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THANK YOU!

NORTON GETS ITS VILLAGE HALL BACK!

I'm delighted to announce that the repairs to the Village Hall roof are now complete. The County Council's structural engineer approved the work on 22nd December and confirmed that the roof is now safe and therefore the Hall can be re-opened in the New Year. The online booking system will be opened in January so that residents and local clubs can hire the Hall and the Committee Room again.

I want to thank Iz Young, Craig Jones, Tom Hawksworth and Billy Chick for working late nights and weekends to get the job done in record time. And I also want to thank Gary Edgecombe for organising the work with such energy and enthusiasm, and Selina Bostock (our parish clerk) for liaising with the structural engineer. Collectively they deserve our thanks for this outstanding achievement, which has given the village a fantastic Christmas present.

As reported last month, the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee will be holding a joint public meeting in early 2023 to present options for the future of the Hall and get parishioners' views.

Richard Page - Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO NEW HOUSING PLANS

Norton Parish Council held a special meeting in December to consider a revised planning application to build seven houses on land at Walnut Farm on the Tewkesbury Road (A38).

Councillors raised a number of concerns about the design of the proposed development, notably that two three-storey dwellings would be built very close to existing two-storey houses in Walnut Gardens, which meant that they would not only overlook the gardens of the neighbouring houses, but also be able to look directly into their upstairs rooms, resulting in an unreasonable loss of privacy.

Councillors voted unanimously to object to the proposed development. The Chairman will be attending Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Committee to present the Parish Council's views when this application is discussed.

BIN COLLECTIONS DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD

A useful summary can be found here: https://nortonparish.com/do-you-know-when-your-bins-are-being-emptied-over-christmas-and-new-year/



NORTON PLAY SPACE

To ensure that the Play Space continues to be a place for all to enjoy we are looking for volunteers from the Parish to help keep an eye out for any potential issues. This would include a free training session on how to check the equipment, and full support from the Council. There is no advanced knowledge needed and you would not be expected to make any adjustments to the equipment. The only requirement is to report back any findings to the clerk. If you would be interested in finding out more please email the clerk:
nortoncouncil@gmail.com.





USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

HTTP://NORTONPARISH.COM
HTTP://SEVENTOWERS.ORG.UK/
NORTONCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM
NORTON HISTORY
NHS 111 ONLINE
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY: 101
NORTON VILLAGE HALL

FREE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN

Girls and young women in Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire can benefit from a FREE mentoring service: Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme. It's being offered by a collaboration of seven trusted organisations, and it's for 11 – 25 year olds whose life circumstances suggest they're at risk of becoming involved in crime. This can be because they've had Adverse Childhood Experiences or live in environments that are known to put them more at risk, or because they've become linked to criminal activity, either as victims of crime or through relationships with offenders.

Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme is hosted by The Door and funded by CHK Foundation, and offers these "at risk" young people the chance to form a long-lasting relationship with a trained volunteer mentor. Having a relationship with a trusted independent adult is something that's often missing in their lives and can be life-changing. It helps them build resilience and grow in confidence, and, over time, empowers them to have a more positive future.

If you know a young person who might benefit from the support the Programme offers (or you are that young person), you can visit gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk to apply.

If you have a heart for understanding and supporting young people, a little spare time and would like to become one of the Programme's volunteer mentors, the providers would love to hear from you. You can contact any of them directly via the Programme website, which will help you find the one operating closest to you. No experience is required and full training will be provided.

The seven delivery organisations collaborating to provide this service are: 1625IP; Breathe; Nelson Trust; Thames Valley Partnership; The Door; WAM Youth; and Young Gloucestershire. If you like the sound of their offer and have a few moments to spare, please follow the Programme on social media and help spread the word!