NORTON NEWS

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A38 speed limit to be lowered to 40mph!!

The Parish Council's campaign to reduce the speed limit on the A38 through the village has scored a resounding success!

The County Council has finally agreed to make a Traffic Regulation Order reducing the A38 speed limit to 40mph from Down Hatherley Lane to just before the turning to Priors Norton at Church Lane - meaning that the entire built-up section of the road, including the busy turnings into Birch Drive and Walnut Gardens, and into the New Dawn Inn carpark will soon be much safer.

The Traffic Regulation Order will also includes a central hatched area and painted lines to narrow the lanes on the straight section of carriageway from Down Hatherley Lane to the entrance to the village by the school.

Once the Order is made it will be advertised for public consultation. When this happens, residents will be encouraged to write in supporting the proposals.

GRCC Housing Needs Survey

Residents will recall having received a request from the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) a few months ago to take part in a parish-wide Housing Needs Survey. The GRCC has told the Parish Council that they received an excellent response from Norton residents and are in the process of finalising their report based on the survey replies. This report will be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council and a copy will also be posted on the Council's website.

Parish Council budget for 2025/2026 agreed

At its meeting on 8 January, the Parish Council agreed a budget for the 2025/2026 financial year of exactly £15,000. This represents an increase of 3.45% in the Parish Council element of council tax bills.

New Parish Clerk needed for Norton

Selina Bostock has told the Parish Council that she wishes to step down as Parish Clerk at the end of March and therefore the Council is looking for someone to replace her as Norton's Parish Clerk and Financial Officer. This is a part-time position of 6 hours per week at an hourly rate to be negotiated with the successful candidate. The position is extremely flexible as, apart from attending a Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall every two months, the Clerk's duties can be carried out from home at times to suit the successful candidate. Full training will be given where appropriate.

Further information, including a copy of the job description and the salary scale, can be obtained by emailing the Chairman of the Council, Richard Page, at rfnpage@yahoo.co.uk . Richard is also happy to have a telephone conversation about the role with anyone interested in applying. Just email him to set this up.

Primary School Community Open Day

Norton C of E Primary School will be holding a Community Open Day on Thursday 13 February. Year 6 children will be hosting tours of the school, giving residents a unique opportunity to see what the school has to offer local children. These tours are open to all interested parishioners, not just those with children at the school or parents thinking of sending their children to Norton Primary.
Please see the attached poster for full details of the Open Day.

Norton c of e primary school

COME AND JOIN US

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

9:30 - 11:00

DEPENDING ON NUMBERS TIME SLOTS MIGHT BE NEEDED

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

if you would like to come to our open morning please let us know by emailing reaton@norton.glocs.sch.uk

Tewkesbury Borough Council name change

Tewkesbury Borough Council initially planned to introduce its change of name to "North Gloucestershire Borough Council" in stages, beginning last December. However, the Borough Council has now decided to reschedule the launch of its name change until March 2025 so that it can first consider the impact of the government's proposals on devolution.

Norton Friends Coffee Morning

Norton Friends will be hosting their regular coffee morning at Norton Village Hall on Wednesday12th February between 10am and 11:30am. Everyone is welcome.

Useful Links and Contacts

https://nortonparish.com
https://severntowers.org.uk
nortoncouncil@gmail.com
Norton History
NHS 111
Police Non-Emergency Number 101
Norton Village Hall Website
Norton Village Hall Bookings

Norton Summer Bonanza is coming - Save the Date!

Remember all the fun we had at the Platinum Jubilee Fete a couple of years ago?

Well, local organisations are coming together to organise another village fete - the Norton Summer Bonanza - and this is going to be be bigger, bolder and better than ever. The date's been fixed: Friday 20 June 2025, right after the school's sports day. So, put the date in your diary and prepare for a summer party - a Summer Bonanza!

More details to follow soon.

Did you know there is a Norton branch of neighbourhood Watch?

With over 100 villagers in the group, it's a great way to keep in contact. Please email to join: christine1williams@btinternet.com

GLOUCESTER FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

There is a regular collection of donations for the Gloucester Food Bank at St Mary's in Priors Norton. Please drop any food or toiletry items every other Wednesday morning.