

Trowse with Newton



Parish Council News

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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.

Working To Sustain Our Biodiversity

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, the Parish Council are in the process of producing a Biodiversity Action Plan for the village. We now have a small working group of volunteers who will oversee any planned projects.

The first port of call for this group is the Cemetery on Whitlingham Lane. Following our ecological surveys it was identified that the Cemetery is a special place in terms of flora and fauna and it has a lot of potential to be extraordinary. We know that Cemeteries and Churchyards can be a place of reflection and calm for families of loved ones but they also have the potential to be a haven for wildlife.

The aim with our cemetery is to create some additional habitats for invertebrates, small mammals and birds by increasing the plant life around the borders and to the front of the site. We have a rich verge next to the road which has some lovely mature trees for nesting birds and bats. We are hoping to increase the ground level shrubbery and plant some wildflower verges to entice other birds and pollinators.

We will also be undertaking a different grass mowing regime in order to allow grasses to grow and seed more successfully. This may mean that some parts of the site are not as "manicured" as you might normally expect to see. This mowing regime will be delivered across the whole village with the aim of giving nature the best chance possible to thrive. We hope you will understand the need for things such as "No Mow May" and help us to promote a rich tapestry of biodiversity in our village.

If you are interested in joining the working group please contact the Clerk.



Paris 2024 comes to Trowse.

It's true, there is an Olympian in all of us and this summer you will get a chance to show off that inner sportsperson. On **Saturday 27th July** the Parish Council are hosting a village sports day, which will have fun activities for all the family to get involved with. From obstacle courses to Tug o War, sack races to yoga demos, there will be something for everyone.

Two of our Councillors, Morgan Haynes and Becky Long, and resident Kate Villalgorido are putting together a programme of events. The day will include both adult and children's fun runs in the morning and in the afternoon there will be events and games on the common and around the village. Food vendors will be around too, if you're feeling a bit peckish after a race and there will even be a quiet space in the Manor Rooms to enjoy a rest with a cuppa.

This year's chosen charities are East Anglian Children's Hospice and The Manor Rooms. So keep an eye out for more information.

Beryl Bikes

The most recent addition to the village, in the form of the Beryl Bike and scooter stands are proving to be very popular! In the first two weeks we had over 85 new hirers and 114 rides from the village. The average distance of each ride was 2.75km.

If you'd like to find out more information about a Beryl Bike or Scooter please see the link below.

Please also help us keep these areas clean and orderly, by replacing any bike/scooter you hire back in the rack correctly.



And the Votes Are In.

Last May was the first time in England that voters were required to produce a valid photo ID or a voter authority certificate to be issued a ballot paper. As there will be more than one vote this year, firstly in May for a new Police and Crime Commissioner and a General Election at the same point this year so it is essential that you make sure you have a valid ID for voting.

Valid ID could be:

- a UK or Northern Ireland photocard driving licence (full or provisional) a driving licence issued by an EU country, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands
- a UK passport
- a passport issued by an EU country, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or a Commonwealth country
- a PASS card (National Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- a Blue Badge
- a biometric residence permit (BRP)
- a Defence Identity Card (MOD form 90)
- a national identity card issued by the EU, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein
- a Northern Ireland Electoral Identity Card
- a Voter Authority Certificate

To apply for a Voter Authority Certificate please contact SNDC.

SpeedWatch and Bus Gate

We just wanted to let you know that the new SpeedWatch has been out and about in the village. It is the aim of the group to act as a deterrent to speeding drivers, and it is hoped that more session, especially over the summer months will mean that drivers coming through Trowse are less likely to speed.

Also, the Bus Gate camera is up and running again, so please don't be tempted to try and get down White Horse Lane between 8-9.30am, or you will get a ticket.

Trowse Historical Society

The most recent event of the new Trowse Historical Society saw a display in the church of local pictures and points of interest. Also on display was some fantastic art work from resident artist Peter Schindler. Peter's attention to architectural detail is amazing and he has produced wonderful paintings of buildings in the village.

Also on display was the newly renovated village sign. It is hoped that the sign will be back in place by the end of February. Our thanks go to Chris Bowers for undertaking the work, Matthew Colman for assisting and loaning us his workshop space, Peter for his lovely repainting of the sign and anyone else who helped with this project.

The sign will be going back in the original location near the bridge and the flower bed that surrounds it will be replanted as part of the village Clean Up and Bloom events. It will be so nice to see the sign back where it belongs.

Pride In Our Place

The Parish Council has sourced some grant money to aid in the Clean Up and Bloom initiative that is being run by SNDC. Our first event will be a litter pick on the 1st April and we are seeking volunteers for this. Everyone can get involved so meet us on the common at 11am and help us keep our village perfect. There may even be a cuppa and some biscuits involved!



"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.