

# *Northstowe News*

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# News and Updates

## EDITORS' WELCOME

As I write this, the weather has turned distinctly warmer and we're looking forward to the bright days and long evenings of Summer.

But there's every possibility that someone will read this when it is no longer Summer of 2024... We're happy to say that, with thanks to the Longstanton and District Heritage Society who arranged this, a complete (so far!) set of Northstowe News magazines is now housed in the British Library, and another in the Cambridgeshire Collection in Cambridge central library. So I send a warm "Hello!" to anyone who might be reading this in my far future – we hope it's useful for your research into how Northstowe grew before it was a town of 10,000 homes? Meanwhile for everyone else, please read on and enjoy finding out what's happening here - right now, and coming soon!

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The submission deadline for the August / September issue is **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## HOUSEHOLD BIN COLLECTIONS

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Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Black Bin</b>
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Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Black Bin</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Blue and Green Bins</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Black Bin</b>



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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

### Mihaela Stan and Michele Eidevik-Skinner

#### DEFIB AND BLOOD KIT

We have published a video on the Northstowe Facebook pages showing the location for the new defibrillator and blood kit at Western Park Pavilion.

#### NORTHSTOWE COMMUNITY FORUMS 2024

On 8 May we hosted our first Community Forum at Western Park Pavilion with presenters speaking about future developments. The next Forum will be on Wednesday 11 September.

#### SOCIAL WALKING GROUP

The CDOs have been supporting and joining some of the walking group sessions, please look out for future dates on the Northstowe Community Facebook page and the noticeboards at The Cabin.

#### NORTHSTOWE EVENTS

**The Midsummer Festival** event will be on Saturday 22 June at The Cabin and on The Green, this will be an event for all ages.

**Great Big Green Week** - we have been supporting Sustainable Northstowe in organising a community skip day on Saturday 15 June, this year's theme is 'Let's swap together for good'. There will be recycling skips, bike repair, storytelling, children's workshop, toy swap, litter picking.

We were part of the **Activation Day** at Western Park Pavilion on Saturday 18 May, there were sports session taking place on the MUGA and various groups talking to residents about current and future activities.

#### RAISED BEDS AT THE CABIN

We worked with Northstowe Hub and Northstowe Horticultural Association on garden workshops to design and plan the planting for the two raised beds in the back garden of The Cabin. A planting day took place at the end of May.

#### MENOPAUSE CAFÉ

The first Menopause meeting took place at the end of April, the group shared experiences, ideas and laughed a lot. The meetings will be advertised on Northstowe Facebook pages.

#### RUGBY

Touch Rugby started at the beginning of June with the support of Cambridge Rugby Club, it takes place at Western Park Pavilion and open to all. Please see our Facebook page and the noticeboards for dates.

#### JUNIOR BOWLING

Thanks to the Kickstart Fund from Homes England, the Longstanton and Northstowe Bowls Club will be starting junior bowls sessions with students from Northstowe Secondary College in June.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVATION GRANT FUND

Homes England have Proposed that SCDC administer the Northstowe Community Activation Grant Fund on their behalf.

#### NORTHSTOWE EVENTS CHANNEL ON WHATSAPP

There is a new WhatsApp channel where community groups and organisations can post information on events, these can be viewed by residents. To access the page, please go to <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaaYjYdFCCoVZZdih30>



If you would like to get involved in any projects or activities, or help with other volunteering opportunities please contact us on [northstowe.community@scamps.gov.uk](mailto:northstowe.community@scamps.gov.uk)

## UPDATES FROM THE COMMUNITY FORUM

Northstowe Community Forum is your opportunity to hear directly from the developers, the councils, and other public sector bodies, to ask questions and find out everything about what's been happening recently and their plans for the future. Notes and presentations are available at <https://www.scamps.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-forums/northstowe-community-forum/>

Here are some of the things mentioned at the last Forum in May:

- The winning contractor to build the **Phase 1 Community Centre** is Kier. Building work will start on site Autumn this year, anticipated opening in Early 2026. The site of the building is adjacent to the current temporary Cabin, facing The Green. The site across Stirling Road (Parcel 2) will be used as site parking to keep vehicles away from the rest of the town.
- It will be built with sustainable materials including timber cladding grown for carbon capture, photovoltaic panels on the sloped parts of the roof, heat pump heating system, and rainwater harvesting.
- Elite Sports UK are running **Junior "Just Play"** football sessions at the 3G pitch by Western Park Pavilion on Mondays 3:30-4:30pm – just turn up, no need to book. More activities will follow soon.
- The town centre strategy is being updated with input from specialists, including a new location for the **Civic Hub** (GP surgery, Library and other services; opening 2028). Homes England are running a survey for people in and around Northstowe to understand what people want from the town as it grows. <https://bit.ly/Northstowe-resident-24>
- Work on the **Eastern Sports Hub** near NSC is progressing well and on time. Works will finish Summer 2025 followed by 18 months of settling (before which the fields cannot be used)


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- Homes England announced **Northstowe Community Activation Fund**, a £120,000 fund for large community events in 2024-2029 (see page 9)
- SCDC have published the Development Brief for the first parcel of **Community & Faith Land**, 0.25h adjacent to BugHunter Waters. This will be open to bids from faith or community groups, who have charitable status and an existing association to Northstowe. Any building must accommodate a range of community provision open to all without restriction.
- The bidding window will remain open for at least 12 months. The time from an accepted bid to when the building is open, is not fixed and depends on the bid. The design principles will require sustainable design, a building with distinct identity but sensitivity to the landscape of the location, and being good neighbours to the adjacent residences in H13.



## GREENBELT GROUP

### Growing stronger together with BNG

You've probably heard about Biodiversity Net Gain, or BNG, but might be wondering how it affects Northstowe?

Essentially, the new BNG policy mandates a minimum 10% increase in biodiversity, to be managed and monitored for at least 30 years. It applies to new home developments and offers significant long-term benefits for nature.

The help is much needed. The UK suffers from one of the highest rates of biodiversity loss worldwide. This is largely driven by habitat degradation and fragmentation, resulting from intensive agricultural practices and development. In response, the UK government introduced a new framework for environmental protection.

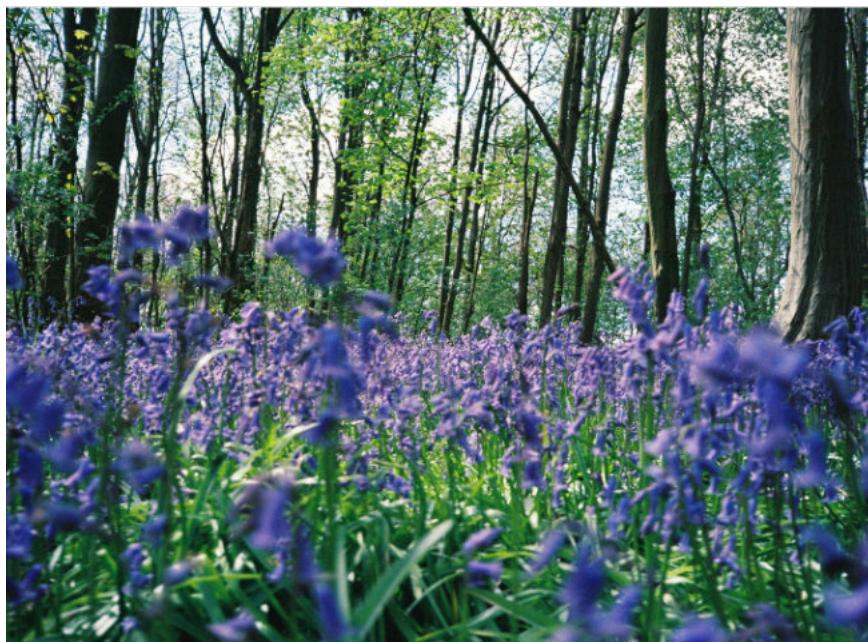
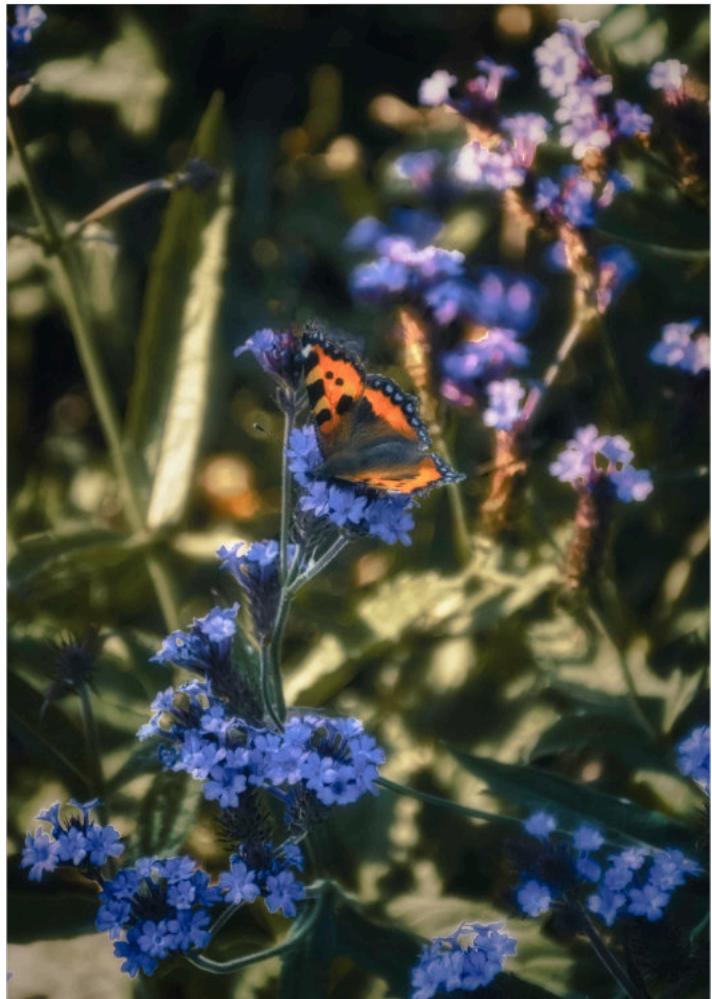
The good news is expert stewardship of green infrastructure plays a vital role in actually supporting biodiversity . . . and Greenbelt aims to bring vibrant communities such as Northstowe with us on this nature recovery journey.

