

Norton News

October 2026 Edition



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Community Register - Join now

From time-to-time small tasks occur in the village where some help is needed. Therefore, the Parish Council has decided to set up a Community Register - a list of local people who might be able to help out with a variety of small tasks around the parish like, for example, inspecting the play area equipment, weeding around the Multi Use Games Area, checking that the grit bins are full, or litter picking.

If you're able to volunteer and help keep our village "shipshape", please email your name, contact details and those areas where you could help the community, to the parish clerk, Dan Hinde, at: clerk@nortonparish.gov.uk

Planning application for 35 houses at The Teachers field

Outline planning permission (ie. permission in principle) was granted for the building of 35 houses on land adjoining The Teachers, next to the school, in January. The property company developing the site has now submitted a detailed application (ref: 26/00745/APP) to Tewkesbury Borough Council for all the items not covered by the outline application, including the site layout, house types and building materials.

The application will be discussed by the Parish Council at their next meeting on Wednesday 11 November. In the meantime, residents can look at the application by following this link: https://publicaccess.tewkesbury.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=TKUL8YQDHNC00

Here's a copy of the site layout plan. Click on the image to download a full-size PDF.



Get ready for autumn

Now that we're at the end of September and the small birds born this season have fledged, it's no longer necessary to protect nesting sites, so it's safe for gardeners to cut back their hedges. As part of this housekeeping process, don't forget to cut back any hedges which obscure road signs or overhang pavements and footways. A wet overhanging hedge or weeping plant can be unpleasant for pedestrians at this time of year.

Did you know that even just planting wildflower strips along a fence can dramatically boost butterfly numbers and species diversity? Studies show they attract more butterflies than traditional lawns or meadows, creating vital habitat for these essential pollinators.



Thanks Nick

Nick Smale, one of the volunteer play area inspectors, has stepped down from this role. The Parish Council would therefore like to say a big "thank-you" to Nick for all his work in checking the play equipment and reporting bolts that need tightening and faults that need repair.

However, the parish now needs to find a replacement for Nick. If you're interested in helping, or would like more information, please email the parish clerk at: clerk@nortonparish.gov.uk

Next Parish Council meeting - Wednesday 11 November

The next meeting of Norton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11 November in the Committee Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All residents welcome.

Event Sponsorship at the Village Hall

The Social Committee at the Village Hall are currently planning a number of events through to Christmas and are inviting local residents or businesses to support us through event sponsorship.

Your sponsorship would help us cover the costs of hall hire, refreshments and raffle prizes, allowing us to keep these events affordable and accessible to everyone in our community.

Sponsorship packages range from £50 to £150 depending on the event

If you would like to sponsor one of the events, or would like further information, please contact social@Nortonvillagehall.co.uk

We have the following events planned:

- **Coffee Morning**: Saturday 24th October
- **Children's Halloween Competition and Spooky Pumpkin Trail**: Saturday 31st October
- **Pub Social Night**: Saturday 21st November
- **Coffee Morning**: Saturday 28th November
- **Christmas Trail, Christmas lights and Sing Along**: Saturday 5th December

We would be delighted if you or your business would consider sponsoring one of these events. Your support would make a real difference and help us continue providing enjoyable social activities for local residents.

As a thank you, we would be pleased to acknowledge your business as an event sponsor (or not, if you would prefer) in our event publicity and on the day itself, giving members of the local community an opportunity to see and support the businesses that help make these events possible.

We would also welcome contributions of any raffle prizes, voucher or goods/services instead of, or alongside, financial sponsorship.

Every contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated and goes directly towards supporting our village hall and the community it serves.

Thank you for considering supporting our village hall and our local community. We very much hope you will be able to get involved. Please email social@nortonvillagehall.co.uk

Norton Village Hall Regular Events

What	When	Where
Norton History Group	2nd Monday of each month 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Committee Room
Line Dance	Every Tuesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Main Hall
Fitsteps	Every Wednesday 7.00pm to 8.00pm	Main Hall
Balboa Dance	Every Thursday 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Main Hall
Art with Nick	Every Friday 6.45pm to 9.00pm	Committee Room

Can You Help? – Still looking….

We have several opportunities to join our Village Hall volunteer team:

Treasurer: Our current Treasurer, Lynne Berry, will be stepping down in March 2027. We are looking for someone who can take on this important role.

Social & Community Volunteers: We are setting up a small events sub-group team to organise and run events and activities. If you have ideas or time to help, we would love to hear from you. Email: social@nortonvillagehall.co.uk

Booking Clerk: A shared role helping to manage Hall bookings. It is not particularly time-consuming but is essential to the smooth running of the Hall.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact chair@nortonvillagehall.co.uk or any member of the Committee.

Norton and The Leigh History Society

Forthcoming Dates for the History Society:

Date: Monday 19th October
Topic: A Blue Plaque Tour of Gloucester. Famous poets, performers and pioneers of Gloucester with Andy Meller.

