

Northstowe News

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News and Updates

EDITORS' WELCOME

We're already a month into 2025 – we hope this new year is treating you well and you're enjoying every bit of it so far. It's still winter, as the snow we had earlier in January reminded us, but it can be such a great feeling to wake up early and see the fresh white blanket on the ground. Did anyone manage to make a snowman? We'd love to see your photos!

There's plenty to look forward to in the next couple of months, including Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Mothering Sunday, Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr, and St. Patrick's Day. Whether you're flipping pancakes, observing traditions and history, or simply showing appreciation to your family – we hope you have a super time celebrating any or all of those events and we look forward to hearing laughter and joy filling the Northstowe streets.

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The submission deadline for the April / May issue is **March 1st**.

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Friday 14 th February	Blue and Green Bins
Friday 21 st February	Black Bin
Friday 28 th February	Blue Bin
Friday 7 th March	Black Bin
Friday 14 th March	Blue and Green Bins
Friday 21 st March	Black Bin
Friday 28 th March	Blue Bin



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SHAME ON STAGECOACH

If you are holding on to a Flexi5 or Flexi10 ticket purchased last year, you only have until the end of March to use it before Stagecoach declares it invalid.

Just a few days before Christmas, Stagecoach quietly changed the Terms & Conditions of their Cambridge Flexi5 and Flexi10 tickets. Previously these were valid anywhere along the busway between Cambridge and St Ives; now they are only valid from Cambridge as far as Oakington, meaning they will not be allowed for travel to or from Northstowe.

Northstowe residents who want to use a Flexi ticket, must now buy the "Cambridgeshire Plus Zone" Flexi ticket instead. A commute into Cambridge which in 2024 cost £3.85 per day will now cost £6.79 with the Flexi 10 or £7.76 with the Flexi 5.

As if their service, which has never seen adequate provision of buses at peak time, justifies a 75% year-on-year price increase.

However, for people who have already bought tickets, Stagecoach has kindly granted a three month "grace period" to use the tickets which were sold as being valid for a year.

The price-capped single fare will now be the best value for most people, but these cannot be purchased in advance of travel. Anyone continuing to use these buses should expect further delays due to the increased number of passengers having to buy their ticket from the driver while boarding.



Photo by Arno Brevoort

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. Here are some of the things mentioned at the Community Forum in December. Notes and presentations are available at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/northstowe-community-forum/>

2025 forum dates are 5th March, 4th June, 10th September, 3rd December

- Building work for the permanent community centre – to be called the *Unity Centre* – will begin early in 2025. (Slightly later than planned, but this should not affect **March 2026** delivery)
- Willingham Medical Practice is now almost out of physical space in Willingham, so it is likely that Longstanton branch will open for more afternoons. The number of sessions being run will increase with number of registered patients, as this makes funding available.
- Finishing of the main roads (Stirling Road, Wellington Road, Eagle Way, Pathfinder Way etc) has started and will finish after 80 weeks in **Summer 2026**. This consists of traffic islands at main crossings, works access covers, raise to carriageway levels, traffic signals at busway junctions, six bus shelters, benches, seats and bins, traffic signs and road markings.
- This is a delay from the previously projected 2024 finish, partly due to uncertainties relating to the sale of L&Q to *Urban & Civic* in August 2024.
- Minor roads within each housebuilder's parcel remain the responsibility of the house builder, e.g. Bovis are responsible for Heron Road and have indicated an end-of-2025 finish [but there does not appear to be a mechanism for real accountability]
- The cycleways will be finished with red tarmac, and we ask at that point that people *stop parking cars in them*. Want to maintain goodwill, but there are private enforcement options if it remains a major problem.
- A new visual identity has been developed, which we will gradually start to see in literature, brochures and signage. It is means to convey a feeling of positivity and aspiration, while maintaining individual elements linked to the history of the site, its green spaces, healthy lifestyle and pioneering spirit. Hoping that all kinds of organisations and community groups will get on board with using it, so it starts to feel a cohesive place over time as different things develop and are built, attractive to future businesses, visitors and people come to live here.
- The bidding window for the Phase 1 Faith/Community Land (0.25 ha adjacent to Bughunter Waters and Longhorn Close) will open January 2025 and remain open for a full year. Bids must come from registered charities with a pre-existing association with Northstowe, a history of delivering activities here already, and evidence of being able to deliver a multi-million pound building project. Any project must provide wide community benefit, and be available to any faith or community group without restriction. The land will be offered at peppercorn rate for a period of 999 years, we expect this to provide a facility for generations to come.
- "Connecting Cambridgeshire" (hosted by county council) are meeting with four main mobile phone operators about connectivity issues in Northstowe. There is already planning approval for a 5G mast in Northstowe but the operators are risk-averse and not yet convinced that building it would be commercially viable. They are collecting data about coverage gaps and are feeding this back.