Not surprisingly, effective BNG requires specialists who are experienced in managing sensitive habitats, traditional green spaces and amenity landscape features – while always helping to boost community engagement.

Our ecologists, horticulturalists and experienced operatives, who examine all aspects of what are officially termed 'Public Open Spaces', carefully plan the maintenance programmes, and ensure ecological monitoring and reporting take place as the green spaces grow and mature, all helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

To help the process, our experts implement approved Habitat Management and Monitoring Plans, regularly inspect BNG components, and adapt our maintenance specifications and management plans as required, ensuring your local habitat type and condition are as designed for Northstowe.

Our skilled land managers, meanwhile, use their knowledge and experience to work with the local authorities and provide performance reports.



As well as creating and implementing Conservation Management Plans, we also have strong working relationships with the likes of The Woodland Trust, RSPB and many more.

In fact, Greenbelt has more than 25 years of experience in managing thousands of hectares of green infrastructure, including sensitive habitats and Sites of Special Scientific Interest. This puts us in an excellent position to deliver onsite BNG at Northstowe for the regulatory 30 years . . . and many more, ensuring a better local environment and a healthier planet for our children, grandchildren and generations to come.

Meanwhile, our annual management fee – which is fully bespoke for Northstowe's needs and desires – ensures sustainable funding for biodiversity and sustainability for the entire lifetime of your development.

If you'd like to find out more about the importance of biodiversity in our work at Northstowe, why not visit our Planet Matters page on our website [greenbelt.co.uk/](http://greenbelt.co.uk/)?

## NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

### TOWN MAYOR, CLLR PAUL LITTLEMORE

Hello Northstowe

In my last column I let you know about the Annual Town Meeting which was held on 30th April, and I want to thank everyone that attended, and a special thank you for everyone from various community groups that presented their highlights from the previous year. I opened my presentation recollecting the challenges around meeting space that we faced in April of 2023, as the Cabin wasn't yet complete. A few other highlights that we presented included securing of additional grant funding to continue the community lounge on Thursday evenings, agreeing the funding of ParkPlay in conjunction with Longstanton Parish Council, the establishment of the Town Council's office in the Cabin as well as the two grant applications that were received and supported in the previous year.

I also spoke about the Council's ambitions through this civic year, we are expected to gain the General Power of Competence, this power at high level changes the way that the Town Council operates from needing to find powers in legislation that allows us to provide services to being able to operate more freely, unless there is specific legislation that restricts it. We also anticipate later in the year bringing in a member of staff to help us plan for future potential asset transfers, such as the permanent Phase 1 community building.

Regrettably, I must report that our recently recruited Market Manager has decided to resign. At the time of writing, the impacts of this haven't been fully worked through, but I am expecting the role to be readvertised soon, if this is an opportunity that you may be interested in, keep an eye on the Town Council website, noticeboards and social media.

As always, if there are any topics that you'd like to raise with the Town Council, please do get in touch with myself ([cllr.littlemore@northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.littlemore@northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk)) or Mark our Town Clerk ([townclerk@northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk)), there is always our standing Public Participation item on all of our meeting agendas. Full Council meetings run on the 4th Tuesday of the month, starting at 19:00 in the Cabin.

**Cllr Paul Littlemore, Town Mayor**

### TOWN CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK

Hello to all residents of Northstowe.

**ParkPlay-** Northstowe -Longstanton ParkPlay has had regular attendees at its sessions on Saturdays at The MUGA 10.30-12.30, If you have not been and are interested or curious to see what this is all about please just pop along; it is a great opportunity for families and individuals to get out and meet other residents in Northstowe and Longstanton. Hektor welcomes all those that want to attend-However If you do want to book your space, please book at [www.park-play.com/register](http://www.park-play.com/register) All sessions are free.

**Community Lounge-** continues to go from strength to strength, with some highlighted events. They had an Easter Craft session, Investment and Money talk, just to name a couple. They will have other events happening over the next few months. Please pop along to The Cabin, every Thursday from 6-8pm. If you haven't been: it is free and all are welcome to play games, of which there are many, or just have refreshments and a chat. The Community Lounge team will look forward to welcoming you.

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## DISTRICT COUNCIL



### CLLR TOM BYGOTT

#### Funding for digital software to improve planning processes

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has secured £100,000 of funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC) in the latest Digital Planning Improvement round.

The DLUHC Digital Planning Programme is a government initiative to further support local planning authorities to improve digital services. It aims to enable a modern and efficient planning system in England, shifting a documents-based system to one that is data-driven, standards-based and powered by modern user-centred products and services. The Digital Planning Improvement Fund is providing 43 planning authorities with £100,000 each to support the adoption of modern planning practices within planning data, digital capabilities and development management software.

Each of the 43 authorities who were successful in this round of funding will embark on a five step process that includes joining the Open Digital Planning community, <https://opendigitalplanning.org/> and publishing the first four spatial datasets (Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, Tree Preservation Orders and Article 4 Directions) to the Planning Data Platform, [www.planning.data.gov.uk](http://www.planning.data.gov.uk). This is an online platform, currently under development, to collect planning and housing data from local planning authorities across England, transforming it into a consistent format and making it available to anyone to view, download or analyse.

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP) is a partnership between South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Councils. The funding will enhance GCSP's digital capabilities and development management software, facilitating smoother operations and better integration of planning data. These upgrades will make planning processes faster and more efficient, which will directly benefit residents and other planning applicants. Moreover, it will enable GCSP to prepare for forthcoming legislation, ensuring compliance and readiness for future regulatory changes.

#### Grants for community groups and parish councils

South Cambridgeshire District Council has enabled all of its available grant schemes to be searched in one place using the GrantGrabber service, <https://funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/supportcambs>. This was developed by Support Cambridgeshire, a partnership funded by Cambridgeshire County Council, bringing together infrastructure organisations who work together to support community groups and organisations across Cambridgeshire.

The GrantGrabber Service is now available as a self-serve facility for any voluntary and community groups and Parish Councils wishing to search for funding opportunities for community projects. The scheme enables users to search online for a wide range of funding sources and other information at any time of the day.

For further information on receiving a grant for a community project from the council, please visit the council's webpage: [www.scambs.gov.uk/community-development/grants/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-development/grants/)

The Support Cambridgeshire organisation aims to deliver better outcomes for local organisations across the county, with the expectation of a more robust and more vibrant voluntary and community sector. More information about it can be found at: <https://supportcambridgeshire.org.uk/about/>

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### CLLR NATALIE WARREN-GREEN

It was a pleasure to speak at the Northstowe Annual Meeting this year, talking about the activities of South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) under 4 clear strategic pillars of Business; Housing; Green to our Core; and Modern & Caring Council, plus SCDC's healthy financial position, 4-Day week trial, and the latest on Cambridge 2050. For those not there, my report is available from Northstowe Town Council.

This summer, as a member of both Northstowe Delivery Group, and SCDC Climate & Environment Advisory Committee, I have a keen interest in Climate and the Environment as a thread that runs through all 4 strategic pillars, and I am looking forward to Northstowe's involvement in Great Big Green Week 2024.

Michael Gove announced his plans for 'Cambridge 2040' in July 2023. Since then, we have had little clarity from the government. The figure of 250,000 homes has been revised down to 150,000 homes and 2040 has been pushed back to 2050. In March 2024 a 'growth corporation' was announced, which will direct a lot of the initial work. SCDC had hoped, as the local planning authority, to have a seat on the board of this to try and direct the new development. Unfortunately, local authorities will only sit on an advisory council alongside businesses and industry partners, meaning we won't have a vote or decision-making powers, but I will keep the Town Council informed as we learn more about Cambridge 2050. SCDC is firm on the issue of the environment and water scarcity, realising that significantly more work will be needed to realise the scale of growth within our own local plan let alone Michael Gove's plans, and is actively engaging with Government, the water industry, Cambridge City, and other partners to find solutions to the water scarcity crisis; and the Waterbeach Renewable Energy Network Project will help reduce the Council's carbon emissions and is a landmark project being watched by other authorities up and down the country.

Over the next year SCDC will continue to improve the energy performance of our commercial buildings and other assets owned by the council, and, through the Zero Carbon Communities Scheme, EV Charging Point Scheme and other community engagement programmes, are helping local communities take steps on the path to reducing emissions, building resilience to the effects of climate change in the transition to net zero. We are giving more staff support for the Zero Carbon Communities Fund. This year £125,000 will be available. Schemes such as repair cafés and food waste redistribution are helping reduce household waste and encourage recycling and the development of a circular economy. On the ground, SCDC has two more Environmental Enforcement Officers (Envirocrime) to tackle fly-tipping, and two new posts created for highways litter-picking.

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## CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR



### FIROUZ THOMPSON

Dear residents, summer months provide the perfect opportunity for embracing active travel, whether it's cycling around Northstowe lakes, walking along the busway, or simply strolling to the local Sunday market or nearby park. It's a refreshing way to explore, stay fit, and soak in the warmth of the season.

