

Norton News

June 2026 Edition



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Parish Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman Elected

The Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday 20 May. The following were elected for 2026/27:

Chairman - Richard Page

Vice-Chairman - Anne Marie Delaney

Anne Marie was appointed to represent the parish on the Gloucestershire Airport Consultative Committee, and Jeremy Phelps was re-appointed as the parish's Flood & Snow Warden.

Richard presented his Chairman's Annual Report on the activities of the Parish Council during the past year. A copy of the Annual Report may be inspected on the Council's website.

Councillor resignation and vacancy

Councillor Martin Griffiths announced his resignation from the Council as he had left the parish and moved to Ledbury. Martin's resignation was accepted with regret and the Council thanked him for his service, especially as the Norton Nurturing Nature lead.

This means that there's now a vacancy for a parish councillor. This is a key community role, particularly with local government changes on the horizon. Any Norton resident interested in parish affairs and prepared to help make important decisions affecting our community is invited to email Richard Page at rfnpage@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

Community Governance Review of Parish Arrangements

Tewkesbury Borough Council has recently announced a Community Governance Review of parish arrangements across the Borough to consider whether existing governance arrangements reflect the needs of their communities.

The last review was undertaken five years' ago, however the impact of new housing development in many areas, including Norton, has resulted in population changes and concerns that existing councillor numbers may not be sufficient to ensure the efficient and effective representation of parishes.

Because Norton is classed as a "service village", with population numbers expected to grow significantly over the next few years, the Parish Council has decided to request that the number of parish councillors for Norton be increased from the current 5 councillors to 7 councillors, with effect from the next parish elections in May 2027.

If the Borough Council decides that the Parish Council's application has merit, a public consultation on the proposal will be held during September or early October, with a final decision being taken by the Borough Council in December. Watch this space for updates on this subject.

Public consultation on Local Government Re-organisation

The Parish Council has responded in detail to the Government's consultation on proposals for Local Government Re-organisation in Gloucestershire. A copy of the submitted response may be inspected on the Council's website.

Wainlode Lane road closures in June

The Parish Council has been notified of the following temporary road closures on Wainlode Lane:

Tuesday 9 June, from 8am to 5pm - between properties known as "Green Corners" and "Dunsworth Cottage" (a distance of approximately 150 metres). This closure is for one day only for sewer repair works. An alternative route will be signposted.

Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 June – between Wainlode Lane's junction with Old Tewkesbury Road and its junction with the B4213. This closure will allow Severn Trent Water to carry out patching repair work along sections of carriageway recently excavated for sewer repair work. Emergency and pedestrian access along the whole length of Wainlode Lane will be maintained throughout this period.

Erection of a mobile phone mast in Norton

The Atlas Tower Group has now agreed on suitable location for a phone mast close to the A38 and carried out an initial drone survey of the site. Full details will be published following the completion of a full on-site survey.

Maintenance of Norton's Play Area

Norton's Play Area is a popular, well-used parish facility and therefore the Parish Council has appointed a specialist firm to conduct comprehensive quarterly inspections and maintain the play equipment to ensure that it's fit for purpose and complies with all the necessary safety standards.

But this is only part of the story. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of local volunteers who also inspect the equipment and carry out running repairs on a day-to-day basis. The Parish Council would therefore like to thank Neil Davies, Nick Lewis, Andrew Mason and Nicholas Smale for their commitment and hard work.

Norton and The Leigh History Society

Forthcoming Dates for the History Society:

Date: Monday 15th June
Topic: Stories of Britain with Robin Burton. Eight stories of Britain; four in prose and four in traditional English Folk song, wonderfully illustrated by Alison Merry.

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

Open Farm Sunday at Norton Court Farm

Norton Court Farm is excited to invite you to Open Farm Sunday on Sunday 7th June.

Join us from 6am for a special early start at the farm and experience the sights and sounds of a working dairy farm as the day begins.

Early risers can take part in a guided dawn chorus walk with local bird enthusiast Shaun Curtis. This short guided route from the farmyard will explore the mature hedgerows surrounding the farm, giving visitors the chance to discover the wonderful variety of birdlife at one of the most active times of day.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to witness the morning milking routine in the milking parlour and see the calves being fed, while learning more about the day-to-day running of the farm.

From 8am, join the farm team in the yard for free tea and coffee, with breakfast rolls available to purchase. It will be a great opportunity to ask questions and chat about farming, wildlife and life on the farm. Please book your ticket for this event via the Trybooking link: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GLPY

There will be a £5 per ticket charge with all proceeds going to the Curlew Action Charity who are working to help restore and protect vital breeding grounds locally.

For those who prefer a more relaxed start to their Sunday, our self-guided farm walks will be open from 10.30am, with last entry at 3pm. Visitors can enjoy a gentle route beginning in the farmyard, winding through our mature orchard and down into our species-rich meadows. The farmer (and soil enthusiast) Debbie Wilkins and her team will be around to chat about the nature, and soil-friendly farming methods we use across the farm.

Back in the yard, there will be children's craft activities and the chance to meet our model cow, Daisy, who demonstrates how grass is turned into milk.

Tractor and trailer rides will also be running to our new community garden, where you can see the **1000 Seeds Project** in full growth and the start of the new community orchard.

Tea and cake will be available to purchase, and visitors are welcome to bring a picnic to enjoy in the orchard.

Please reserve your free tickets for the self-guided walk and/or tractor and trailer rides using the TryBooking link: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GLPY

Did you, or someone you know, used to attend Norton school?

We would love for you to share photos, memories and stories from the past to add to our display for the summer 150th celebration. Any photos will be copied so no originals will be on display. The display will be set up in the village hall where afternoon tea is served.

If you can help please get in contact with Norton PTA at Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com

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Please send any items, including graphics if you have them, to me at editor@nortonnews.uk Sorry, no commercial advertising.

The deadline for submitting items for the July issue is Saturday 27th June.

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.


GAMES & STALLS
EVERYONE'S WELCOME TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE..
BBQ & BAR
150 YEARS OF
NORTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NORTON PLAYING FIELD
SATURDAY 6TH JUNE
3PM ONWARDS
FREE ENTRY
INFLATABLES - TIME CAPSULE- ART COMPETITION - FACE PAINTING -RAFFLE - GAMES -
TUG OF WAR - RUGBY -TREASURE HUNT - ICE CREAMS - BBQ - BAR


NORTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
We all shine like stars
150 YEARS OF
NORTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
3pm onwards - Stalls, inflatables, ice creams
3-4pm - hear St Mary's Church bells
3:30pm - Afternoon tea (Village Hall)
4pm - Time capsule (Outdoor Learning Area)
5pm - Rainbow Raffle Draw
BBQ and Bar to continue into the evening
BRITISH POLO GIN
Dragon Designs
STANLEY-30
Mr Whippy
NORTON PTA


Open Farm Sunday at Norton Court Farm
from 6.00am, Sunday 7th June
Children's Craft Activities
Tractor & Trailer Rides
Morning Milking
Dawn Chorus Walk
CELEBRATING
Open Farm Sunday
2026
20 YEARS

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

Do you have something you no longer need or use but is too good to throw away and could be of use to someone else in the village? Maybe you have something to sell or some local news or knowledge to share. There's a Whatsapp group for that.

Please message group moderator Andrew Mason to join: +44 7767 610497

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

TIRED OF POTHOLES FLY-TIPPING LOOSE PAVING DOG POOP VANDALISM BROKEN STREET LIGHTING?

REPORT THEM TO THE COUNCIL WITH FixMyStreet

FixMyStreet.com

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.