

Norton News

January 2026 Edition



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Could you be our new Parish Councillor?

At its meeting in January, the Parish Council wants to co-opt a Norton resident to fill the current vacancy for a Parish Councillor. That new councillor could be you.

Interested residents are invited to contact Richard Page on rfnpage@yahoo.co.uk for more information about the role and a brief application form. The closing date for applications is Monday 12 January 2026.

January Parish Council meeting

The Parish Council will be holding its next meeting on Wednesday 14 January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

This is your opportunity to put your questions to the Council about parish affairs, or comment on planning applications and other matters, so that your views can be taken into account when the Council makes its decision.

Proposed new housing development on Old Tewkesbury Road

A planning application has been made for the erection of 9 houses on land off Old Tewkesbury Road, close to the junction with the A38. The application will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 14 January.

To find out more about the proposed development, visit tewkesbury-central.oncreate.app/w/webpage/apptracker-search and enter the planning reference number 25/00967/FUL. From here you can view the application documents or make comments on the proposals.

Here's a short code link to take you straight to the application: https://bit.ly/44QHYaQ

Christmas treecycle

Get 2026 off to a green start by recycling your "real" Christmas tree.

Small trees can go in Tewkesbury Borough Council's Brown bin (used for the garden waste collection service). Larger trees, those taller than two metres or six feet, should be cut in half and placed next to the Brown bin for collection from Tuesday 6 January 2026. Refuse crews will collect trees left on the pavement or beside the bin. The trees collected will be shredded and used as chippings.

Alternatively, trees of any size can be taken to a free drop-off point at the Norton Garden Centre between Monday 5 and Friday 16 January 2026.

40mph speed limit on the A38

At last, some progress with the implementation of the reduced speed limit on the A38 through Norton!

The A38 between Down Hatherley Lane in Twigworth and Blacksmith Lane at The Leigh will be closed from Monday 16 to Friday 20 February between 8.00pm and 6.00am for the erection of new signs and road lining works ahead of the introduction of the new 40mph speed limit.

Gloucestershire Highways have assured the Parish Council that residential, emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during this period.

Erection of a phone mast in Norton

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey about mobile coverage in the parish. Over 80% of the residents who replied assessed their mobile coverage as either "poor" or "no coverage", and 90% (that's 28 out of 31 replies) supported the erection of a new phone mast in Norton. Atlas Tower Group are actively looking for a suitable mast site and there will be an update in the next edition of Norton News.

Norton and The Leigh History Society

History Society dates for the first quarter of 2026:

Date: Monday 19th January
Topic: The Work of the MOD War Detectives; tracing the relatives of military personnel who have died and whose bodies continue to be found

Date: Monday 16th February
Topic: Gloucester Comes to the Light; When electricity first come to Gloucester

Date: Monday 16th March
Topic: Catherine Parr - Gloucestershire's Queen; The largely unknown story of Henry VIII's sixth wife

Venue: Committee Room, Norton Village Hall.
Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm start
Entrance: £3.00
Everyone is welcome.

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We would like to wish all readers if Norton News a Very Happy New Year.

Please send any items, including graphics if you have them, to me at editor@nortonnews.uk

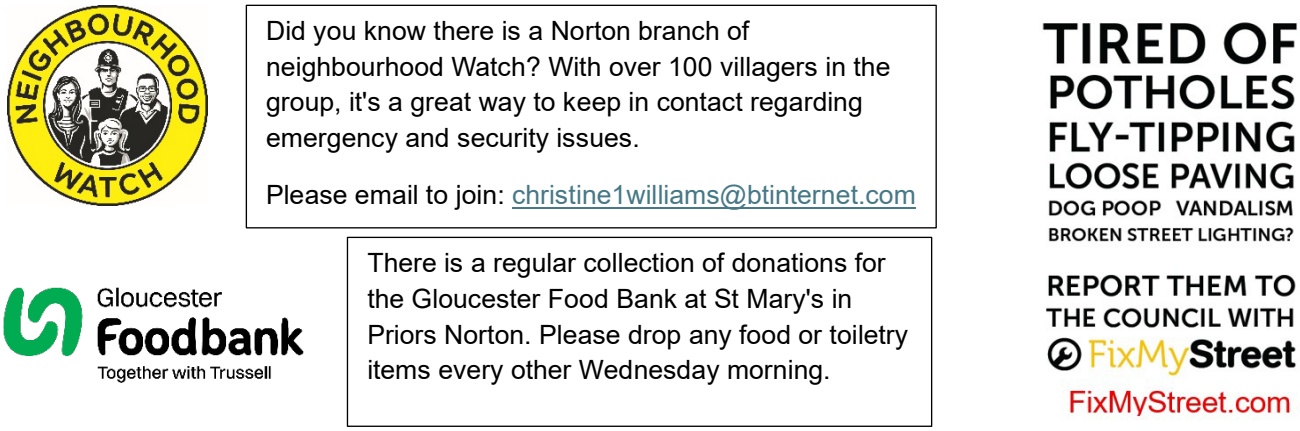
The deadline for submitting items for the February issue is Friday 30th January.

If anyone wishes to be added to the mailing list for Norton News, for data protection purposes they must either email me directly from the email account that they wish to be added or you can sign up at nortonnews.uk/sign-up-to-the-e-mailing-list.

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

www.FixMyStreet.com is a powerful website for reporting common street problems like - potholes, broken streetlights, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, missing or unreadable road signs, abandoned road works or traffic signs, overgrown hedges and trees, blocked footpaths, dog fouling, dead deer etc. - to your local council.

It is run by the UK charity mySociety and it covers all of the UK. The great thing about FixMyStreet is that you don't need to know who's responsible for fixing the problem; you just put a pin on a map, and FixMyStreet does the rest, a 'one stop' reporting site.