The Council has completed its third year as a Joint Administration, which has seen a successful partnering of Liberal Democrats, Independent and Labour Groups. We are now the largest group of political party, the composition is: Liberal Democrats 23, Conservatives 22, Labour 9, Independents 4 and Non-aligned 3.

#### Northstowe Education Campus update

Congratulations to all parents whose children have been offered admission to the new Northstowe Primary School after listing it as their first preference.

The onsite works are advancing at pace and county officers see no issue in the schools being complete within the construction period identified. The buildings are all weather proofed and having their first and second fix installations (the third phase being final installations). Kier reports that works have progressed as well as possible in the period even with the wet and windy weather.

#### Forecast Completion Dates

Nursery – 01/07/2024

Secondary School extension – 15/08/2024

Post 16/Sixth Form – 05/12/2024

Primary School and Remainder of Works – 10/01/2025

Nursery and Primary School will be in the nursery block for the first term and Post 16/Sixth Form will be in the Secondary School extension. There will be ample space in both building, as they are built for full occupation numbers, and we will not be anywhere near those numbers of pupils.

**Nursery update** – The Council invited tenders from providers to run a full day care provision offering places for 9 months- to 4-year-olds and wrap around care. Contract to be awarded to the new provider is estimated Friday 24 May and estimated contract commencement subject to Ofsted registration will be 1 September.

### Budget 2024-25

The budget seeks to bridge a potential funding gap for the coming year of £23m in County Council funding for 2024/25 as a result of inflation and other factors. This has now been closed to c.£2m.

Included in the proposals for the coming year are for the council to:

- Invest £57 million to sustain children's and adult social care services.
- Further the Council's commitment to the Real Living Wage, which has increased to £12ph outside London, to take account of the Government uplift of the legally enforceable Living Wage, being paid by adult care providers.
- Prioritise £3m to continue to provide holiday food vouchers for all children eligible for free school meals, despite the government support being likely to end in the next financial year.
- Invest £2.2m to deliver other anti-poverty initiatives – such as support to make sure that vulnerable people are claiming all the welfare benefits that they are entitled to.
- Put £1.3m into delivering more accessible libraries to support vulnerable communities.
- Prioritise investment of £23m into making highways, footpaths, and cycleways safer – on top of a recently announced government allocation of £2.3m. This will be to deliver improvements which both repair and prevent potholes, deliver improved drainage schemes, and reinstate cycleway maintenance and weed clearance.
- Put additional funding into schemes for people experiencing mental health issues to prevent them reaching crisis, particularly focussing on younger people.

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## SMART JOURNEYS

### NORTHSTOWE TRAVEL PLAN

smart journeys are the Travel Plan Co-ordinators for Northstowe and are pleased to announce several travel initiatives and incentives that are on offer in Northstowe to reduce the number of vehicle trips to the site. Sharon Forbes, the Sustainable Travel Planning Manager for Northstowe says, "smart journeys aspiration is to bring the Northstowe Community closer together through sustainable and active travel, working towards a happy, healthy, and greener environment for local residents".

Smart journeys will be attending the Northstowe 'Big Great Big Green Week' on Saturday, 15th June to promote travel incentives on offer in Northstowe, along with handing out great sustainable travel freebies. So come and join in the fun!

If you have any questions or need any travel advice, you can email smart journeys team at: [northstowe@smartjourneys.co.uk](mailto:northstowe@smartjourneys.co.uk) or simply go to Northstowe Travel website <https://www.northstowe.com/travel>, for local travel information.

### ENTERPRISE CAR CLUB



smart journeys are working in partnership with Enterprise Car Club to support in providing a discounted e-car hire membership scheme in Northstowe.

Local Northstowe residents have access to a 1-year's members at a discount price of £10 (from £60) plus £10 free driving credit and 10% off Enterprise Rent-A-Car. The E-vehicle, Nissan LEAF Auto EV, is located at Longstanton Park & Ride, Station Road, CB24 1DD, conveniently situated by an EV charging station. Take advantage of this great scheme and sign up now. To sign up go to <https://EnterpriseCarClub.co.uk/NSTOWE10> quoting the offer code, NSTOWE10.

### THE NORTHSTOWE LIFTSHARE COMMUNITY

smart journeys launched the new Northstowe Liftshare Community scheme on 21st April at the Northstowe Sunday Market at The Green. The event was supported by Cllr Firouz Thompson to promote this great networking initiative for the local community..... because Sharing is Caring.

Liftsharing (or car sharing) is when two or more people travel together in a car. The Community Liftshare Scheme enables organised liftsharing by connecting those travelling in the same direction, so they can arrange to travel together and share the costs. You can post your journey as either a passenger, driver or both.

By joining you may save hundreds in travel costs every year.

- Access priority Liftshare parking.
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All those registered will automatically be included in the launch prize draw and the winner will be the person who logs the most liftshares completed.

### FREE E-BIKE CONFIDENCE TRAINING SESSIONS AND LED BIKE RIDE TOURS

smart journeys are offering free E-Bike Confidence Training Sessions, followed by Led Bike Ride Tours to Cambridge throughout the year. If you are interested in attending, please contact [northstowe@smartjourneys.co.uk](mailto:northstowe@smartjourneys.co.uk) for more information and to book a place.

### FREE BIKE REPAIR SERVICES

This very popular free bike repair service is being offered to Northstowe residents. Our bike mechanic will conduct a full check of your bicycle and carry out minor repairs on site. The offer is on a first-come, first-served basis and there are limited slots available per session, so please book early. These services are either held at the Northstowe Cycle Hub, which is in the rear car park of Longstanton Park & Ride, or at the Northstowe Sunday Market. Please visit <https://www.northstowe.com/travel> to book, or contact [northstowe@smartjourneys.co.uk](mailto:northstowe@smartjourneys.co.uk), for more information.

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## HOMES ENGLAND UPDATE

### Homes England to invest £120k into Northstowe community initiatives

Homes England, the government's housing and regeneration agency, has announced £120,000 of grant funding to help organisations promote community cohesion and enhance the vibrancy of life in Northstowe, a new town under development north of Cambridge.

The master developer for the remaining phases of the new community, Homes England, will provide up to £20,000 of grant funding each year through this newly created fund, spanning from 2024 to 2029. South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) will administer the fund on behalf of Homes England.



*Light Up Northstowe in 2023 – the kind of event which may now benefit from the Northstowe Community Activation Fund. Photo by Phil Mynott on behalf of Homes England.*

The funding will support projects that will directly benefit Northstowe residents, contribute to community vibrancy, and enable opportunities for resident participation. Successful applications could include initiatives that promote access to arts and cultural activities; support environmental sustainability; and promote the use of community facilities in Northstowe.

The call for applications is now open and full details of the submission criteria can be found at SCDC's website, which can be navigated via <https://www.northstowe.com/community-activation-fund>.

Applicants must be a non-profit group or organisation that is based in Northstowe or benefits Northstowe residents, a public sector body with a demonstrable community focus, or a Parish or Town Council.

Matthew Brown, head of large sites at Homes England, commented:

"Supporting people to form connections and build a sense of belonging is critical when it comes to creating new places – particularly when it comes to significant new developments like Northstowe."

"We've been investing in the growing the Northstowe community for some time now, and it's been brilliant to see the creative ways in which our support has helped to enhance vibrancy in the emerging town, from enabling a major art project to funding youth support and festive activities."

"It's great to now be opening up the Community Activation Fund for submissions and we're looking forward to seeing the applications come in. Through this investment, we'll be working with SCDC to support projects that enhance community cohesion and quality of life as Northstowe continues to develop and flourish over the coming years."

Even though the emerging town is still in its infancy – Northstowe is set to be transformed into a thriving new community of around 25,000 people over the next two decades – a diverse community is already shaping its unique identity. Over 3,000 people currently call Northstowe home, and there are a series of thriving community and faith groups, along with a dedicated Town Council, in place.

Many residents are already making use of the Western Park Sports Pavilion and The Cabin, a temporary community centre on The Green. The community also benefits from a community orchard and allotments, delivered by SCDC, and managed by Northstowe Horticultural Association, as well as a weekly market.

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Lead Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Bill Handley, said:

"Northstowe is already a super place to live with some fantastic facilities – including the impressive brand-new sports pavilion and pitches, schools, allotments, a beautiful waterpark, walking and cycling trails, arts, and horticulture groups, and so much more. We are now looking forward to this grant being used to support larger scale community initiatives. The idea is to really help showcase what Northstowe can offer, raising awareness of what a brilliant place it is to call home. We would love to see this money used to fund big events that help build Northstowe's already wonderful sense of community – such as local celebrations, sports festivals or events that further improve health and wellbeing."

The application portal is now accepting submissions and will be open year-round. More information can be found via: <https://www.northstowe.com/community-activation-fund>

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## BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

1st Northstowe Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had a very busy Spring, and there is a good chance you have seen us out and about in the community. Our Beavers took part in a community litter pick around Northstowe, Cubs and Scouts assisted with the Northstowe Half Marathon, and Beavers and Cubs have been busy planting at the allotments.

All three groups got together for a St George's Day event at Comberton Village College, where we met many other groups from the Crafts Hill District. Our members showed excellent teamwork trying archery, tomahawk-throwing, fire-lighting, bridge-building, knife skills, CPR training and tug-of-war.

Over the next few months, we are looking forward to going on various camps, cooking outdoors, continuing to tend our allotments beds and attending the Olympic-themed Fun Day at Gilwell Park in London. If you want to get involved, we are always looking for adult volunteers to enable us to offer Scouting to more children.

Contact [info@1stnorthstowescouts.org.uk](mailto:info@1stnorthstowescouts.org.uk) for more information.



