

Trowse with Newton



Parish Council News

Spring 2023

Welcome to the Parish Council's News Letter. We aim to give up to date information to parishioners about what is going on in the village and beyond, how to get involved and where to go for advice.

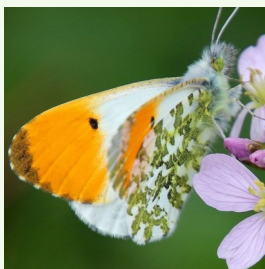
Spring is in the Air!

Don't you just love it when these little beauties start to poke their heads up through blades of grass? Crocus' are sure sign that spring is on the way and all the lovely things that come with it.

We are so lucky in Trowse to have such a wide variety of natural habitats around us, from country lanes, to woodland and waterways; the signs of spring are popping up all over.

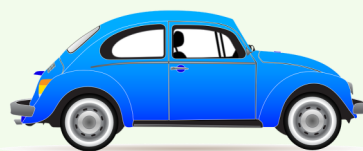
Primroses begin to appear on the woodland floor, catkins dangle from branches and new shoots and buds begin unfurling.

Birds also start to return after their winter migration. One of the most recognisable of these is the House Martin along with Swallows and Cuckoos. House Martins build their nest using more than 1000 beak-sized pellets of mud and you can help them by having an area of damp mud in your garden.



Orange-tipped butterflies are one of the first to emerge from their chrysalis after winter and they certainly make a cheery sight. Once again the hum of bumble bees can be

heard as the small little balls of fluff seek out pollen on the first spring flowers. Bats, beetles and especially bees make up a vital part of our eco-systems and conserving them is very important and is the reason why we planted wild flowers on the Common.



Parking scheme

The final consultation dates are between the 21st April and 16th May and comments can be emailed to trowsepms@norfolk.gov.uk. Norfolk Highways informs us that every household on roads affected by the scheme will get a letter through their door telling them where and how to comment. The PC also committed to a letter drop to ensure that everyone knows how to make representations. **Please note that this is your final opportunity to comment on the scheme, so if you have opinions for or against, we encourage you to express them.**



The PC has recently purchased a new SAM camera for use down Whitlingham Lane. Residents that live or walk down there are all too aware of the problems we have with speeding vehicles heading to and from the Broads. There have been issues with youths using Whitlingham as a speedway track at times and the Trust are looking to mitigate this with some car park barriers to stop the offenders spinning around the car parks.

However, it is not just Whitlingham Lane that has speeders. The whole village seems to suffer with people going over the limit, so although the camera will spend much of it's time on Whitlingham Lane, the new Speedwatch Team and PC Sneddon will be all over the village.

Coronation Charities

The PC have decided on the charities that will receive the profits from the Coronation Fun Day on the 6th May. These will be equally divided between Norwich Farmshare and The Norfolk Rivers Trust.

Norwich Farmshare is a local charity set up to grow and sell their own produce from a small holding on the very edge of Trowse at the far end of Whitlingham Lane. Their vision is to support food systems that educate, connect and empower local communities to be healthier and more resilient, to be rooted to the land and to each other, and to experience a direct relationship with how our food is produced. If you love to garden but don't have the space there are ways you can get involved, so pop along on the Fun Day and have a chat.

The Norfolk Rivers Trust is an independent charity that has a mission is to restore, protect and enhance the water environments of Norfolk for people and wildlife. Being so close to the Broads and local waterways it seems only logically to support this wonderful charity. Again, someone from the Trust will be joining us for our Fun Day so why not have a chat and see how you can get involved.

Our Coronation Fun Day will be a chance for all the family to have some good old, traditional entertainment without costing a fortune. Games are going to be reasonably priced so even those with only pocket money will be able to have a go and enjoy themselves. Food will be available to purchase on site but if you want to, you are more than welcome to bring a picnic and find a spot on the common. So, bring your friends and family and have a great day of celebration with us.



East Norwich Regeneration

Recently the Parish Council viewed a presentation by the planners for the former May Gurney site. The presentation not only outlined the details of the plan in terms of what it would look like but discussed other issues such as flooding and the ecological impact on the wider environment.

The submitted design codes planning application can be viewed on the South Norfolk District Council planning page by searching on the planning application number 2023/0517.

The Parish Council talked about some of the issues that it believed the residents will have with the development. Namely, traffic both during and after construction, any potential flooding impact on the village and concerns over wildlife protection and the conservation area that we are so lucky to live in.

The planners are looking to hold an "in person" open day where residents can go and ask questions, see the plans and chat with designers, so keep an eye out for information about that. It is important to engage with planners on this so local views are taken into consideration and we strongly encourage you to participate in the community engagement.

The Parish Council will continue to liaise with both the planners and our own planning consultant about the May Gurney and wider Deal Ground site and will report on any discussions.



"Is there anybody there?"

If you would like to get in touch with the Parish Council you can do so by emailing: trowsepc@outlook.com or calling 07899 798853.

Details of meeting dates etc are on our website: trowseparishcouncil@norfolkparishes.gov.uk

We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate feedback.