Norton News

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Housing Development - Lime Close Phase 2

Centaur Land, the developers of Lime Close, have presented detailed highway and drainage amendments to the planning application they submitted for phase 2 of the housing development. These amendments seek to address the objections raised by both the County Council (regarding highways) and the Parish Council when the original planning application for 46 houses was submitted last year.

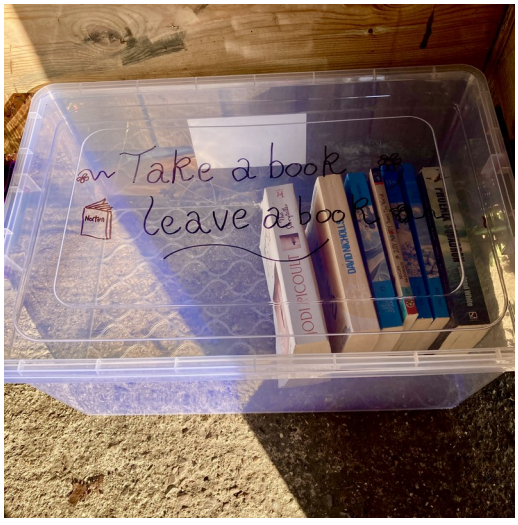
On highways, Centaur now intend to construct the pedestrian footways which were missing from the original application, but their proposals for the development's spine road say that it will be "private and will not be offered for adoption" by the County Council. This means that the residents of LIme Close phase 2 will be responsible for the costs of street cleaning and maintaining the roads serving their homes.

On drainage, Centaur now propose to connect the development to the pumping station adjacent to Cook Lane and Wainlode Lane, which already has capacity issues.

This revised planning application will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting which will be held on Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All interested residents are encouraged to attend and give their views. Anyone wishing to comment direct to Tewkesbury Borough Council, so that their opinion can be taken into account by the planners, should do so online at https://tewkesbury-central.oncreate.app/w/webpage/apptracker-search quoting reference 24/00331/FUL. Comments should be submitted as soon as possible.

Norton Book Swap

A new book swap crate can be found at the bus stop near Norton Village Hall. Offload what you've already read and pick up something new instead!



Village Hall Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Norton Village Hall charity will be held on Monday 10 March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall - when the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and members of the Management Committee will be elected for the coming year. Nominations for these positions should be made at the meeting. All residents of the parish are invited to attend.

Major Internal Improvements To Village Hall

Last year the main Hall was completely refurbished and the Committee Room is currently being redecorated. Now, at their meeting last week, the Hall's Management Committee approved a further series of internal improvements. These include: new toilets with improved disabled access, renovating the changing rooms and installing new showers, and replacing the existing boilers with a new heating and hot water system.

Full details of the Management Committee's plans will be unveiled at the AGM on 10 March.

Next Meeting Of The Parish Council

The next meeting of Norton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 12 March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend. The agenda listing the items to be discussed will be published on the Council's website three clear days before the meeting.

Coffee Morning

Norton Friends will be hosting their usual coffee morning on Wednesday 12th March at the Village Hall 10.00 to 11.30am with a Bring and Buy table.

Six Nations

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Six Nations Rugby

Norton Village Hall will be showing all 3 of the Six Nations matches from 2pm on Saturday 15th of March in the Committee Room. Polo Gin will be providing a bar and delicious Hot Dogs from Jesse Smith butchers.

We Need Trees - Norton Nurturing Nature

Trees are our lungs. Trees are our guardians. Trees are our health service and wildlife champions. We desperately need trees, yet after centuries of damage and deforestation, just 13% of our land area is forested.

Trees don't just mitigate carbon, removing it from the atmosphere, they also sequester it – absorbing carbon dioxide during photosynthesis and then locking it up for centuries. Much of this carbon is stored in the leaves, which transfer it to the woodland soil when they fall from the tree and rot down.

Trees near water-bodies can also be useful flood defences in an age where climate change is increasing flooding. Trees massively reduce the amount of rainwater entering watercourses, which in turn lowers the likelihood of a river bursting its banks and flooding low-lying areas.

We're living through a biodiversity crisis. Moths, birds, bats, dormice, butterflies, fungi – they all depend on woods, trees and hedges to feed, breed and thrive. But with 53% of our woodland wildlife species in decline, and woodland butterflies in particular plummeting by 47% between 1990 and 2022, the figures speak for themselves.

Trees boost our physical and mental health in many ways. As well as keeping our atmosphere rich in oxygen, they filter pollutants from the air, shade our streets when it's hot and even improve our immunity. Research has shown that chemicals called phytoncides, released by plants and trees, strengthen our immune, hormonal, circulatory and nervous systems when we breathe them in.

Trees and farming go hand in hand. Trees shelter livestock from our increasingly wild weather and offer them shady spots for respite from heatwaves. Trees also improve soil health and prevent soil erosion, with those along or near watercourses helping to protect water-bodies (and their wildlife) from the pollution in farm run-off.



Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show

Plant Sale

Friday 2 May 2025
7pm - 7.45pm

NORTON VILLAGE HALL

Everyone Welcome
Free Admission

Cash Only



Norton, Leigh & District Hortic Committee

SO BEGINS THE NEXT GARDENING ADVENTURE

BY CHRIS EVANS, DUNDRY NURSERIES



- THURSDAY 24 APRIL
- NORTON VILLAGE HALL (GL2 9LJ) 7.30PM
- EVERYONE IS WELCOME FREE ADMISSION & TEA/COFFEE AND CAKES
- FOLLOWED BY A COMMITTEE MEETING (WELCOME TO STAY OR LEAVE)

Pancakes & Coffee

Saturday 8 March

10am-12noon

St Catherine's Church, The Leigh



Homemade Cakes by Carol and Kate!

Miss Bussey's Busy Bees

Bookings now open! Miss Bussey's Busy Bees, the holiday club with nature at its heart is open for bookings. See:

https://www.missbussey.co.uk to find out more



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

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.