**Sunday  
30th June 2024**



Join us for one of the bike rides and after-rides social with live music, food & drink at the Over Community Centre in support of the Over Day Centre, this year to help raise funds for enhancing garden areas around the Centre with attractive beds, enabling clients to enjoy garden activities. See old friends, make new ones; perhaps join as a group.

There's a choice of five rides, so there's something for everyone : marked 100km 'challenge'; marked 50km 'have a go'; 12km, 13km or 23km for family & casual riders. Start points at Over and Northstowe.

For details, to register and to donate if unable to attend, please view:



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We also play matches against other clubs in Cambridgeshire, both friendly matches and competitive. We've got lots of matches coming up over the summer, so there are plenty of opportunities to take part. If you fancy joining one of the teams, come along to the social tennis sessions and we can see what sort of level might be appropriate. The matches are always fun, and often involve a good spread of nibbles afterwards!

A wide range of annual memberships are available for adults, couples, families and more, as well as trial memberships if you'd just like to try for a month. Membership allows you to play for free on the courts all year round, gives access to the floodlights, and gives you an entry into the Wimbledon ballot for LTA club members. You don't have to live in Longstanton to play - we welcome new members from Northstowe and any of the surrounding villages! If you don't want to commit to membership, our courts are available on a pay-as-you-play basis.

For more info, swing by our website at <http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LongstantonTennisClub> and get ready for a slice of the action!

Follow 'Longstanton Tennis' on Facebook for news of upcoming events and matches.



### Northstowe Sport and Wellbeing are on the Hunt for a Secretary and new members starting September 2024



In an exciting development for those passionate about health and fitness administration, Northstowe Sport and Wellbeing are currently searching for an individual to fill the role of Secretary starting from September 2024.

Key duties include: send out meeting invites, prepare meeting agenda and minutes, maintain NSWC Facebook page, respond to emails received to the group email address.

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Type of Mammal	Milk Composition	Feeding Frequency	Infant's Behaviour When Mother Leaves
<b>Carry Mammals</b> (e.g. Kangaroos, Humans)	Low fat and protein	Frequent, continuous	Distress, frequent crying, calling for help
Infants are carried by mothers due to their high dependency. Frequent feeding is necessary for the well-being of the vulnerable offspring			
<b>Follow Mammals</b> (e.g., Horses)	Moderate fat and protein	Less frequent, substantial	Offspring follows mother, more independent, exploration
Offspring can follow and keep up with mothers, showcasing independence and adaptability. Feeding is less frequent but more substantial.			
<b>Nest Mammals</b> (e.g., Dogs)	Higher fat and protein	Intermittent, periodic	Varied - some patient waiting, some restlessness, some independence
Mothers create nests for their offspring and return periodically. Higher fat and protein support the waiting periods between parental visits			
<b>Cache Mammals</b> (e.g., Rabbits)	Much higher fat and protein	Periodic, every 12 hours or so	Patient waiting, conservation of energy
Mothers leave offspring in a secure location (like a "cache") and return periodically. High-fat and protein milk sustains infants during extended periods between visits.			

A foal needs to be able to stand up and follow a mare from the moment they are born. A rabbit nestling will happily stay in their burrow for half a day without making a peep. Puppies will be able to wait for a few hours before getting antsy.

However, human babies will often cry the moment they're left alone, and need feeding very frequently.

As tough as this can be on a new parent, understanding that this behaviour is not only to be expected, but also healthy and needed, can perhaps help set different expectations to what we often see in the media.

One of the characteristics that differentiate humans from other animals however is that we make tools. One of the most useful tools for the early weeks/months/even years is without a doubt a sling or baby carrier.

If you have a young baby or are pregnant, and you'd like to know more about slings and carriers do have a look for your local sling library or consultant. With any luck, they will also be able to help with infant feeding!



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For more information visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

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There has been a significant increase of uncollected information that has been requested by our patients. This includes private referral letters, To Whom It May Concern letters, Patient Summaries, GP reports and medical records. This type of work can be very time consuming and, as our GPs have to prioritise their clinical work, these requests put a great deal of additional pressure on them. We would ask that you take the time to consider whether your request for information is absolutely necessary and that you do need it.

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**CARERS MEETING**

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers support meetings on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** at the Willingham Surgery, where we will be holding drop in sessions **between 2pm and 4pm**. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments are provided, there's no need to pre-book and it's completely **FREE!** Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month and for more information please contact [susan.lawson7@nhs.net](mailto:susan.lawson7@nhs.net)

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## MULTIPLE DAYS

### Meet the Community Officers

Come to meet our council Community Development Officers, drop-in any time between 9:30am–4:40pm on Tuesdays–Thursdays, or to make an appointment email [northstowe.community@scamps.gov.uk](mailto:northstowe.community@scamps.gov.uk)

### Midwife and Community Health Services

Services available in the Cabin at various times all week, by appointment only

### Food Trucks

Northstowe foodies hosts food trucks weekly at the Green, 5–8pm Wed–Sun, and Coffee on Thursdays 10am–2pm. Line-ups can be viewed on their page on FB and Instagram [@NorthstoweFoodies](#)

## MONDAYS

### Tang Soo Do (£)

Family-friendly martial arts club. Classes for children ages 6–14, at 4:30pm in WPP. Email [enquiries@Northstowetsd.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@Northstowetsd.co.uk)

### Beavers

Beaver Scouts aged 6–8 Years will get a chance to try a wide range of different activities. 17:45 – 18:45 at NSC. Email [info@1stnorthstowescouts.org.uk](mailto:info@1stnorthstowescouts.org.uk)

### Over Power (£)

Fitness, Strength, Conditioning circuits. We help ladies to tone up, lose weight and feel great. PFPS playground, 6pm & 7pm. [www.overpowerfitness.com](http://www.overpowerfitness.com) [overpowerfitness@outlook.com](mailto:overpowerfitness@outlook.com)

### Northstowe Badminton Club (£)

Adults social badminton. 18:30–20:00 at NSC.

### Cubs

Excitement and adventure for Cub Scouts aged 8 to 10+, be creative and get involved in your local community. 19:00 – 20:15 at NSC. Email [info@1stnorthstowescouts.org.uk](mailto:info@1stnorthstowescouts.org.uk)

### Football (£)

Turn up and play, welcome to everyone. 7 a side and 9 a side £6.25 per week. Adults session 19:15–20:15 at NSC [george@kickstartactivelife.co.uk](mailto:george@kickstartactivelife.co.uk)

### Tai-Chi (£)

Weekly relaxation and inner peace. 19:30 at the PFPS. To book please email [malcolmssavannah23@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmssavannah23@gmail.com)

### Social Run

Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers social run meeting on The Green at 19:30 [facebook.com/LandNLimpers](http://facebook.com/LandNLimpers)

### Book Club

Meet to discuss books on Monday evenings once per month. New members always welcome. [www.facebook.com/groups/607693023324785](http://www.facebook.com/groups/607693023324785)

### Northstowe Jets Basketball (£)

Ball handling, shooting, positioning, attacking, defending, fitness. All skill levels welcome. 20:30–21:30 at NSC. [northstowebasketball@gmail.com](mailto:northstowebasketball@gmail.com)

## TUESDAYS

### Micro Library

Drop in at the Cabin any time 9:30–4pm, borrow a book or grab a drink from the hub café coffee machine

### Baby and Postnatal Yoga (£)

Have fun with your baby while safely rebuilding your core and pelvic floor, stretching and strengthening. Suitable after your 6/8 week check. 10am and 1pm at Longstanton Village Hall. [myyogacorner.uk](http://myyogacorner.uk)

### Baby Massage 5 week course (£)

Learn techniques to help you bond with your baby, soothe them, help with wind and colic, as well as calming ideas and other topics. Suitable from birth. 11:30am at Longstanton Village Hall. [myyogacorner.uk](http://myyogacorner.uk)

### Stay and Play Group

Weekly play-based activities for families with children age 10 months or walking. 10–11:30am in the Cabin. Phone 01954 284 672 to book.

### Baby Group

Weekly play-based activities for families with babies up to year or crawling. 1–2:30 pm in the Cabin. Phone 01954 284 672 to book.

### Guides (Girlguiding) (£)

A group for girls aged 10 to 14 to explore the things they love and do stuff they've never done before. Activities, crafts, games and more. [guiding@thehays.net](http://guiding@thehays.net)

### Fastbreak Basketball (£)

Indoor sessions in the NSC Sports Hall, 12 & Under at 6pm, 14 & Under at 7pm [northstowe@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk](mailto:northstowe@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk)

### Northstowe Board Games

Join us to play modern-style strategy and tabletop games, anything from Alhambra to Ziemlich Zügig! 3rd Tuesday each month in the Cabin, other weeks at 21 Heron Road, CB24 1AS. Starts 7:30pm. [northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk](mailto:northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk)

## KEEP US UPDATED PLEASE!

Spotted any errors, changes, or more groups to be included? Please email [northstovenews@gmail.com](mailto:northstovenews@gmail.com)

## WEDNESDAYS

### Northstowe Hub Café

Make new friends – Take your time and relax – Meet with others. Open 9am–12:30pm and 3:30–5pm in the foyer at the Cabin.

### The Baby Hub

Feeding and weaning, slings and carriers, cloth nappies and pottyting, or just come along for a chat even if you don't need any specific support! 10:30–11:30am alongside the Northstowe Hub Café in the Cabin. [babyhub@northstowehub.org](mailto:babyhub@northstowehub.org)

### Little Stars (£)

Preschool ballet and dance with Stardust Dance Academy, 10am–11:15 in the Cabin. Book at [www.stardustdanceacademy.com](http://www.stardustdanceacademy.com)

### Youth Drop In at Northstowe Hub Café

Youthwork run by Romsey Mill and Northstowe Youth Hive for school years 7–9, 4–5.30pm termtime. Free snacks, or add low cost treats from the café.