DISTRICT COUNCIL



CLLR NATALIE WARREN-GREEN

Dear Northstowe,

Happy New Year to you all. The last month of winter is here, and reflecting on the last few months, I am pleased that so many of you have engaged with me about festive event activities and licensing, access to food banks, activities at the Cabin, cost of living support, bin collections, and more.

Thank you for contacting me to support your interactions with South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), and for approaching your dedicated Community Team, located at The Cabin on the Green. I work closely with your team to manage and solve situations residents need support with.

In addition, useful SCDC contact number for all the District Council services is 01954713000. This is open 8am to 5:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and on Wednesday, from 8am to 6:30pm. For specifics about how to contact a service, go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/contact-us>.

Picking up on some of your key concerns you have been contacting me about:

Cost of Living Support: Around 25% of benefits go unclaimed as people don't understand who can claim and how. The SCDC website page <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support> is a good place to find out more about benefits available, accessing affordable food, managing fuel and utility bills and how to generally get support and advice.

Transport and Community Safety: In particular, residents have asked me about e-scooter trials which are being rolled out across South Cambridgeshire, in a staged approach, by the Combined Authority. Trials are estimated to start in Northstowe and Oakington in late spring/early summer 2025. One of the aspects of concern has been safety. Safety is a key criterion for the trial, and any concerns can be registered with the community safety team at SCDC. Email: communitysafety@scambs.gov.uk.

Waste & Recycling: For information you might need about bin collections and recycling, please contact me, or email the waste team direct: refuse@scdc.gov.uk. I will be keeping you updated about this topic throughout 2025, since from 31 March 2025, new policies about recycling and waste will be introduced by the government which we will be rolling out locally throughout the year.

Contact: cllr.warrengreen@scambs.gov.uk.

*District Councillor for Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington & Westwick
SCDC Cabinet Member for Environmental Services & Licensing*



CLLR TOM BYGOTT

Non-compliance checks on South Cambs taxis

Recent stop checks on taxi drivers and their vehicles have revealed alarming levels of non-compliance with licensing conditions. Out of 17 drivers inspected, only two emerged without issues, while the remainder received advisory letters or had penalty points issued against their Council-issued licences.

Conducted by licensing officers from South Cambridgeshire District Council and police officers from Cambridgeshire Constabulary, these stop checks scrutinised essential compliance measures, including the display of driver badges, door signage, and the presence of a first aid kit and fire extinguisher.

Several violations were identified, including:

- Two vehicles parked illegally on double yellow lines, and one parked on double red lines at Addenbrooke's Hospital, disregarding a clear 'no parking at any time' sign. Additionally, some drivers failed to display their identification badges or had missing door signage.
- One driver faced a fixed penalty notice for failing to wear a seatbelt, despite regulations stating that private hire drivers must use a seatbelt once their customer has exited the vehicle.
- Two vehicles were in breach of policy due to aftermarket window tinting in excess of the regulations, resulting in one immediate suspension and one delayed suspension notice.

This operation has raised serious concerns about the commitment of some taxi drivers to uphold the safety and legal standards required of licensed operators. Most drivers were cooperative, but two had a poor attitude towards Council and Police officers, leading to one driver being cautioned by the Police. Their suitability to continue to hold a licence may lead to a referral to the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee.

Fraud awareness - #DoTheRightThing

Residents are being encouraged to #DoTheRightThing to prevent or avoid fraudulently claiming Council Tax discounts or exemptions.

Since July 2023, over £800,000 in lost Council Tax has been identified – placing an unfair burden on others and reducing the funds available for essential public services. Residents should check if they are eligible for Council Tax discounts at www.scambs.gov.uk/council-tax/what-council-tax-discounts-and-support-can-i-get/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-a-discount, and to report suspected fraud online at <https://reportafraud.co.uk/southcambs>.

