

Trowse with Newton



Parish Council News

April/May 24

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.

Protect, Enhance, Expand.

We have already talked about some of our biodiversity plans for the village and the Parish Council along with our Bio Green Team have already begun works on the Cemetery. We have planted nearly 200 hedging plants, but there is lots still left to do and activities will be taking place to expand on what is already on the cemetery site. This may include some new bird and bat boxes as well.

Recently some members of the PC had a meeting with representatives from Crown Point Estate with regards to a possible joint venture on some of their land to the rear of the church. Discussions are in the very early stages but could include creating some additional wetland for wildlife and for people to explore. The Green Team will be seeking a further meeting to discuss opportunities.

We will also be running some events over the summer for our children and young people. These could include things like making bat/bird boxes and creating some small ponds for gardens. Keep an eye out on the village social media pages for more information on these activities.

If you would like to join the [Trowse Green Team](#) or for more information on general volunteering please get in touch with the Clerk



Clean Up and Bloom

As part of the initiative being run by South Norfolk District Council we have taken part in the Clean Up and Bloom events that have been going on around the county. On the 1st April a hardy band of volunteers showed up to help with a litter pick. Our thanks go to them and to Cllr Long for organising the troops.

We must also give our thanks to Tony and Diane who as part of the Clean Up and Bloom activities, designed and replanted the area around the newly renovated village sign. As a gateway to our village we think it looks fantastic.

There will also be some colour added to the village planters like the horse trough near the common and we thank those who will be involved in that too. We hope that as well as encouraging our bees to feast on the fruits of our labours, the village will be a beautiful array of blooms and colour this summer.



Calling All Wannabe Olympians...

Or those who just want to have a bit of fun.

Preparations are well underway for the sporting event of the year. No, not the one in Paris but our very own Olympic inspired sports day taking place on the 27th July. We have so many activities for people of all ages to take part in we don't know how you are going to fit it all in. From sack races, tug of war, fun runs, hockey slalom, obstacle courses, canoe and rowing demos and lots more, there really is going to be something for everyone.

Sign up sheets will be available soon for you to sign up to events and all of the funds raised this year will be split between The Manor Rooms charity and East Anglian Childrens Hospice. Two very worthy causes I'm sure you'll agree.

There will also be an outside bar and food vendors for those wishing to partake. So dust off your trainers and sign your self up for some fun!

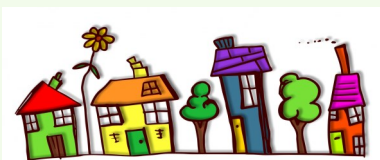


Speedwatch

Our Speedwatch volunteers have been out again, with the aim of keeping the roads in the village a safer place. We did catch a few cheeky drivers going over the limit so please take care when out and about and think about your speed. We have to say the last session was held over a school drop off time and it was sad to see that people are still speeding through the village at a time when children are making their way to school.

Carrow Works site

You may or may not be aware of the application for the development of the Carrow Works site. This forms part of the larger East Norwich Regeneration Area and it recently had a planning application for development refused. This is primarily because it was unclear what the environmental impact of this development was going to have on the site and the surrounding area. We are as yet unsure how this will impact the greater development of the site and we will keep you informed as we find out more.



Peddling for success.

We are so pleased to be able to report that we have had a fantastic take up of the Beryl Bikes since they came into the village. Nearly half of all our residents have signed up to the service with 1125 rides taking places in March alone. With an average ride of 3km this is going a massive way to helping reducing our carbon footprint. Pedal power really is the way forward and this is wonderful for our village and beyond.



May Gurney

We have been told that there is now an active camera on the May Gurney site to help reduce anti-social behaviour there. This is going to go some way to help protect the site from the same fate as the Pumping Station but we will still be relying on eagle eyed residents to help keep this site safe. If you spot anything please do contact the Police on 999 if you think it is an emergency or 101 if just a general notification of activity. Thank you.

Allotments

We just wanted to let all residents know of some information regarding the allotments. Bonfires are now not permitted on either of our allotment sites as we are out of the designated season. If you see a bonfire on the allotments between the end of March and beginning of October please do report it to us. We do ask that all plot holders keep fires small and short so as not to become problematic to neighbours.

There has also been some thefts from allotment sheds. This is unfortunate and annoying to plot holders so we ask that anyone walking through or over looking the plots keeps an eye out. Sadly this may not just be restricted to the allotments and people may be on the look out for goodies to steal, so please be mindful when leaving items in your gardens.

"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.