### Rainbows

For girls aged 4–7. 5:15–6:15 in the Cabin.

### Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers

Session starting at 7pm for people that are new to running or getting back into it. [facebook.com/LandNLimpers](http://facebook.com/LandNLimpers)

### Dance Fit (£)

Adult class with Stardust Dance Academy. 7:30–8:30pm in the Cabin. Book at [www.stardustdanceacademy.com](http://www.stardustdanceacademy.com)

### Over Power (£)

(See Monday's entry for details)

PFPS playground, 6pm & 7pm

## THURSDAYS

### Little Explorers

*Time for you, your child, and God.*  
Breakfast from 9:15, main session 9:45–10:45am in PFPS [www.northstowe.church/little-explorers](http://www.northstowe.church/little-explorers)

### Micro Library

Drop in at the Cabin any time 9:30–4pm, borrow a book or grab a drink from the hub café coffee machine

### Baby Massage 5 week course (£)

(See Tuesday's entry for details)  
10:30am at Longstanton Village Hall.

### Gymnastics (£)

Preschool gymnastics with Stardust Dance Academy. Book at [www.stardustdanceacademy.com](http://www.stardustdanceacademy.com)

### Tang Soo Do (£)

(See Monday's entry for details)  
4:30pm in WPP.

### Northstowe Community Lounge

Socialise with neighbours and have access to free Wi-Fi, hot drinks and refreshments. 6–8pm every Thursday at the Cabin. Free for everyone. We're planning well-being sessions, language classes, games night and more activities. [www.northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Sustainable Northstowe

Making Northstowe a green, clean, biodiverse and interconnected place for current and future residents. 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm in the Cabin. For more info see [facebook.com/sustainablenorthstowe](http://facebook.com/sustainablenorthstowe) or email [sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com](mailto:sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com)

### Pregnancy Yoga (£)

Covering breathing techniques, warmup and yoga poses, deep relaxation with self hypnosis (hypnobirthing) and various birth and parenthood preparation topics. 7pm at Longstanton Village Institute. [myyogacorner.uk](http://myyogacorner.uk)

### Northstowe Cricket Club

Outdoor season underway. Net practice at Fen Ditton Recreational ground, contact [northstowecricket@gmail.com](mailto:northstowecricket@gmail.com) [northstowe.play-cricket.com/home](http://northstowe.play-cricket.com/home)

### Fastbreak Basketball (£)

Indoor sessions in the NSC Sports Hall, 10 & Under and 16 & Under at 7:15pm, Adult sessions at 8:20pm [northstowe@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk](mailto:northstowe@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk)

### Over Power (£)

(See Monday's entry for details)  
PFPS playground, 6pm and 7pm.

### Scouts

For ages 10½ to 14. Build and develop young people's confidence, sense of adventure and outdoor skills. 19:15–20:30 at NSC. Email [info@1stnorthstowescouts.org.uk](mailto:info@1stnorthstowescouts.org.uk)

### Northstowe's Compline (Night Prayer)

Stop, Breathe, Pray. Alternate Thursdays 8–9pm. [www.northstowe.church/compline](http://www.northstowe.church/compline)

## FRIDAYS

### Acrobatics and Dance

Pre-school class with Studio Fogg Dance. 9:45–10:45 in the Cabin. Book at [studiofogg.co.uk](http://studiofogg.co.uk)

### Walking for all

A social walk around Northstowe, followed by a free drink. 7 June and 5 July, starting 10:15 at the Cabin.

### Postnatal Yoga with Baby (£)

(See Tuesday's entry for details)

11:30am at Longstanton Village Hall.

### Mobile Library

2nd Friday each month, 3:20–4:20pm on The Green outside the Cabin. Free to all, join at the vehicle or online.

### Arts Club (£)

Children's activity with Artastic Kids Club. 4–5pm in the Cabin, book at [www.gorgeouslittlethingsuk.com](http://www.gorgeouslittlethingsuk.com)

### Sewing and Design (£)

Children's activity with Artastic Kids Club. 5–7pm in the Cabin, book at [www.gorgeouslittlethingsuk.com](http://www.gorgeouslittlethingsuk.com)

### Judo (£)

Ages 5 to 105 from beginners to Dan grades. On Fridays at PFPS, 5–6pm (under 8s) and 6–7pm (over 8s). For more info contact [colinhappyido@gmail.com](mailto:colinhappyido@gmail.com)

### Northstowe Badminton Club (£)

Adults social badminton. 18:00–19:30 at NSC.

## SATURDAYS

### ParkPlay @ Western Park Sports Pavilion

FREE Healthy outdoor fun with games for everyone. Join us every Saturday any time between 10:30am and 12:30pm on the Multi-Use Games Area behind WPP. Please register at <https://park-play.com/register/>

### My Yoga Corner Workshops (£)

Birth rehearsals - Breastfeeding - Babywearing and sling library - Starting solids. 10am–12 at Longstanton Village Institute. [myyogacorner.uk](http://myyogacorner.uk)

### Catholic Mass

Visiting priest from Cambridge. 6pm in the Octagon at Bar Hill. For more details contact Bunty Waters 07734 690580 or Fr. Adrian Gates 01223 622699

### Open Mic

Enjoy listening to some local musicians live, or bring your own act! 6pm–9:30pm (every other week) in the Cabin.

## SUNDAYS

### Sustainable Sundays

Information stands, swap events and popup Refill Station with zero plastic waste. 4th Sunday of the month, on The Green. See [facebook.com/sustainablenorthstowe](http://facebook.com/sustainablenorthstowe) or email [sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com](mailto:sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com)

### Northstowe Weekly Market

by Northstowe Town Council. Wide variety of food and non-food stalls including local businesses. 10am–2pm weekly – large indoor market (The Cabin) 4th Sunday each month; all other weeks indoors and outdoors (The Cabin and The Green) [www.northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Northstowe Hub Café

Drop in for a chat, use the micro library and have a drink! 10am–2pm in the Cabin

### Emmanuel Church Northstowe

A growing gospel-centred church serving a growing new community. Sunday morning services for all ages at 10:30, at NSC. [www.emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org](http://www.emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org)

### ShapeXchange Functional Fitness Classes (£)

Fitness for real life - 45 minute classes to build your strength, stamina, balance and flexibility. 11am in WPP every Sunday morning. Find out more and book now at [www.shapexchange.co.uk/classes](http://www.shapexchange.co.uk/classes)

### Pathfinder Church Sunday Gatherings

'praying, exploring, and sharing' intergenerationally. 3:30–5pm PFPS during school term. (Church of England, United Reformed Church, Baptist Union: [www.northstowe.church/Sundays](http://www.northstowe.church/Sundays))

### Ignite Youth Group

Youth group from Emmanuel Church Northstowe for anybody ages 11–14. 5pm alternate Sundays in the Cabin. Email [ignite.ecn@gmail.com](mailto:ignite.ecn@gmail.com) or check [emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org](http://emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org)

## LOCATION ABBREVIATIONS

Cabin  
*The Cabin, 1 The Green, CB24 1FD*

NSC  
*Northstowe Secondary College, CB24 1DJ*

PFPS  
*Pathfinder Primary School, CB24 1AA*

WPP  
*Western Park Pavilion, CB24 1DA*

**NORTHSTOWE HUB**  
PRESENTS...

&  
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## MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

SAT 22ND JUNE

3PM-8PM  
THE GREEN - NORTHSTOWE - CB24 1FD

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May 22, June 19, July 17



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The Cabin, Pathfinder Way, CB24 1FD

If you would like to be involved, but cannot attend, please email [northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk)

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8th - 16th June 2024

Let's swap together for good

## COMMUNITY SKIP DAY

Saturday 15th June, 8.30am to 1pm  
The Cabin & Northstowe Green

With community skips you can get rid of unwanted wood, metal and electricals for FREE!

**PLUS...** Toy Swap 11am-1pm  
Community Litter pick 10am  
Bike Repair  
Northstowe Arts & BPFA Storytelling 10am-12pm  
Clothes Swap 8.30am-12pm  
Smart Journeys  
'Give & Take' Stall 8.30am-12pm

EVENT PARTNERS







## Board Games Afternoon

2pm-6pm  
Drop in anytime and stay as long as you like.

**Saturday July 27th @ the Cabin, Northstowe**

**Free. All welcome.**  
(Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult)

Join us for an afternoon of fun and games for the whole family. Whether you play many games already or not, you can enjoy trying out lots of different games and maybe discover your new favourite!

**Northstowe Gamers**  
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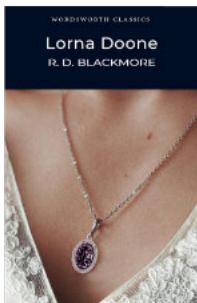




## BOOK REVIEWS

### Lorna Doone by R.D.Blackmore

This English classic novel tells the story of John Ridd, a yeoman farmer and his love for Lorna of the notorious Doone clan. At the start of the novel John is recalled home from school to take over the farm because his father has been murdered for standing up to the bullying Doones. This doesn't stop him from meeting and falling for Lorna when he accidentally wanders into the secret Doone valley.



The novel is set in 17th century Exmoor during the Monmouth rebellion, but was published in 1869 and therefore has all the Romantic ideals of heroes and heroines. John, the honest young farmer is a wrestler and the largest man in the West Country, while Lorna is beautiful and virtuous.

I first read this as a teenager and loved the romance, but re-reading it recently I was struck by the beautiful descriptive passages, particularly of the snow storm. The historical background, too, is fascinating if you like history. There is also a lot of humour in the narrator's interpretation of events and characters, something I completely missed last time.

It is a long book and the West country dialect takes some perseverance, but it is worth the effort. I enjoyed re-reading this for book club.