Date: Monday 16th November
Topic: Shepherd Crook Folk Choir. Local Gloucestershire Carols and Christmas songs (sung in four-part harmony)

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

Free Film Showing: People's Emergency Briefing

Everyone is invited to a free film showing at Norton Village Hall on October 17th at 7.30pm of a watershed documentary called 'People's Emergency Briefing'.

In November 2025, the National Emergency Briefing brought together leading experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to politicians and other influential people in Westminster. That evidence is now on the public record.

Since April this year, thousands of communities have come together to watch this 50-minute film which combines authoritative scientific content from that event with reactions from members of the public and some more familiar faces - all designed to help us process the information on a more human level.

It delivers the frank facts about the threats, but also the enormous benefits if Government leads genuine emergency action. Many of those that have already attended a showing have said that, although the facts are alarming, they felt a sense of optimism about confronting the challenge together and seeing a way to a better future.

This is our chance to come together as a community and join the thousands of others across the country that have done the same.

This showing is the first event in the week-long Seven Towers tracks Festival. If possible, please book your free ticket for the film at https://seventowers.org.uk/tracks

You'll find details of the other events there too.

Autumn in Seven Towers Benefice

Seven Towers Benefice have a number of activities organised for this Autumn across local villages.

- Friendly Friday: First Friday of every month at Down Hatherley Village Hall. 10.30am -12 Noon. Come down for coffee, cake & chat.
- Lunch Together: A 2-course hot lunch in Sandhurst Village Hall (cost £5), on Tuesdays 13th Oct, 10th Nov & 15th Dec.
- Coffee Mornings: Monthly on second Monday from 10.30am in Sandhurst Village Hall, second Wednesday from 10.00 am in Norton Village Hall and at The Leigh Church on 17th October from 10.00am.
- Harvest Supper: Three-course meal in Sandhurst Village Hall on Saturday 3rd October. Cost £20.
- Harvest Festival Service: 11.00am Sunday 4th October in Sandhurst Church.
- Remembrance Day services: A short service, to commemorate those who have given their lives for our country, in each of our churches from 10.45am on Wednesday 11th November.

Full events calendar and details at https://seventowers.org.uk/events

COBALT Appeal

Christmas and Greetings Card Sale

Thursday 15th October: 10.30 am to 6.00 pm

The Dovecote
Sandhurst Lane
Sandhurst
GL2 9NR (past church and follow signs)

Complimentary coffee and cake. Please come and bring your friends.

The Cobalt Unit Appeal Fund is a Gloucestershire-based medical charity that provides advanced diagnostic imaging and cancer screening services

Next Edition

Please send any items, including graphics if you have them, to me at editor@nortonnews.uk Sorry, no commercial advertising. Please keep text and images separate attaching any images as .jpg or .png files.

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

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.

Halloween Gathering Format (See next Page)

- 5.00pm Children and Parents Arrive
- 5.15pm Fancy Dress Competition
- 5.30pm Trick Competition
- 6.00pm Commence Spooky Pumpkin Trail

NB: Free squash and Cakes available for children. No booking required, just turn up on the night.


NORTON COMMUNITY FARM
You're invited
TO OUR FIRST
OPEN DAY
Sunday 4 October
2026 11am - 4pm
We're a community-led agroecology project at Norton Court Farm, and we'd love you to come and see what we're creating.
Join us to meet the team, explore the land, learn about our vision and find out how you can be part of this growing community
WALK THE LAND
TREE PLANTING CEREMONY
LOCAL LIVE MUSIC
SEED SAVING ACTIVITY
FARM TOUR
Coffee, cake and a light lunch will be available
Find full details and RSVP at nortoncourtfarm.co.uk/open-day
PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO COME


JOIN US FOR
VILLAGE
COFFEE
Mornings
SATURDAYS
24/10 & 28/11
10AM–11:30AM
£2 ENTRY
EVERYONE WELCOME
COME AND TELL US WHAT ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE VILLAGE
COFFEE • TEA • CAKES
CHAT
NORTON VILLAGE HALL
Norton Glos


Halloween Gathering
Start your trick or treating off at
Norton Village Hall
Saturday 31st October
5-7pm
Join us for a
Children's fancy dress competition
Best trick competition
Prizes
Refreshments and cake
Free for villagers
£2 per person non villagers


Join us at Norton Village Hall
for a
WINTER SOCIAL
MUSIC - FOOD - GAMES - DRINKS - RAFFLE
NOVEMBER 21 FROM 5:30PM
Everyone welcome from 5:30 - 7pm
Adults only from 7-9:30pm
TO BOOK YOUR PLACES EMAIL
SOCIAL@NORTONVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK
NORTON VILLAGE HALL, NORTON, GLOS
GL29LJ

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

Did you know there are two walking groups in Norton? Just pop along and meet us.

The Tuesday Trotters meet each week at 9:30am in the village hall car park for a 5-6 mile walk. We try to keep these walks easy so that everyone of all ages can enjoy some fresh air and exercise as well as to enjoy some good company.

The Wainlode Walkers has a long history and also meet weekly on Fridays at 9:30am at the village hall. The walks are a little more demanding and most weeks include a hill (or two) and are more likely to be about 8 miles, so a good level of fitness is required.

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.

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.

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