

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Welcome new councillors

Sam Polhill



Sam's family has lived in Fenstanton for over four generations.

Following in his Grandfather's footsteps, he joins the Parish Council.

Sam is keen to ensure members of the parish who traditionally aren't involved have a voice, particularly the younger population.

Jerry Schofeldt



Jerry has lived in Fenstanton for 36 years: running the King William IV; the Gallows B&B and the Oliver Cromwell.

By joining the Parish Council he hopes to give a little

back, use his knowledge, skills and experience to make a positive contribution towards the future of Fenstanton and its residents.

And, a thank you to Cllr Ian Caswell

For family reasons, Ian is returning to his native Yorkshire. Your Parish Council would like to thank him for his hard work and commitment over the last few years, his willingness to challenge the status quo.

Ian has been the driving force behind the forthcoming improvements to the Village Pond and Clock Tower area and the funding for a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).

Parish Council office re-opening

The Hub will be reopening to the Fenstanton public shortly. Full Covid-19 safety measures will be in place, including social

distancing, PPE, deep cleaning and we ask parishioners to wear face-masks when entering the office.

Projects and work in progress

Whilst Covid-19 restrictions have curtailed progress on the vast majority of these, we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel with projects starting to come out of hibernation:

Fen cycleway

Discussions between all stakeholders are on-going and positive. Work could start as early as September.

The pond and clock tower

The fencing and Clock Tower bollards are ready for installation over the next month; the invasive weed will be sprayed in late August; with clearance work on the pond scheduled for late Autumn.

Multi-use games area (MUGA)

The A14 Community Fund, who have agreed to fund this, is 'picking up the reigns' again after lockdown. Discussions between themselves, the contractor, the School, the County Council and Parish Council around scheduling are planned. The project is expected to be completed over the next few months

Foodbank collection

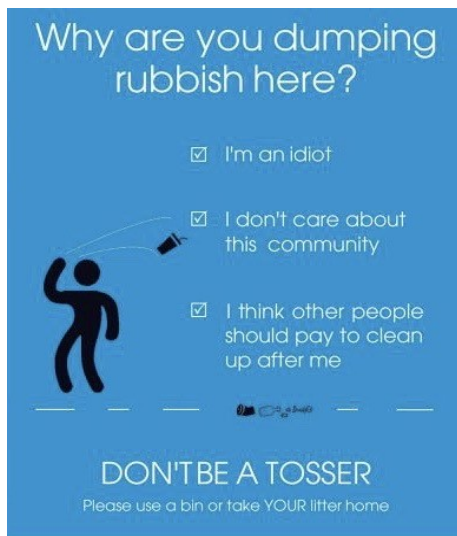
This is up and running in Fenstanton. Ash's shop has kindly provided a drop-off point (and significant supplies) and regular deliveries are being made to the central store in St Ives. Thank you to all who have contributed, and please keep the donations coming.



Community warden scheme

An additional application for funding to the CCC Innovate and Cultivate fund has been made, with a decision expected by November. Our partners in Fen Drayton and Lolworth Parish Councils are also pursuing funding options from South Cambs District Council. If successful, we anticipate the scheme starting in November

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New bins, village clean up, litter

Dual purpose bins are being located around the village at key litter and dog fouling locations; the village clear-ups are planned to restart shortly, subject to any Covid-19 restrictions.

However, the lock-down period has seen a huge increase in litter being dumped and uncleared dog fouling around Fenstanton; not least in fields where it is a serious hazard to health for both humans and animals. Please clear up after yourselves and your dogs and use the bins correctly.

Speedwatch and speeding

Whilst the team have been unable to get out and about, the

new equipment has been continuing to monitor speed and traffic levels at key points around the village. The data is being used to provide evidence to CCC on the need for further traffic calming and speed restriction measures.

Transfer of Old Orchard land

Whilst the District Council has diverted resources to Covid-19 support, your Parish Council has pursued the transfer of the land from Kier Homes to the Fenstanton Community. We expect this to be resolved shortly.

Pathway to outdoor gym

A new surface, allowing for easier access, not least for those with disabilities is awaiting installation. Weather permitting, this should be completed over the next few weeks

Support Fenstanton Football Club

Your Parish Council is working closely with Fenstanton Football Club to secure funding for the additional pitches and ground improvements, as well as the longer term upgrade of the changing rooms and clubhouse.

Parish Council support for new Fenstanton Community Hub

Together with major financial contributions from CCC and HDC, your Parish Council has committed both significant funding and support to the Village Hall Trust, to help secure the building of the new Fenstanton Community Hub.



We have committed to work closely with the Trust as the project moves into the 'build' phase and beyond. This will ensure this exciting new facility provides a lasting and sustainable resource for the Fenstanton community.

Your Parish Council would like to add its thanks to Jane Blunt for all her hard work and commitment in leading the Trust over many years and to wish her a speedy recovery after she had to stand down on ill health grounds.

Update on VE Day events

In light of continuing restrictions on internal and large external events, your Parish Council has taken the decision to postpone the Galaxy Big Band at Bannolds and sports day until the 3rd July 2021. The Evening of Music and Memories has unfortunately had to be cancelled

How to get a refund.

For those of you who have yet to requested a refund for the Friday night concert, or don't wish to roll forward tickets for The Galaxy Big Band, please contact the Parish Clerk for a full refund.

A new Parish Council website

Over the Covid-19 shutdown period, your Parish Council has developed a new, dedicated website to support Fenstanton parishioners and community groups, whilst ensuring compliance with the latest requirements around accessibility and transparency for local government.

Your comments and suggestions on additional content would be welcomed.

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