**Kathy Fountain**

## BOOK CLUB

All welcome to join us at book club. We read a different book each month and meet on Zoom for about an hour to discuss the current book. Our meetings are held on Monday evenings from 7.30pm. Zoom details can be found on our Facebook page or by emailing

[northstowebookclub@gmail.com](mailto:northstowebookclub@gmail.com). Feel free to join us every month, or just if we are reading a book that appeals to you. Most books can be borrowed from the library or purchased fairly cheaply. We read a bit of everything – children's books, classic novels, non-fiction, modern fiction.

Next meetings:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June **Demon Copperhead**

by Barbara Kingsolver

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July **A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian**

by Marina Lewycka



**NORTHSTOWE BOOK CLUB**

Meets on Zoom once a month on Mondays at 7.30pm.

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## NORTHSTOWE ARTS UPDATE

This June and July are shaping up to be fun, busy months and we'd love you to take part too!

At Sustainable Northstowe's **Community Skip Day** as part of the national Great Big Green Week, local storyteller Helen Bell will share stories that start conversations and everyone – young and old – will be gently and playfully encouraged to join in. We're really pleased to be working with BPFA again on this free event, with funding as one of Co-op's Local Causes.

The following weekend, we're delighted to be collaborating with Northstowe Hub on the very first **Midsummer Festival**! Bring a picnic along to the Green and celebrate midsummer with friends and neighbours, through the afternoon and evening of Saturday 22nd June. As well as plenty of space for your own picnics, there'll be the community café in the Cabin and Northstowe Foodies' food and drink trucks. There'll be music and dance performances and workshops to join in with from many of Northstowe's community groups and organisations, schools, dance schools and musicians; there'll be a bouncy castle for little ones, the Connections Youth Bus for slightly older ones, and Hereward the Wake brings Anglo-Saxon armoury and beer-making demonstrations too!

**June and July...**

**northstowearts.co.uk**

In the coming weeks, we're excited to share an exciting project we've been working on recently with Homes England: the **Northstowe Neighbours** short film, celebrating some of the people who call Northstowe "home". Thank you to everyone who contributed to this – keep an eye out for screenings online and in person.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey about starting a **new choir in Northstowe** – we've taken on board your feedback and Laurie and Anne are excited to begin!

Do you enjoy outings to Northstowe's lakes? You'll soon see **two new sculptural signs for Unity Lake and Halcyon Mere** being installed by local artist Chloe Leaper and we'd love you to join us there for a launch event in collaboration with Stardust Dance Academy! Thank you to Homes England for commissioning this project.

For more details on all the above activities, visit [northstowearts.co.uk](http://northstowearts.co.uk) – and sign up to our newsletter to receive everything directly in your inbox!



## Songs for a Summer Night

**Catherine King (mezzo) and Frances Kelly (harp)**

**7.30 pm**  
**Friday 21 June 2024**  
**Northstowe Secondary College**



Internationally renowned musicians Catherine King and Frances Kelly present a delightful programme of English music, ranging from the mediaeval period to the 17th century.

Tickets available from:  
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## IT'S FESTIVAL SEASON!

The summer is finally here -  
Celebrate midsummer with friends and neighbours!

We have a fantastic afternoon and evening lined up on the Green, in partnership with Northstowe Arts and Northstowe Foodies.

Bring your own picnic, or visit the amazing selection of food vans provided by Northstowe Foodies. Enjoy an afternoon of FREE historical re-enactment, music and dancing. Fun for the whole community!

**3pm - 8pm  
Saturday 22nd June  
On The Green**

Thanks to financial support from Keepmoat. Lindy, our garden designer, has been working hard with the community to get the raised beds looking amazing ready for summer.. Come and see for yourself at the Cabin.



## INTERESTED IN BEING A TRUSTEE...

We are on the lookout for some new Trustees. Would you be interested in helping continue shape our vision for community activities in Northstowe? Take responsibility for one of our projects? Have marketing, comms, legal or facilities management experience? **Get in touch to find out more**



The Hub Cafe continues to be a great "hub" for our community. Have you been yet?

Try us out at the midsummer festival on 22nd June or

Drop Wednesday 9am-12:30pm, 3.30pm-5pm, and Sunday 10am -2pm. (times may vary outside of term)

## NORTHSTOWE COMMUNITY LOUNGE

Northstowe is more than just a collection of houses, it's a community, and the Community Lounge (CL) embodies that spirit of togetherness and foster connections among residents. It's where strangers become friends, no matter what backgrounds we are from we become family.

Since the inception, the Community Lounge has evolved into more than just a warm space but a vital space for residents to connect with each other and new residents to meet their new neighbours in a very friendly and interactive environment. Our volunteers work tirelessly to make the new residents feel welcome and help them settle in the new community. The volunteers collect food for the community larder in collaboration with Sustainable Northstowe and help offer a range of services and activities for the Community Lounge.

In an era where digital communication often dominates, the Community Lounge serves as a reminder of the power of face-to-face interaction.

Adam is 14 and volunteered at the Community Lounge as part of the Duke of Edinburgh programme.

"For the past few months, I have been volunteering at the Community Lounge every Thursday for two hours from 6pm – 8pm. I began volunteering on the 8th of February this year and from the very start the environment was so welcoming, friendly and relaxed. With the volunteering, I helped setting up before the session starts and wrapping up when it finishes and helped with providing refreshments and making people feel welcome. I was given training on the first day. I enjoyed the wide variety of club activities with many regular attendees. I particularly enjoyed table tennis and Mah-Jong (a Chinese game). There is also a thriving chess club too and if none of them seem like your cup of tea you can grab a free cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate and some pastries or biscuits from our wide selection in the community café and catch up with your neighbours. Its all free for the community and you can take it home too! So, if you can spare 2 hours after work, school or college feel free to come down to the community café in The Cabin by the green and indulge in a wide variety of activities and make plenty of new friends while you do so."

We constantly seek new ways to support the community. If you have any ideas or would like to see any activities or if you would like to volunteer please feel free to contact [Cllr.delip@northstowntouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.delip@northstowntouncil.gov.uk)



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**NORTHSTOWE CHESS CLUB**  
please email: chessnorthstowe@outlook.com  
if you plan to join:  
<https://www.northstowechessclub.com>

Frequency: Weekly 6-8pm

10 boards available

£3/person families will only be charged for 1 person



Together with Sport & Wellbeing

Huge thank you to Homes England for providing funding for the boards and the first sessions

All Levels welcome! Learn how to play, practice chess with others or simply follow some strategy book moves. Anyone below 18 years old should be accompanied by an adult



## An update from Fen Drayton Lakes



*There's a network of channels to explore by canoe*

This September, on two dates only, we are bringing canoeing to Fen Drayton Lakes. You will be led on an exploratory journey around islands and reed to experience the reserve from an angle never previously seen by visitors.

We are working in partnership with a well-respected watersports company to deliver this exciting event, so no previous experience of canoeing is required. You will be in expert hands and guided by a reserve warden with many years knowledge of the site and its wildlife.

As you paddle gently through the waterways, you'll find yourself immersed in a world teeming with life. Majestic bitterns stand sentinel in the reeds, their long legs perfectly adapted for wading through shallow waters as they hunt for fish. Moorhens dart among the reeds, their distinctive red bills and black plumage adding splashes of colour to the landscape. With patience and a keen eye, you may also catch a glimpse of an otter moving through the water, a real highlight of any visit to the reserve.

Canoeing offers a sustainable way to explore these delicate ecosystems without disturbing the wildlife. The quiet, non-intrusive nature of a canoe allows you to observe animals in their natural habitat without causing undue stress or disruption. It's a chance to become a mindful observer, blending seamlessly into the environment and experiencing nature in its purest form.

So consider grabbing a paddle, embarking on an adventure and letting the wonders of the natural world unfold before you.

To see further details and book tickets for this event, please visit: [events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](http://events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes)

### Other upcoming events at Fen Drayton Lakes

**Wild(ish) Camping for Groups** - A unique opportunity for groups to camp on site.

**Wednesday Wander Guided Walk** - Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a walk around the reserve.

### Volunteering opportunities

We are looking for new volunteers to join our visitor engagement team here at Fen Drayton Lakes. In this role you will be giving visitors a warm welcome and finding out how you can help them enjoy their visit, whether that's pointing out where they can see wildlife, advising on which trail to go around or providing information about Fen Drayton Lakes and what makes the reserve a special place.

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## GAME OF THE MONTH

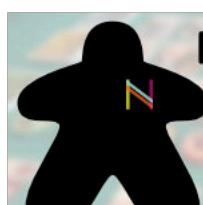
**Dune: Imperium** is a game inspired by the recent Dune film(s), themselves based on the series of novels by *Frank Herbert*. You are a leader in one of the Great Houses, and you must gain victory over your rivals by making adept political alliances, overcoming enemies in battle, gaining influence with the Emperor and managing your most precious resources of water and Spice.

In some of our previous reviews we've mentioned that the theme of some games feels paper-thin and pasted on quite arbitrarily, e.g. Holiday Fluxx (issue 30) or The Crew (issue 14). This isn't the case with Dune: Imperium where the themes of the films and novel have been made fundamental to the design. The escalating stakes, the difficulty of getting supplies, spies and political intrigue permeate through every aspect of the gameplay.

The gameplay has some elements we've seen in other games: Worker Placement, taking game actions by occupying spots on the board (while also preventing your opponents from doing so); and Deck Building, improving and specialising your own deck of cards. The cards have many effects, but can become extra-powerful if you combine several cards from the same political factions. Every time you use a faction's space you gain influence with them, and if you do this enough you can make an Alliance which is worth points. But most spaces also have a cost to using them, so you also need to carefully manage your supplies of water, spice, and money. At the end of every round the players commit their armies into combat, with various rewards for the winner. You can see the size of the opposing armies, but you can also play Intrigue cards that may suddenly change the balance in your favour.