Contact: cllr@bygott.net

South Cambridgeshire District Councillor for Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington and Westwick

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR



FIROUZ THOMPSON

Dear Residents,

As February begins, we're starting to enjoy longer daylight hours. However, if you're engaging in active travel, such as walking or cycling or wheeling, please remain visible during darker mornings and evenings for everyone's safety.

Progress in Northstowe

Construction continues across our growing town. The Northstowe Learning Community is nearing completion, with the Sixth Form College and Primary School moving into their designated buildings.

Urban & Civic (who acquired L&Q last summer), the master developer of Phase 1, is working to complete roads and cycle paths, with work expected to finish by summer 2026. For details and emergency contact information, visit this link:

<https://www.scamps.gov.uk/media/pa5lr4u2/northstowe-roadworks-update-final.pdf>

Meanwhile, the County Council is finalising Section 38 legal agreements with Urban & Civic. These agreements ensure roads, footpaths, and associated infrastructure are built to standards passing all Road Safety Audits, allowing the council to adopt and maintain them. Side agreements covering street furniture and green spaces are also being finalised, with minor technical issues like updated signal specifications being resolved. Until adoption is complete in 2026, maintenance will remain Urban & Civic's responsibility, thereafter, covered by County Council.

Parking and Speeding Concerns

Two recurring issues raised by residents are parking on cycle lanes and speeding on Stirling Road. Once the cycle lanes are painted red and completed, we hope residents will park appropriately. To address speeding, 20mph signs and clearer road markings will be installed. Long-term solutions like Community Speed Watch, parking enforcement, and collaboration with the Town Council and police may also help, provided volunteers are available.

B1050 Cycle/Footpath Project

This project, split into two phases, aims to improve connectivity to Bar Hill and Swavesey and beyond.

Phase One: From the A1307 to the new B1050 roundabout, funded by Section 106 contributions. Construction is expected to begin in early 2025.

Note: Section 106 agreement is a legal obligation between developers and local councils to provide funding or infrastructure to offset the impact of a development on the community.

Phase Two: From the new B1050 roundabout to where the Home Farm Road meets the B1050 in Longstanton. This phase has faced delays due to ongoing works, land acquisition, and planning permissions but aims to start in late 2025, all being well.

Transport: Bus Pricing

Recent changes by Stagecoach place Longstanton Park and Ride and Northstowe within the Flexi Travel Plus zone, increasing travel costs. However, the Combined Authority's £2 cap on bus fares (through to March 2025) and the £1 Tiger Pass for youth under 25 continue to support affordable travel. We await further updates in April.

Thank you for your engagement and for raising concerns that help shape our growing town. Together, we can make Northstowe a thriving and connected community.

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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



IAN SOLLOW MP

Member of Parliament for St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire

Northstowe Town Hub

One of my top priorities for Northstowe has been ensuring that the town gets a healthcare hub which matches the needs of its residents, as well as being able to grow and change alongside its development. I was disappointed, upon asking the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) about the Hub, to hear that they are not taking any steps to issue guidance to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Board (ICB) nor to Northstowe's developers on its construction.

Being the UK's largest new town since Milton Keynes, Northstowe is an invaluable opportunity for the new Government to showcase their 10-Year Plan for the NHS, and I believe the hub should be a flagship example of the future of healthcare – community based, making use of innovative technology, and focusing on prevention. I am now in the process of writing directly to the Health Secretary, asking his Department to regularly meet with and provide appropriate guidance to the ICB and Northstowe developers to make sure the Hub becomes the outstanding primary care facility that residents deserve.

National Apprenticeship Week 2025

The 10th to the 26th of February marks National Apprenticeship Week in the UK. As Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Universities and Skills, I have been meeting with many organisations such as the Edge Foundation and the Association of Employment and Learning Providers (AELP), to understand what kind of skills provision the UK needs now, and how apprenticeships can be better supported and promoted as a valuable further education option for many young people.

As I write this, I am looking forward to donning my hard hat in the New Year and visiting the National Housebuilding Council's Cambridge Training Hub in Impington to meet bricklaying apprentices and hear more about how they are benefiting from the course, as well as the particular relevance to new build properties in our constituency.

Surgery Appointments

Each week I have been holding both in-person and online surgeries to speak directly to constituents about their issues, both personal and campaign-related. I have held these in St Neots, Cambourne, Histon and Northstowe so far, and hope to venture to many more places in the coming months.

