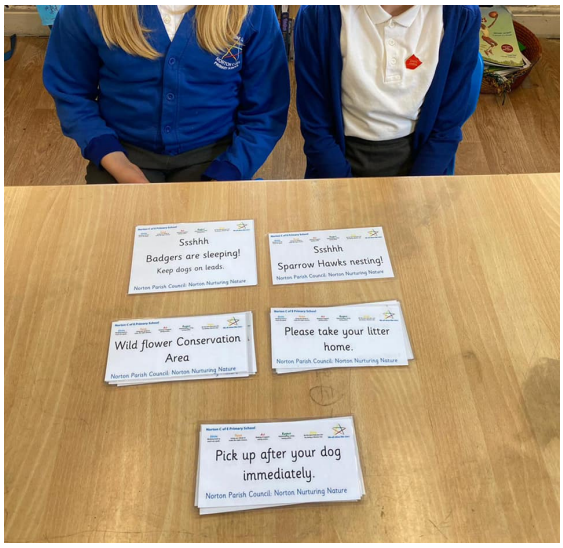
Norton Village Hall
Thursday 1930-2030
Starting Thursday 3rd June
Contact:
sian.coaching@gmail.com / 07843476525 for details and to book

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: christine1williams@btinternet.com

NORTON CofE School

Year 6 at Norton CofE School have been busy! Keep an eye out for these signs when exploring the local area. Also, please be sure to take note of what they are asking. Thank you to them for helping us all to remember to respect our beautiful surroundings.



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:
Apr 28
May 12, 26
If you can't get to Prior's Norton, please email: NNEditor@nortonparish.com

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