Winning the impending battles can be crucial to overall victory, and they are worth more points as the game goes on so they very often manage to deliver a nail-biting finish. But there are a lot of other priorities that must be balanced before your victory can be assured. It's a difficult game and can be unforgiving of mistakes. But the depth of strategic decision-making, the wide variation of playing styles which are encouraged by the leaders' asymmetric abilities, and the strength of the theme - all contribute to this being one of my favourite new games in several years.

**Andrew and Sarah Collier**



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*Dune: Imperium* is designed by Paul Dennen, and published by Dire Wolf.



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## LDHS HERITAGE SOCIETY UPDATE: June - July 2024

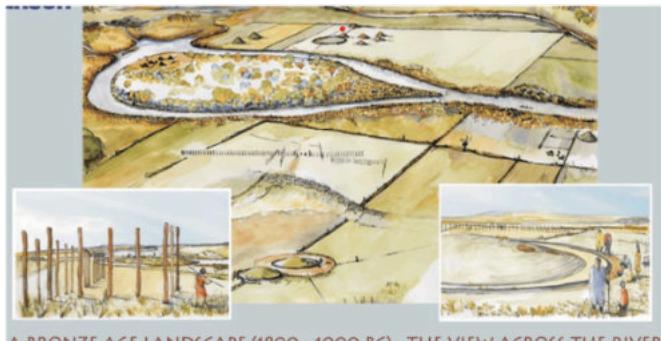
### Northstowe:

The site of this new town has been a Fen Edge hub throughout time, with communities linked by a network of trackways and paths.

The Heritage Society is working to ensure that Northstowe Town can be provided with a heritage hub facility which will benefit not just the new town but also the surrounding Fen Edge villages too. A heritage facility can provide display and storage facilities for the unique LDHS Archives and could ensure that archaeology from Northstowe and the surrounding villages can be exhibited locally.

**Come and find out more at the Midsummer Festival on 22<sup>nd</sup> June!**

Whether you are new to the region or have lived around here all your life you'll recognise that the landscape of Northstowe and surrounding area has its own, special features. On the edge of the fens, the land is low-lying and essentially flat with many, natural and man-made, water channels. From prehistory to the present day, this dynamic landscape with constantly fluctuating water levels (due both to human agency and changing climate), has presented opportunities for people to exploit in many different ways.



A BRONZE AGE LANDSCAPE (1800 - 1000 BC) - THE VIEW ACROSS THE RIVER

**The reconstructed Bronze Age landscape at Over**  
(source: Cambridge Archaeological Unit and Hanson Ltd)

Mesolithic hunter-gatherers roamed this region which would have joined the land bridge of Doggerland (now under the North Sea) leading to the rest of Europe. Neolithic and Bronze-Age communities settled leaving behind distinctive round barrow memorials in the fen just north of Over village. What was an extensive Roman urban settlement and regional hub for the small and scattered local communities was uncovered by archaeologists where Phase 2 will be developed. These communities appear to have coalesced, probably in response to rising water levels, over the following centuries as the villages of Longstanton, Willingham, Over, Swavesey, Rampton and Oakington emerged. A significant Anglo-Saxon burial ground at Oakington appears to have had regional importance.

This wet, marshy landscape proved to be ideal for the Anglo-Saxon resistance fighters, led by Hereward the Wake, to conduct their disruptive guerrilla campaign against the Norman army immediately after the Battle of Hastings in 1066. This district also played a prominent role in the English Civil War, with Oliver Cromwell being a local man.



**Hereward the Wake Reincarnated – local folk hero and freedom fighter**  
(source: The Wake Hereward Project)

The major drainage projects of the later 1600s transformed this landscape into an area of prime agricultural land producing food for communities across the country. Produce was shipped out by road and waterways and then, later by railway such as the Cambridge to St Ives line that the busway on the northern edge of Northstowe now uses.

Come the Second World War, this flat land looking out towards the North Sea enabled vital air bases such as RAF Oakington, to spearhead the, ultimately successful, Allied war effort. With Cambridge close by driving the emergence of "Silicon Fen", Northstowe is, once again, assuming its natural position as a cultural and economic hub for this dynamic Fen Edge landscape of which you, if you are reading this, are a key part.

At the Northstowe Midsummer Festival on 22<sup>nd</sup> June we, Longstanton & District Heritage Society, will be joined by Dr Oscar Aldred of the Cambridge Archaeological Unit, friends and colleagues from other local heritage and history groups to showcase the rich and fascinating Fen Edge heritage of Norgthstowe. There will be displays, archaeological finds to handle and a visit by Hereward the Wake himself giving his own dramatic account.

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So our church community seeks to be a welcoming place for children. For the first 30 minutes of our Sunday gathering, all ages are together to worship. This often includes an all-age talk (with props, actions or other ways to engage children) and a children's song. Then for the second half of the service children go to groups to learn about Jesus from the Bible in an age appropriate way.

0-3yrs

**Scramblers**



Preschool and reception

**TRANSFORMERS**



School years 1, 2, and 3

**Trailblazers**



School years 4, 5, and 6

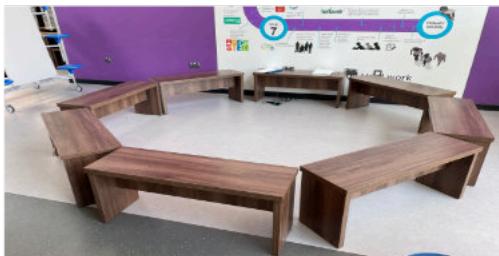
**HEROES**



Our teens groups stay with the adults during the service. They have their own groups meeting fortnightly on Sundays 5-7pm. **IGNITE** is for school years 7, 8 and 9. **Resolved** is for school years 10, 11, 12 and 13.

The various groups are fun, safe (all volunteers are DBS checked and you can ask to see our safeguarding policy), and provide a space for young people to connect with each other. Above all, we want to help children and young people to get to know Jesus, God come as one of us, who welcomes people of all ages.

All the groups are free of charge. Children don't need to identify as Christian, or have any prior knowledge of Christianity or the Bible, to join the group for their age. Please come along any Sunday to find out more, or email [contact@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org](mailto:contact@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org).



**Emmanuel Church normally meets every Sunday 10:30am at Northstowe Secondary College. If you have any questions about Emmanuel or want to get involved, please visit us any Sunday**

**You can find more information on our website: [emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org](http://emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org) or email [contact@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org](mailto:contact@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org)**



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### Look out for the Deckchair Listening Project

This Summer, keep an eye out for the Deckchair Listening Project popping up as Pathfinder Church and the Northstowe Church Network join in with a whole range of excellent community events. Already, the Deckchairs were popular with supporters as they joined us cheering on the runners at April's Northstowe Half: we loved it when runners danced along to our music as they passed by!

We'll be taking the Deckchairs to the **Midsummer Festival (22nd June)**, **Pathfinder School Fete (5th July)**, and be at the **next Community Afternoon Tea (14th July 3.30pm in The Pathfinder CofE Primary School Hall)**.

At each event, we'll have a different Big Question to ponder, and usually an opportunity to join us in creating a piece of community-art that captures something special about Northstowe. (Did you see our giant map at the opening of the Community Centre last year?)



### Other ways to connect

Those of us gathering as part of our various new communities in the Northstowe Church Network come from all Christian traditions as well as those new to Christianity: together we are pilgrims on a journey, asking questions and exploring the connections we find between everyday life and our spirituality and faith. We are a partnership of the Church of England, United Reformed Church, and Baptist Union, and share a vision with the Methodists and Quakers.

So whatever your background, and whether you are seeking quiet reflection, midweek groups, or interactive and multisensory Sunday worship, you are welcome and invited to try out one of our regular events:

### Term Time Church Gatherings (until 14th July)

#### Pathfinder Church's Sunday Gatherings

3.30-5pm in The Pathfinder CofE Primary School

#### Compline (Night Prayer)

fortnightly on Thursdays at 8pm (venue on request)

#### Little Explorers

9.15-10.45am on Thursdays in The Pathfinder CofE Primary School

### Summer Adventures

During the School Holidays, many of our events move offsite, visiting local parks, houses, churches... and even the Greenbelt

Music Festival (in Kettering Aug 22-26th)

visit our website for details nearer the time:

[www.northstowe.church](http://www.northstowe.church)

All Saints Church, Rampton Road, Longstanton is the neighbouring parish church of Pathfinder Church, Northstowe, within the Church of England.

Sunday services in All Saints are held at 9.30am as follows:

All Age service on 1st Sundays  
Holy Communion on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Morning Praise on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

The primary contact person is:

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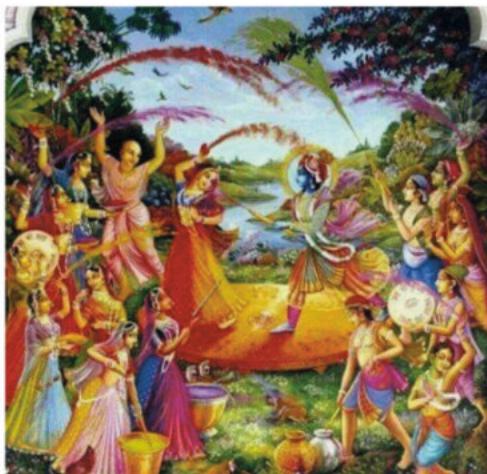
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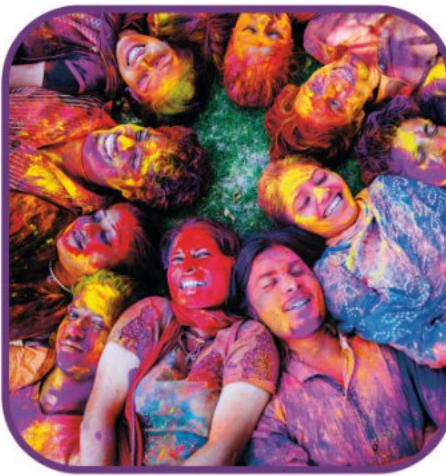
Please ring on above phone number for details of where this is being held.

