

Normanton-on-the-Wolds NEWS

April 2025

King Charles III Coronation

During the past year NOTW Parish Council have completed the King Charles III Coronation Commemoration Stone with a brass plaque. The stone is situated on the green triangle.

The lettering to this effect also adds the date of the Coronation for future generations' information as well as the present.



Telephone Box Refurbishment

Whilst working on the Coronation project we noticed that the iconic red telephone box, situated close by and now used as a village library, was looking a little shabby and faded.

It was therefore agreed by the PC to refurbish and repaint in the traditional "pillar box red" as is fitting to its history.

All the wooden shelves inside were removed and replaced and the books returned for use by village residents.

The removal, storage and returning of the books was undertaken by members of the PC in their spare time.



Flood Wardens

Over the past 2/3 years, whilst we have had more heavy downpours of rain than usual, it would seem that more water is entering the Polser Brook and flooding parts of Normanton, most particularly Clipston Lane.

The water has been so deep here that it has not been possible to drive through, even for an SUV. Platt Lane has also been flooded, as has Cotgrave Road.

The PC decided that several Cllrs would train as Flood Wardens, so that Clipston Lane in particular, could be closed as soon as flooding occurs and so not have to wait for NCC Highways to carry out the closure.

The instruction and official signage to close the road was provided by NCC to the Parish Councillors who volunteered to be Flood Wardens for this task.

Be A Litter Hero

We regularly organise community litter picking events to help keep our village tidy and free from litter.

The next litter pick will be on **Sat 5th April**. Meet us outside The Plough at 10am; litter pickers, fluorescent vests and plastic bags will be handed out to volunteers.

Full bags can be left for RBC to collect and dispose of. Normanton will be smart and tidy to greet the spring.



A reminder that the PC installed a new a defibrillator in the car park side of The Plough, for use of anyone needing it in an emergency — call 999 for the code and use instructions.

We are very grateful to the owners of The Plough for accommodating this important piece of equipment; the Parish Council and the villagers' give grateful thanks for this service.

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Spring Bulbs

Spring is in the air; I am sure you all will have noticed the wonderful display of snow drops and daffodils along the grass verges in the village. The PC plan to add to them and anyone who wishes to plant spring bulbs outside their homes please feel free to do so.

All grass verges are public property (NCC managed) and planting bulbs are not likely to obstruct the sight lines for traffic (*unlike trees and shrubs planted in the wrong place can do*).

Councillors also maintain and have planted up the wooden planters at the main entrance roads to the village.

Parish Council Updates

We're delighted that the Parish Council now has a full complement of 7 Councillors following 2 recent co-options onto the Council.

The role is voluntary unpaid and we are very thankful to Councillors giving up their free time for the betterment of the village.

Your Parish Councillors:

- Cllr Kay Cutts (*Chair*)
- Cllr Vivienne Ives
- Cllr Dawn Clements
- Cllr Aruna Day
- Cllr Jodi Gray
- Cllr Richard Stewart
- Cllr Nathan Cutler



Village Conservation

The Parish Council receive notifications from Rushcliffe BC of planning applications submitted in relation to property within the parish boundary; the PC have no "powers" to indicate consent/refusal to an application - RBC merely ask for our comments and observations as consultees.

Each application is carefully considered by the PC regarding its design features, impact on neighbouring properties, and on the village as a whole, having regard to its Conservation Area Status.

There was a Conservation Area Appraisal back in 2009 and this is currently being reviewed by RBC. The PC have carried out surveys of trees, open spaces, and identified aspects of the village which are important to its nature and character and submitted a full report and photographs to RBC for consideration.

The 2009 Appraisal made significant references to the Listed Buildings, large gardens, walls, hedges and trees in the village which it felt gave the village its particular identity. The PC have submitted a request that the open areas of The Leys and Clipston Lane verges also be acknowledged as significantly worthy of a level of protection as these are currently outside the Conservation Area boundary.

Whilst acknowledging the village needs to look to the future in relation to future building trends and needs, the Parish Council seek to ensure the attributes which make our village attractive and desirable, are protected and retained wherever possible.

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