

Norton News



August 2025 Edition

Please email editor@nortonnews.uk if you have anything you wish to be included in the Norton News

Safer roads in the village

Hot on the heels of its successful campaign to convince the County Council to lower the speed limit to 40mph on the A38 through the village, the Parish Council agreed at its July meeting to investigate traffic calming measures, including solar-powered speed awareness signs, for Old Tewkesbury Road and Wainlode Lane. The various options and their potential cost are being discussed with the County Council, and a recommendation will be made to the Parish Council's next meeting in September.

The Parish Council will also be considering whether to express an interest in the "Community 20s" initiative being promoted by the County Council. This initiative (if adopted) would involve the introduction of a parish-wide 20mph speed limit on local roads.

Better mobile phone reception in Norton

Norton is a well-known mobile phone blackspot and many local residents are plagued by poor reception.

With this in mind, the Parish Council is investigating how mobile reception could be improved. After contacting the County Council's Economy and Strategic Planning Team, the Council is now talking to Atlas Tower Group, a "neutral host" who provide shareable structures for any of the four mobile network operators (EE, Vodaphone, O2 and Three) to use, about improving local mobile coverage.

Initial discussions look very promising as Atlas recognise that mobile coverage in the area needs improving and are keen to work with the Parish Council on this issue. Watch this space for future updates on this matter.

Planning applications for housing development in the parish

(a) Red Lion Caravan and Camping Site

The Parish Council has objected to an application from the site's owner to approve the use of the site as a mixed use holiday and residential caravan site. A copy of the objection has been posted on the Parish Council's website (www.nortonparish.gov.uk).

(b) Construction of 45 dwellings on land at Brookelands Farm, Tewkesbury Road

At its July meeting, the Parish Council considered the submission by Wain Homes of 30 new sets of drawings for the proposed development, together with an amended Transport Statement and a Flood Risk Assessment.

After reviewing the new drawings, the Parish Council concluded that they did not materially affect the Council's principal objections to the development, which were made last November. However they expressed concerns about the increased traffic on the A38 which the development would cause and the applicant's drainage strategy. A copy of the Council's response can be viewed at http://www.nortonparish.gov.uk.

The Parish Council repeated its strong suggestion that if Tewkesbury Borough Council was minded to approve this application, then a condition must be added to any consent requiring that the public sewerage system be upgraded before any new dwellings are connected.

(c) Construction of 46 dwellings on land south of Llme Close

Amongst the latest documents posted on the Borough Council's planning portal is a letter from Gloucestershire County Council, in its capacity as Highway Authority, recommending that the application be refused.

How much do you know about emergency First Aid?

Would you know what to do if a member of your family had a cardiac arrest?

Would you be interested in attending a free First Aid Essentials course run by St John Ambulance?

We're not talking here about how to tie an old-fashioned triangular bandage, but really useful stuff like how to put someone in the recovery position, how to give CPR and how to use a defibrillator. There are two defibrillators in Norton - one in the Village Hall, the other at the New Dawn Inn - and potentially a third defibrillator in the parish church soon. But, faced with an emergency, would you know how to use one?

The Parish Council is considering sponsoring a First Aid Essentials course to give residents these skills, and more. But first, the Council needs to gauge the level of interest. If you'd be interested in spending an hour to gain this knowledge, please email Richard Page on rfnpage@yahoo.co.uk, stating whether you'd prefer to attend an online course or a face to face course at the Village Hall. It could be the best hour you'll ever spend.

County Councillor and Member of Parliament surgeries

Our County Councillor, Richard Stanley, and the Member of Parliament for Tewkesbury, Cameron Thomas, will be holding regular surgeries in Norton to meet their constituents, listen to their concerns and discuss any issues they may be facing. The dates and locations for these surgeries are as follows:

Councillor Richard Stanley - Saturday 30 August between 11.30am and 12.30pm in the New Dawn Inn. (Going forward, Richard plans to hold surgeries in Norton on the last Saturday of every month.)

Cameron Thomas MP - Tuesday 26 August or Wednesday 27 August (final date and time to be announced later) in Norton Village Hall.

Local Events

Morning Coffee and Cake Sale in aid of Breast Cancer Now

Date: Saturday 2nd August 10.30am to 12.30pm
Venue: Norton Village Hall

Join with other members of the village and bring along a friend or family member to meet for a coffee and cake morning in aid of Breast Cancer Now. Please bring a donation of £5 in cash for your refreshments. Cakes will also be on sale and there will be a prize raffle. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, you can do so at the Just Giving page for this cause that is very close to our hearts.
https://www.justgiving.com/team/nortonbreastcancernow?

Norton, Leigh & District 75th Horticultural Show

Date: Saturday 9th August from 2.30pm
Venue: Norton Village Hall

A display of locally produced vegetables, fruit, flowers, wines, preserves and cakes.

Why don't you give it a go? To obtain a schedule, just email nortonleighhorticshow@gmail.com

Call My Bluff Wine Tasting Evening
Wine tasting with a twist

Date: Saturday 11th October 7.30pm to 10.30pm
Venue: Norton Village Hall

Do you know your Malbecs from your Riojas? Can you sniff out a Sauvignon Blanc? Join us for a relaxed and informative evening as we sample a selection of wines with an added fun element. No wine knowledge required, just come along and enjoy.

Save the date. Further details to follow.

New Editor

Hi, I'm Kieran O'Donoghue and I've taken over as Editor of the Norton News from Brad Smith who has recently moved out of the village. Thanks Brad for doing a fantastic job.

The eagle-eyed amongst you would have noticed the new email address for contributions for future editions of Norton News. Please send any items, including graphics if you have them, to me at editor@nortonnews.uk

The deadline for submitting items for the September issue is Thursday 29th August.

If anyone wishes to be added to the mailing list for Norton News, for data protection purposes they must email me directly from the email account that they wish to be added. I hope to be able to simplify this process in the near future.

I am also investigating a new emailing platform so you may be requested to confirm your subscription. You may also get this newsletter more than once, so apologies if that happens.

You're invited to a Morning Coffee & Cake Sale



Date: Saturday 2nd August

Where: Norton Village Hall

Time: Pop in at any time between 10.30 and 12.30, we'd love to see you!

Bring a neighbour, family member or friend for this great cause.

We're passionate about creating a community vibe & what better way to do this than over coffee, cake, a raffle and great conversation, whilst raising money for this brilliant charity which is very close to our hearts.



We dont have credit card facilities so please bring cash on the day

We're holding a Morning Coffee and Cake Sale to help improve the lives of people affected by breast cancer, now and for generations to come.

Breastcancernow.org/afternoontea

AFTERNOON TEA

BREAST CANCER NOW

FR Registered with Fundraising register.. and the little logs if you can find them?
Breast cancer is a company limited by a guarantee registered n England (9347608) and a charity registered in England and Wales (11604558), Scotland (SC045584) and the Isle of man (1200)

NORTON, LEIGH & DISTRICT
75TH HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Wine, Preserves & Cakes



Norton Village Hall
Saturday 9 August 2025

Doors open 2.30pm
Free Admission

Why don't you give it a go? -
to obtain a Schedule, please email
nortonleighhorticshow@gmail.com

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 regarding emergency and security issues.

Please email to join:
christine1williams@btinternet.com

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.

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