If you feel you have a problem I could help with, or you have a campaign matter you would like to discuss with me, please don't hesitate to contact me at ian.sollow.mp@parliament.uk to request a surgery appointment.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

Mihaela Stan and Michele Eidevik-Skinner



Northstowe Community Forums 2025

The next Forum will be on Wednesday 5 March at Western Park Pavilion starting with a drop-in at 6:30pm and presentations at 7pm. Agendas are usually advertised the week before and questions can be asked during the evening by attendees as well as submitted in advance to:

northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk.

The meeting will broadcast live on Microsoft Teams, the link will be available on the forum page in due time.

Drop In Session with the CDOs

We offer monthly drop-in sessions for residents, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. No appointment needed, pop in for a chat over a cup of tea at The Cabin, in the café area. We are also available if residents would like to set up a meeting, whether this is within working hours or not. Most people drop in on an ad-hoc basis and we always make time to see them.

Digital Assistance

The Digital Assistance sessions are designed to offer support such as: using/downloading apps, searching information online, email accounts. We have agreed on regular Digital Assistance sessions on the first Wednesday of the month 1-2pm. The service was extended to parents at the local schools.

Table Tennis

The Northstowe Table Tennis group resumed in January. They play at Northstowe Secondary College on Monday evenings 7pm – 9pm and Saturday mornings 10am – 12 noon. Thank you to the Opening Schools Funding for supporting this.

Menopause Meetings

The Menopause Group meetings are free and take place monthly on a Wednesday evening. Future meetings will be advertised on Northstowe Facebook pages and community Noticeboards. Please contact Northstowe Sports & Wellbeing Group if you would like to help run the group or have any questions about attending.

Social Walking Group

The CDOs have been supporting the walks. The Advent Window Walk was a great success with lots of people joining in. Please look out for future walking dates; routes and themes will be advertised on the Northstowe Community Facebook pages and the noticeboards at The Cabin and Western Park Pavilion.

Raised beds at the Cabin

The rest of the funding from Keepmoat were used to purchase a combination of tulip, daffodil and allium bulbs. These were planted by Northstowe Hub and the SCDC Community Team, hopefully there will be a lovely display to see over the next few months.

Hallmaster

All room bookings for The Cabin are now made through Hallmaster, if you would like to see room availability, size and capacity or make a booking please go to: The Cabin - South Cambs District Council (scambs.gov.uk)

If you would like to get involved in any projects or activities, or help with other volunteering opportunities please contact us on northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk



**Walking for all
in Northstowe**

Please come and join us for
a Social Walk in and around Northstowe

**on Friday 14 February
Friday 14 March
at 10:15am**

Starting at The Cabin
The Green, Northstowe
Everyone Welcome

**The walk will be followed
by a free drink**







[northyostoweswgroup@gmail.com](mailto:northstoweswgroup@gmail.com)

Northstowe Community Forum

Find out about ongoing
development in Northstowe



Wednesday 5 March
Drop in: 6:30pm | Forum: 7pm
Western Park Pavilion,
Peppercorn Drive, Northstowe, CB24 1BF



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

Community Forums are free, open to all, public meetings bringing together residents, planners, developers and other stakeholders to discuss and share information about new development. The forum is open to everyone including young people/students who live in Northstowe or attend one of the schools.

NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN MAYOR, CLLR PAUL LITTLEMORE

Hello Northstowe

With spring now approaching, the Town Council have been working on a future operating model and business case for operating the Permanent Community Centre, which will now be called Unity Centre. This is an important step for the Town Council, as this could be the first of very many community assets that it looks to adopt and operate. Thank you to everyone from various community groups who have worked with our Assets and Estates manager to help us build this model.

We've also had several casual vacancies for Councillors that have arisen since my last column. I wish to thank our former councillors for their contributions whilst a member of the Council and I hope that we have been able to fill these via co-option in our January meeting by the time this column lands on door mats but do look at the Town Council social media accounts and notice board on the Green to see the latest.

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@northstowntowncouncil.gov.uk) or Mark our Town Clerk (townclerk@northstowntowncouncil.gov.uk), there is always our standing Public Participation item on all 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 CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK

Hello to all Northstowe residents, by the time you read this, the Festive period has been and gone, and Spring is on the Horizon.

We hope that you were able to enjoy the Festive period and enjoyed the Light Up Northstowe event if you were able to attend.

