

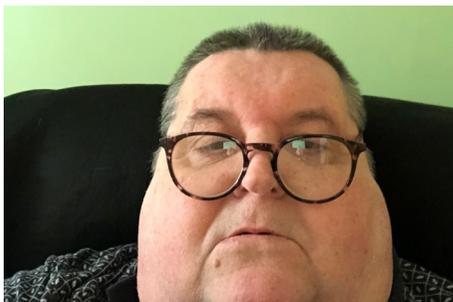
Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Welcome your new Parish Councillor Mark Richardson

I have lived in Fenstanton for eight years but also lived in St Ives for twenty three years.

I was a toolmaker for seven years then went into sales. I have also been a driving instructor for over ten years, then worked on the busway before medical needs stopped me working.

In my leisure time I have been involved with local football, playing, managing and was chairman of St Ives Rangers for over ten years. I'm also on a national housing committee, a role which I enjoy.



I have two grown up children that work locally and I live with my cat Toffee. As I get older I'm increasingly aware of our planet and tend to do what I can in my own small way to help protect it.

Forthcoming dates

Annual Meeting of the Parish
Tuesday, 4th May @ 7.00pm

Parish Council AGM
Thursday 6th May @ 7.00pm

For access to the Zoom meetings, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Reopening of the Parish Council Office

In line with updated Government advice, we are currently reviewing a date to allow members of the public to return to the Parish Council Office. This is likely to be end May/June.

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

'Double the trees in Fenstanton'

An ambitious plan to 'double the trees in Fenstanton' is taking shape.

We are not alone as groups throughout Cambridgeshire are signing up to the '**Double Nature Campaign**'.



We are currently counting trees in our parish. To date we have identified 6,100 trees North of the A1037.

When completed this will give us a planting target, probably of about 50,000 new trees!

It sounds huge, but there are over 2,500 acres in Fenstanton. Planting 1 acre of woodland would need about 2,000 trees. Planting 25 acres with trees is less than 1% of the parish.

Later this year we will carry out a detailed survey of trees and green spaces. We will be using GPS location and mapping software to help manage the green environment in the village.

Working with the Parish Council we will identify potentially suitable community spaces for planting.

We would also like to work with local landowners/ stakeholders/ householders to explore additional planting opportunities.

We are keen for individuals and groups from across Fenstanton to get involved: helping us survey; identifying possible planting sites; planting trees; after care and maintenance.

If you would like to be involved in this exciting project, please contact: raypuddefoot@gmail.com, 07501 684935, or

roy.mcgee@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk, 07949 453767

Free TREGATORS – 14 second-hand tregators available.

If you've recently planted a tree and would like one, please contact Ray.

Cleaning up Fenstanton



We're hoping to join forces with Huntingdon District Council and Keep Britain Tidy, in the Great British Spring Clean. Our target date is **Sunday June 6th**. and hope that many of you will be able to join us.

We will, of course, have measures in place to ensure everyone's safety and participation will be by registration only. We will let you know full details nearer the time.

A big thank you - Henry Pyne

Henry has been actively picking up litter over the last ten months as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Your Parish Council is very appreciative and would like to thank Henry for his work. An inspiration to us all.

In the meantime, we would like to thank our litter teams; keep up the fantastic work you are doing to keep our village clean and should you need any bags, equipment or help with rubbish, don't hesitate to contact:

Roy: roy.mcgee@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk, or
Sue: sue.martynski@gmail.com



Clock Tower and Pond

Initial work on the Pond and Clock Tower has been completed. New fencing and bollards have been installed, the Clock Tower painted and the bell repaired.

Work on dredging and repairing the pond has been suspended until the Autumn, after the nesting and newt breeding season has finished.

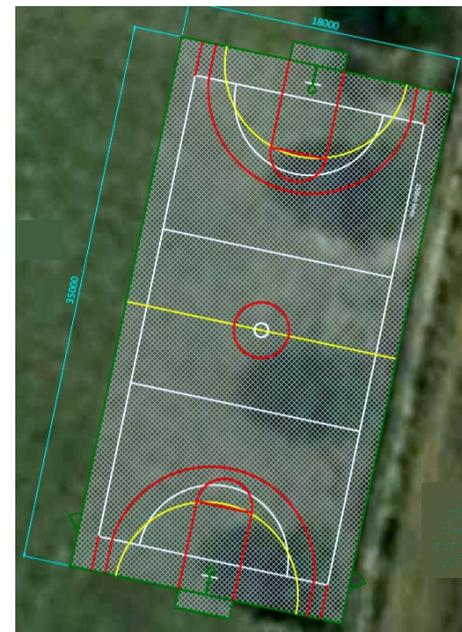
New information signs and the Historic Whipping Post will be installed shortly.



The external lighting around the clock tower will be upgraded shortly.

New planters, a bench and picnic tables are coming soon.

Multi-use games area



After resolving a couple of complications with the A14 Community Fund and Cambs County Council, your parish council is pleased to report that the MUGA is scheduled for construction over the School Summer Holidays.

Work on the site will start at the end of July for two weeks. The surface will then need to harden for three weeks before the markings can be applied.

Fenstanton can look forward to a new combined football, basketball, netball facility.