

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Welcome your new Parish Councillor - Joe Middleton

Joseph moved to the village after a stint in London working at a major trauma hospital, opting for a calmer life (and greener backdrop) in Fenstanton and choosing a career in general practice.

Alongside day-to-day work, Joseph volunteers with Festival Medical Services, a charity that was a recent recipient of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, providing medical cover at events like Glastonbury Festival.

Along with his veterinarian husband, they take care of Bunty the dachshund and go on walks around the local countryside and



lakes, all of which is considerably flatter than the mountains and hills of his hometown in South Wales!

Joseph is keen to champion green and environmentally minded initiatives in the local region and support local independent businesses.

Galaxy Big Band at Bannolds

After considering the current Covid-19 Roadmap, your Parish Council has taken the decision to change the date for the long awaited return of The Galaxy Big Band to Bannolds. This will now be on **Saturday, 4th September**.

Anyone who has been holding on to their original booking can use this on the night. Should this not be convenient, a full refund can be obtained by scanning the QR code or contact the Parish Clerk.



To contact your Parish Council Clerk
Telephone: 01480 465 300 Web: www.fenstantonpc.org
Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Traffic and road safety

In light of recent concern regarding traffic and parking in the village, your Parish Council wanted to reassure residents of all that we are doing to improve road safety and parking in the village. Your Parish Council:

1. has recently applied for significant funding from Huntingdonshire District Council to introduce a number of road safety measures for the A1307 Cambridge Slip Road.
- 2 applied for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the High Street, which would legally reduce the speed limit to 20mph.

3. will be redeploying a Speed Indication Device on Cambridge Road and will look to resurrect the Speed Watch Team when safe to do so.

4. has applied for Local Highways Initiative (LHI) funding to install parking bays down Chequer Street, to help alleviate congestion, and improve accessibility.

5. following the upgrade to the Clock Tower and Village Pond, will be working with local businesses, residents and vehicle users to review parking around the area.

Multi-use games area

Work on the Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) in the Primary School Grounds is scheduled to start in April, and should be ready for use by both the school and Fenstanton public during May.

Funding has been provided by the A14 Legacy Fund. Sports covered are: basketball, 5-a-side football and netball. Bookings (FOC to all Fenstanton residents) will be managed by your Parish Council.

Pond and Clock Tower

Work is currently underway to complete the repair and restoration of the Clock Tower and Pond area.

In addition to clock repairs, repainting, new uprights and bollards around the clock tower, new planters will be deployed.

The pond is being cleared of weed, dredged and repaired, with a new planting regime planned. New fencing and the addition of a seated area on the grass behind and new information boards will complete the work.

Flooding and Flood Planning



Your Parish Council is liaising closely with a range of agencies and bodies, including Cambs County Council, Hunts District Council, Anglia Water, the Highways Agency and the Environment Agency, as well as surrounding Parish Councils to minimise the risk to Fenstanton of future flooding events.

A Fenstanton flood emergency plan is being drawn up, which will be published and available to all residents in due course.

From early findings, looking at historic events and the recent flooding incidents over Christmas and New Year, the view being investigated is that whilst certain events, such as the river flooding, are natural phenomena, other flooding experienced is as a result of recent man-made changes, such as the the construction of the new A14 and new housing developments. In addition, poorly maintained, blocked and damaged drains and gullies have contributed to localised flooding.

To fully understand the way water enters, flows through and leaves Fenstanton, your Parish Council is in the process of mapping all drains and water-courses, including the locations and condition of all entry and exit points, with a view to agreeing a regular inspection and maintenance programme with the agencies responsible.

And this is where we need your help...

If you are aware of the location of drains and gullies, whether in public or private areas, please let us know via the link below, in particular if these are blocked or appear to be broken/damaged.



Fenstanton Community Warden

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough
ageUK
Fenstanton Lolworth and Fen Drayton Community Warden Scheme

Are you aged 60 or over?
Would you like help to continue to live independently in your own home?
The Community Warden is able to offer assistance by providing a daily phone call (Mon-Fri) and support such as:

- Making drinks and light meals
- A home visit
- Collecting prescription
- Small items of shopping
- A listening ear
- Helping with paperwork and making appointments
- Signposting to other services where appropriate

If you are interested in this service and would like more information, please call on 07812496004 or email wardens@ageukcap.org.uk

There is a FREE 2 week trial and then a small weekly fee afterwards if you wish to remain on the scheme.

www.ageukcap.org.uk

Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales with registered charity no. 1163936. Registered Office: 2 Victoria Street, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB2 3BQ.

Following a successful grant application to CCC's Cultivate and Innovate Fund, your Parish Council is supporting Age UK's Community Warden scheme, helping older members of the Fenstanton community to retain their independent lifestyle.

If you a family member or anyone you know requires further information please contact:

Maria Reynolds, Fenstanton Community Warden on 07812 496004 or email: Maria.Reynolds@ageukcap.org.uk

The Fen - Flood Resilience

Those areas of the Fen Cycle and Bridleway damaged by the flooding, and in particular the flow of water across the pathway, have been repaired, with a new, more resilient surface and key stones added to increase resilience against future flood incidents.



And last but not least...

MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR

...we're looking for an additional Parish Councillor.

If interested, please contact the Parish Clerk