

NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL



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The Parish Council hopes that you are all keeping well and staying safe in these challenging times. Our monthly meetings continue to be held via Zoom and members of the public can attend and speak in the Open Forum section – just contact the Clerk for more information.



The Woottons Helping Hands

This group is continuing to help keep our community safe. We can offer help and support to vulnerable residents and those self-isolating. We can go shopping, collect medication, walk your dog and just have a friendly chat. **Please telephone 631939** if you need some help. We would still like to add to our volunteers list, so if you can spare some time then please call the number above.



WOOTTON PARK

We are very pleased to announce we have created a bug hotel, it is situated in the wooded area next to the car park, along with a lovely colourful information board near it. Some pupils from North Wootton Academy School helped us to pack it full of pine cones, cardboard and twigs - all the things the insects love to thrive on. We are very hopeful we will be welcoming many beastly visitors to it! This project was made possible with grant funding from the Borough Council and money from both North and South Wootton Parish Council's. We have seen so many people enjoying this open space already and we hope this addition will bring some more interest to our lovely Park.

We are aware that the Park is very wet at the moment, we have had a considerable amount of rain, but there are areas that are saturated. We have water running down the path and a large puddle at the front of the Pavilion. We are in the process of investigating the problem and we will try to find a solution. I have been advised there could be underwater springs as we can see clear water bubbling up in some places, if anyone has any knowledge of this, I would be interested to hear from you.

*Will Border
Chairman - Wootton Park Association*

Wootton Park 200 Club – YOU’VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!



The 200 Club is still very much ‘open for business’. If you would like to become a member then applications for this can be found at;

www.north-woottonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk or email info@southwoottonpc.co.uk

Or telephone 01553 671692 for more details, Monday to Friday, between 8am and 12 midday. It costs £24 per year, and a draw is made monthly and first, second and third cash prizes are awarded. Last month the top prize was £46. The more members we have, the higher the cash prize!

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Following the resignation of our Chair, Sarah Crome in December there are currently three vacancies on the Parish Council. We would like to thank Sarah for the many years of hard work and commitment she gave to the Parish, and she will be greatly missed. If you are interested in playing an active part in your community and feel you can help us to make a difference then please get in touch with any of the Councillors or the Clerk for an informal chat and to find out more. No experience is required, just enthusiasm and a little bit of time.

HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAVING MONEY TOO!

The Norfolk Association of Local Councils is encouraging Parish Councils to help their residents and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and take part in the **CUT A TONNE IN 21 CAMPAIGN**.

This new campaign is encouraging everyone in Norfolk to make a cut in their carbon emissions of 10% during 2021 to coincide with the COP 26 summit in Glasgow in November. Not only will it benefit the planet – but you can also save money! The term “carbon footprint” is often used as shorthand for the amount of carbon (usually in tonnes) being emitted by an activity or organization. You can also calculate your own personal or household footprint.

Giki Zero, a new website that will help you understand, track, and reduce your carbon footprint.

It's easy to use and is a great place to start to help the environment for future generations!

<https://zero.giki.earth/>

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE CLEAN

Many of us are spending more time at home at the moment and walking locally. A big plea from the Parish Council is that everyone puts their litter in the bin whilst out and about, we have many bins placed around the Parish, so you should find one near to you or take it home if possible!

A popular dog walking area is the field at the back of the new houses on Nursery Lane. This field only used to be cut once a year, but is now being cut more regularly, so it is more important to pick up after your dog and please use the bin halfway down the path from Nursery Lane to South Wootton Gap.

At the junction of Ford Ave and Carlton Drive, there is small triangle of grassy land, an area which provides a pleasant visual space for residents with its bushes and trees within the local houses. However, household scraps are often left out to feed the birds and recently some residents have reported problems with rats. Although there is no proof that throwing out bread can cause a rat infestation, the RSPB states '*Although bread isn't harmful to birds, try not to offer it in large quantities, since its nutritional value is relatively low. A bird that is on a diet of predominantly, or only bread, can suffer from serious vitamin deficiencies, or starve. Food left on the ground overnight can attract rats*'. As this could be a contributing factor to the problem of rats, then please can we ask that this stops.

Gaywood Library

At the time of writing the Library is closed temporarily due to the current lockdown restrictions; however there are many resources available online.

For more information on the services available - www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

STREET LIGHTS

To report a faulty street light, please notify the Clerk as the Parish is responsible for their maintenance not Norfolk County Council. If you can provide the exact location, ie the house number which the street light is nearest this is very helpful. The Clerk's contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.00 pm, normally in North Wootton Village Hall, (no meeting is held in August). However during the restrictions imposed by the current pandemic meetings are being held via Zoom. The public are welcome to attend these meetings which last about two hours and notices are posted around the village a week or ten days beforehand. There are 2 items called Open Forum the first during which parishioners have 15 minutes to raise matters of concern to them which are in the province of the Parish Council. Then later in the meeting there is another open session where parishioners can give comments on anything they have heard. All residents are welcome and we like to see as many people as possible, this is your village and we want to hear your views!

Listed below are all Councillors names and addresses should you wish to contact them;

Mr John Marshall-Grint - acting Chair (Vice-Chairman & Vice-Finance Officer)	Harvest House, Station Road	631163
Mr Will Border (Finance Officer)	71 Hayfield Road	673643
Mr Derek Cox	2 Cranmer Avenue	671195
Mr John Merrey	3 Cranmer Avenue	674374
Mr Malcolm Edwards	15 Cuthbert Close	672616
Mr Simon Kilham (Trinity Hospital Rep)	York House, The Green	631297
Mrs Bridget Nurse	Church Farm Barns, Nursery Lane	670203
Mr Keith Simpson	11 Old Rectory Close	07502 195465
Mr Jason Harper	5 Hayfield Road	671218
Vacant Position 1		
Vacant Position 2		
Vacant Position 3		
 The Clerk:		
Mrs Rachel Curtis	2 Ullswater Ave, South Wootton northwoottonpc@outlook.com	673043

The Planning Committee consists of Councillors Cox, Merrey and Edwards
Wootton Park Members: Councillors Border (Chairman), Marshall-Grint and Nurse
Village Hall Representatives: Councillors Border, Nurse and Marshall-Grint

Please turn over for the Village Hall newsletter...