

Woodton Parish Council

Autumn 2023 Newsletter



There is plenty to tell you about in our Autumn 2023 edition of Woodton/Bedingham Parish Council Newsletter.



Halloween in the Community Wood - The Wood will be decorated once again, please place your wonderful pumpkin creations between 27th-29th October and light them on Halloween Night, Tuesday 31st October. The more the better – you are becoming SO creative!

We hope **Father Christmas** will be making his annual appearance in the Wood so don't forget to look out for details nearer the time. Last year the turn-out was AMAZING so let's do even better this year!



King's Head Pub – It's great to see the King's Head up and running again and a very warm welcome to Sami, Chelsea and Malik. They have been delighted to see so many residents come to their recent events. The old function room has had a facelift to run as an Indian restaurant (Roti II) and pub food will be available soon. Please support the pub as much as you can – it's a great place to meet & is open six days a week (closed Tuesdays).

Ravens Den – Plans are in place to replace the swings in the children's play area and a Zip Wire will be installed shortly - something for a wide range of ages to enjoy. Both these have been funded by money from the developer of the 23 houses in The Street to improve outside play and recreation facilities. New matting has been installed round all the current play equipment, funded from CIL money as a result of the same development. So lots of improvements here. Have fun and play safely!

Norfolk Biodiversity Award – The Community Wood were the lucky runners up in the Spaces for Nature Award category of the 2023 award. A big thank you to everyone who has helped make this into a special place both for the community and wildlife.



Vandalism - Unfortunately there have been incidents of vandalism to report. Considerable damage has been done to the Forest School area in the Community Wood – much of it to the children's projects. This is very upsetting to both the children and also those who give huge time and effort, much of it voluntarily, to organise these activities. We are hoping to instal CCTV cameras in the Wood to help deter future problems. There have also been thefts from the building site entrance off the Hempnall Road. Although we don't have an official Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, please keep your eyes and ears open on such matters. The Beat Manager for our area can be contacted by email on Thomas.HALL2@norfolk.police.uk – or call 101.

Speed Cameras and 20mph Zone – At last we have a 20mph limit in The Street. Additional speed cameras are to be installed in the village with financial support from the Parish Partnership Scheme and funding from our CIL 'pot'.



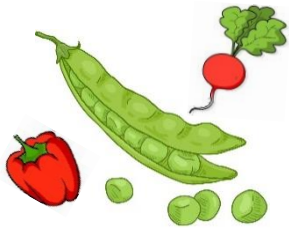
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Development – Plans for the proposed development of 50 houses on land off Church Road have yet to be agreed, and unlikely to be finalised until 2024. Thanks to all the residents who attended a recent meeting to discuss their many concerns - both residents & official organisations have raised issues & the Parish Council is in regular contact with the planning officer to discuss these. We will keep you up to date.

A very recent permission in principle application for up to 9 dwellings in land east of Chapel Hill, Woodton has been submitted. The Parish Council has strongly objected to this proposed development.



Community Wood – Please get involved and become a volunteer and help look after the new Community Growing Area. Contact John Turner (07852 461223) for details.



Bedingham – The Friends of Bedingham Church are holding a Christmas Bazaar at the Village Hall on Saturday 25th November at 1.00pm. There will also be tea and cake! Please come along and support this.



Woodton United Charities Vacancy– The Charities are looking for another Trustee, so if you are interested and feel you can bring expertise and time to this very worthwhile organisation, please let Amanda Calder know by emailing amandajcalder67@outlook.com.

Dog Bins – Yet again many footpaths are being left in a messy state. Also there is evidence that bins located in both Woodton and Bedingham are being used for refuse other than dog waste. Please, please, do not do this – and remember to clear up after your dogs. Thank you.



Parking on Pavements – A plea to all car and van drivers not to half park on the pavements. Obstructing them makes them dangerous for parents with buggies, children, mobility vehicles and the elderly. Please be considerate and think of others.



Accommodation for Ukrainians – This is urgently needed for Ukrainians already in the UK who need a new home. You could earn £500 per month tax free by helping in this way. Call South Norfolk & Broadland on 01508 533987.



Thank You - We would like to say thank you for the help we have received in editing and putting together this Newsletter - it is much appreciated.

Parish Council Meetings – The next two Parish Council meetings are on 31st October and 5th December – both on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. These meetings are your chance to give us your thoughts and suggestions and we would love to see you there. So please come along!.....

All comments and suggestions for future Newsletters are always welcome so please give us your ideas – our details are on the Parish Council website
<https://woodtonpc.wixsite.com/woodtonpc>