

WOODNEWTON NEWS

AUGUST 2020



Newly refurbished bench in the flower meadow

News and Reports

Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – July 2020

The Parish Council met on 13th July

The Council met again this month via internet conferencing which enables business to carry on during the current lockdown.

Litter

As we are all walking around the village and surrounding fields more now, consider picking up 1 piece of litter every time you go out. If we all do it, wherever we are, the amount of litter would reduce by 1/3rd in one year alone. The Council can provide you with Litter Picking Sticks if you would like one. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

Speed Detection Sign

The sign has been moved to another suitable location at the western entrance to the village. Traffic regularly approaches the sharp bend/Orchard Lane junction by the Cemetery at high speed and this location reminds all those drivers to slow down through the village.

Playground Equipment

The playground has re-opened following Government guidance. A ROSPA safety inspection has been carried out and the full report received. New signage will also be installed as per guidance. Routine maintenance continues with the refurbishment of the benches. One of the benches will be re-sited in the wild-flower area following its overhaul.

The Council has also obtained a grant towards the costs of repairing the roundabout.

Planning

Two applications for tree works were reviewed and returned without objection.

Cemetery

The Council is reviewing cemetery fees. There has not been any change since 2012 and it is only right that the Council undertakes periodic reviews of all costs and charges. Fees charged by other councils have been obtained for comparison purposes and a final decision will be made at the next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 7th September at 8.00pm**

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

From the Editor

You will see that this is a shorter issue than our usual publication. Inevitably the current restrictions mean that our What's On section is non-existent, and indeed you will see on this page the impact on some events that were previously in the calendar.

Please take some time to read the Fireworks survey delivered along with this issue and return it with your response. Or respond on line - link is shown below.

Hopefully as things return to some kind of normality there will be more content for you to read and more events for you to attend.

Stay Safe

.Grant Neville - Editor



Due to the coronavirus pandemic The Woodnewton Village Hall Committee have made the difficult decision to cancel the annual Woodnewton firework event for 2020.

The committee appreciate that this is a fund raiser which many families look forward to, but we must put the health of our villagers, visitors and volunteers first.

Please respond to the questionnaire included with this issue. Also available on line at <http://woodnewtonhub.co.uk/bonfire-survey/>

MISSING

Cedric

Last seen Monday 6th July.

Cedric has mysteriously removed without permission from outside the allotment charity stall, for which he has helped raise over £1,000 for Cancer Research UK.

If you have any information as to his current whereabouts, or to his reason/method for/of his disappearance please contact any allotment holder or member of the Parish Council or - preferably -
PLEASE ARRANGE FOR HIS RETURN!



Friends of St Mary's Church

"It is with much regret that the Friends of St Mary's Church fundraising team have had to make the sad decision to postpone the Race Night which was to have taken place in October at the village hall. It is hoped that this will now take place in Spring 2021."

COVID-19

Health Update - 23 July From Cambridge & Peterborough CCG National Figures

As of 9am on 22 July 2020, a total of 10,375,459 tests have been processed, of which 296,377 were confirmed positive.

As of 5pm on, 20 July 2020, of those who tested positive for coronavirus in the UK, across all settings 45,501 have died.

These numbers are the latest figures available at the point this update was sent – for the most up to date figures please check on this page.

Local Figures by Upper Tier Local Authority

Peterborough – 1,389 confirmed cases

Cambridgeshire – 2,257 confirmed cases

Peterborough COVID-19 figures and action

Peterborough has been identified as being within the 10 local authorities with the highest weekly rate of Covid-19, after an increase in cases in the last week has taken us back to the levels last seen in early June.

- 15th – 21st June 56 cases
- 22nd-28th June 46 cases
- 29th June- 5th July 38 cases
- 5th-12th July 61 cases

Admissions to hospital for COVID-19 are continuing to fall and are currently at the lowest level across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire since early March.

It is important to be clear that this is not a large outbreak in the city. Instead it is small pockets of positive test results in the community and an infection rate that is not decreasing at the same rate of the rest of the region. As a result, we are working closely with Peterborough City Council and others to help tackle this.

Testing or Swabbing for COVID-19

Testing or swabbing is an important part of the COVID-19 plans to ensure that people can return to work as quickly as it is safe to do so and take the appropriate actions if

they test positive

Testing is also now available to any member of the public (over the age of 5) with symptoms by visiting nhs.uk/coronavirus

Please note, all tests must be booked in advance.

119 Testing Call Centre

By calling 119, members of the public, who don't have online access, can book a coronavirus swab test and ask any questions relating to having a test and getting results. This includes about drive through test sites, mobile test units and home tests.

Keep caring

Every one of us have played our part in reducing transmission of coronavirus so far. By taking care of ourselves and each other, fatalities and infection rates in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have continued to fall. However, while lockdown restrictions are gradually being lifted – everyone needs to take action to help us all return to a more normal life

The Keep Caring campaign outlines the simple things we can all do that have a big impact -

- Caring is keeping your distance - inside or outside
- Caring is being responsible – staying isolated if you think you've got symptoms, or been close to someone who has
- Caring is covering your face – even with no symptoms you might still spread the virus
- Caring is washing your hands - regularly when you enter or leave a new place

Please support our campaign by sharing these messages, but most importantly by continuing to follow the rules. This way we can control the virus and save lives.

Communications and Engagement Team
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND



In-line with Covid-19 guidance the play equipment has been re-opened and is available for use. Sensible precautions, such as hand-washing before and after use, and maintaining social distancing remain in place.

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Please check the website or Facebook page for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/WoodnewtonVillageHall/>.

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