## Hindu Samaj Northstowe (HSN)

Holi, known as the Festival of Colours, is a vibrant celebration originating from India. It signifies the arrival of spring and the triumph of good over evil. Participants joyously throw coloured powders and water at each other, symbolizing unity, forgiveness, and renewal. Traditional sweets, music, and dance further enrich the festivities, fostering community bonds and cultural harmony. Holi transcends boundaries, inviting people of all backgrounds to join in its exuberant revelry. It's a time-honored tradition that spreads happiness and bridges cultures, embodying the essence of togetherness and shared joy.



On April 27th, the Hindu Samaj Northstowe brought the vibrancy of Holi to our community with the inaugural **"Northstowe Holi Mela."** It was a delightful fusion of music, dance workshops, cultural showcases, and a variety of Indian cuisine. At the Western Park Pavilion, around 300 attendees immersed themselves in the festive atmosphere, exchanging colourful powders and laughter, while experiencing the rich tapestry of Indian culture. The event served as a beautiful reminder of the universality of celebration and the beauty of cultural exchange within our diverse community.



HSN is regularly organising **Dharma Club** for children 5 - 15 years where they get to explore all Indic Faiths this is open to anyone interested in learning about Dharmic religions. We also meet for **Hanuman Chalisa** every first Saturday of the month, followed by mantra chanting and bhajans. Please contact us for more details.

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## Northstowe Muslims Lunar Journey

The Islamic Lunar Calendar, also known as the Hijri calendar or Islamic calendar, is a lunar calendar consisting of 12 lunar months in a year of 354 or 355 days. It is used to determine the dates of Islamic events and rituals. While the Islamic calendar is widely used for religious purposes, the Gregorian calendar is commonly used for civil and administrative purposes.

Since the calendar used by Muslims is based on the lunar cycle, its year is about 10 to 12 days shorter than the solar year in the Gregorian calendar. As a result, Islamic holidays and events occur approximately 10 to 12 days earlier each year in the Gregorian calendar. This difference also means that Islamic months rotate through the seasons over a 33-year cycle.



The Islamic calendar is based on the cycles of the moon, unlike the Gregorian calendar, which is solar based. Each month in the Islamic calendar begins with the sighting of the new crescent. In this Lunar year (1445 Hijri), Ramadan, the ninth lunar month, began on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March and Northstowe Muslims held the first daily Taraweeh prayers at the Cabin.

Also, Northstowe Muslim Community held a breaking of the fast event, which we proudly call as 'Community Iftaar' on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024, attended by more than a hundred of Northstowe community members, irrespective of faith, in a delightful and happy occasion marked by a tasty variety of food thanks to their skilful cooking.



**Eid al-Fitr** or the Breaking of the Fast Feast, trails Ramadan and falls over the first three days of the Tenth Month of Shawwal. Many of Northstowe Muslims joined their fellow Muslims in Cambridge for Prayers in Parker's Piece where the crowds joyfully gathered to pray for peace and prosperity of the world and celebrated with delicious food in the open subtle surroundings.



Next on the Lunar Calander is **Eid Al Adha** or the Festival of Sacrifice which will come in the last and Twelfth Lunar month called Dhul Hijjeh. It marks the end of the Holy Pilgrimage season to Mecca. Closer to the event, we will reach out to the community to understand their aspirations, requirements, and what would make this event successful and the role the community can play in making it happen.



Northstowe Muslims are also planning to take part in the Big Community Litter Pick on 15<sup>th</sup> of June as part of contribution to our beloved new town, as well as the Northstowe Midsummer Festival on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. Further details will be announced closer to the event dates. Please reach out to us at [contact@northstowemuslims.org](mailto:contact@northstowemuslims.org), if you would like to volunteer or have any ideas for these events.



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As we head towards the new academic year, it has been lovely to think back to everything we've done this past term!

We are looking forward to so many events coming up, including our Meet the Tutor evening, where our new Year 7's will be able to meet their tutor as well as fellow tutees. It will be a lovely opportunity to meet them and their families ahead of September. In addition to this, we will be inviting all of our Year 11 offer holders to a welcome event ahead of their transition to Northstowe Sixth Form in September. It's not long now until our building work is complete!



Our Year 11's have almost completed their GCSE exams and we are so proud of them for all of their hard work. It will be lovely to celebrate with them all at their Leavers Day and their Prom in June. Our Year 10's sat their GCSE Ethics exams in May, and they are also preparing for a week of work experience in July. Work Experience is an important part of the Year 10 Curriculum and is an excellent opportunity for young people to gain an insight into the 'World of Work' and to help prepare them for the responsibilities and opportunities of adult life.

We have had such a wide array of trips over the year and have even more coming up as we head towards the end of term. Our Year 7's headed out on their first residential trip in May and are looking forward to their day trip to Warwick Castle soon. Our Year 8's will be exploring Harry Potter World as part of an Art and English trip in July and some of our Year 9 and 10 students will be heading to South Africa!

Back in April, a group of our Year 7s took part in The Colour Run at Milton Country Park, alongside 29 other schools across the county. They had great fun and were able to explore all kinds of different physical activities! The Summer Term has brought us our first Drama production, the announcement of the first NSC musical 'We Will Rock You,' and even some student nominations at The Roy Burrell Awards 2024.

We have thoroughly enjoyed this academic year and look forward to seeing what the next year will bring! It is sure to be a memorable year for the Northstowe Learning Community with having our first Year 12 and Reception cohorts in September, and of course a lovely extension to our school for more learning!



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# Youth Updates

from Northstowe Youth Hive and Romsey Mill

The Northstowe Youth Hive is about more than just a youth club: we are here to empower young people of all genders, backgrounds, faiths, and sexualities to have fun, develop, and make a difference. We are a locally constituted charity, with volunteer trustees working in close partnership with the professional expertise of Romsey Mill through Emma Whitbread - Northstowe's Youth Development Worker

## LOOKING BACK - THANK YOU!!

This term, the 4-5.30pm Wednesday Night Youth Drop In (alongside the general afterschool opening of the Northstowe Hub Cafe) has gone from strength to strength as Emma, Sarah-Jayne, and the rest of the volunteer team have added new activities based on YOUR requests. The new Switch (funded by The Church Schools of Cambridge through Pathfinder Church) has proved very popular!

We've also been part of the **Design Consultation for the Cabin Gardens**, and got stuck into weeding and preparing the raised beds. In April, we joined an eco consultation, asking "**how can I live a climate-friendly life?**" and thinking of ways to help nature recover.

Meanwhile, Emma, Fran and Beth have been working with several of Northstowe's young people through the schools, including lunchclubs at Northstowe Secondary, and preparing to support year 6 transitions to secondary school.



## LOOKING AHEAD

We are planning Summer Drop Ins and looking forward to shaping new activities for next year - potentially adding more sporting opportunities and spaces for older teenagers to connect. Do get in touch with your ideas or to volunteer!

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

- If you are a young person with an idea: talk to us!
- If you are already involved in a youth activity/organization - let's work together!
- And if you want to volunteer behind the scenes, or in Northstowe Hub Café, or in face to face youthwork - talk to us! (we can provide training)

## VACANCY: Treasurer needed\*

The Youth Hive are looking for a volunteer to help establish local fundraising (including gift-aid), support grant applications, and fulfil treasurer responsible for our small local charity

\* this light-weight role can be entirely behind-the-scenes and fit flexibly around your main work-life commitments

Get in touch for more info: [emma.whitbread@romseymill.org](mailto:emma.whitbread@romseymill.org) or [youth@northstowe.info](mailto:youth@northstowe.info) or follow @Northstowe\_youth on Instagram

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## AFTER-SCHOOL AND HOLIDAY CLUBS

At Kids Choice, we offer a breakfast, after-school club and holiday club for children in the heart of Northstowe at Pathfinder C of E Primary School. (We also sell sweet treats every Friday after school outside the front entrance for anyone that would like a delicious homemade goody to take home).



Children from all schools are welcome to attend our holiday club which runs all year round aside from the Christmas holidays. Children are free to play with the vast amount of resources available, join in with the daily structured activities and enjoy our popular custom bouncy castle! We are proud to be rated 5 stars on Google and you can find out more about us and see photos of what we get up to on our Website, Facebook page and Instagram.

Our holiday club runs from 8am-6pm and children must bring their own lunch (No nuts)

Parents and carers can register using the link below which gives you access to your own booking portal where you can manage your account and make bookings and payments whenever is convenient for you. <https://kidschoice.magicbooking.co.uk>

Breakfast club: £6, After-school club: £12 , Holiday club £30

Website: [www.kidschoiceclubs.co.uk](http://www.kidschoiceclubs.co.uk)

Email: [kidschoiceclubs@gmail.com](mailto:kidschoiceclubs@gmail.com)

Facebook/Instagram: Search for 'Kids Choice Ltd'

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Northstowe

1, The Green,  
CB24 1FD

- For families with babies up to a year or crawling
- Weekly play-based activities and themes
- Learn about your baby's development and enjoy time together
- Meet other parents

TELEPHONE: 01954 284 672

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## Father's Day Word Search (Sunday 16th June)

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