Northstowe Market

Thank you for your support with Northstowe Market.

The Market Manager has been working hard to secure traders, from Basics, like Fruit & Veg and Meat, Cooked Food Stalls and Crafts, something for everyone.

The Market Dates for 2025 are (1st Sunday of the month!): **2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December.** trading from **The Green and inside The Cabin, 10 am – 2pm.**

The Market Traders look forward to your continued support throughout 2025, we will see you there! Pop along and say "Hello"

Park Play

This is a great way to get outside for an hour or 2. Sessions are free and are held every Saturday at The MUGA behind the Sports Pavilion, from 10.30-12.30.

Community Lounge:

They have had many events over 2024 and will continue to have themed events throughout 2025. Please pop along to The Cabin: The Community Lounge is on every Thursday from 6-8pm, where there are board games, Table Tennis, and refreshments. It is free and all are welcome. The Community Lounge team look forward to welcoming you. This is funded by Cambridge ACRE and Northstowe Town Council.

Mobile Food Hub.

This is run by a Non-Profit Organisation called Hope CIC. They started operating from the Green on Friday 23rd August 10.30-11.30am. They will be operating Every Friday from this location and time. This is supported by Northstowe Town Council and Longstanton Parish Council. For More information visit <https://hopeagainst.org/hopeonthego>



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THE NORTHSTOWE NEIGHBOURS

SHORT FILM PREMIERED AT NORTHSTOWE

WORK STARTED ON EASTERN SPORTS HUB INCLUDING A **BMX TRACK**



A LOCAL RESIDENT NAMED **NORTHSTOWE AVENUE**



SPECIALIST DEVELOPER TOWN WAS APPOINTED TO ESTABLISH A NEW **COHOUSING COMMUNITY**

THE WESTERN PARK SPORTS PAVILION

OPENED ITS DOORS



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NORTHSTOWE LEARNING COMMUNITY EXPANDED AND WELCOMED **246 MORE STUDENTS** FROM EARLY YEARS THROUGH TO SIXTH FORM



NEW ARTWORK

FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY UNVEILED AT UNITY LAKE AND HALCYON MERE



A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT TO ENABLE A NEW **TOWN CENTRE** AND **3000 HOMES** WAS SIGNED

NORTHSTOWE



HOMES ENGLAND LAUNCHED A **£120,000** NORTHSTOWE COMMUNITY ACTIVATION FUND (CAF)



300 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY ACTIVATION FUND SUPPORTED **OUTDOOR CINEMA EVENT**



KEEPMOAT

CONTINUED TO DELIVER HOMES AT STIRLING FIELDS INCLUDING 60% AFFORDABLE HOUSING



800 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY ACTIVATION FUND-SUPPORTED INAUGURAL **MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL**

Spaces to bring people together

Community spirit thrived in 2024, thanks in part to Homes England's £120,000 Community Activation Fund (CAF), which helped organisations promote community cohesion and enhance the vibrancy of life in Northstowe.



The Fund supported a host of events, including Northstowe's first-ever Midsummer Festival, which attracted over 800 attendees for a day of dance, music, heritage, games, and food. Organisers plan to establish the Midsummer Festival as an annual tradition, reflecting Northstowe's growing and diverse community.

Supported by the Fund, Northstowe Arts also hosted a free outdoor cinema event as part of the Running Festival at Western Park, which was enjoyed by 300 residents. The evening featured a screening of The Greatest Showman, chosen by public vote, and premiered Northstowe Neighbours, a film celebrating the town's community spirit. As a new community, Northstowe has a pioneering spirit, with people enjoying being part of something new, and both events brought neighbours together to celebrate and connect.

Adding to Northstowe's cultural landscape, two new, bespoke sculptures were unveiled at Unity Lake and Halcyon Mere, created by local artist Chloe Leaper and Northstowe Arts in collaboration with the community. The artwork symbolised the town's ongoing journey, and Chloe engaged with residents, wildlife enthusiasts, and schoolchildren in the creative process, incorporating local birdlife into the designs to symbolise Northstowe's harmony with nature and its commitment to a green future.



residents with quality housing options and up to 50,000 square metres of commercial space, including shops, workspaces, and community facilities.

This collaboration aims to provide

Homes England also appointed specialist SME developer TOWN to progress proposals for 130 homes, including cohousing similar to their successful scheme at Marmalade Lane.

Enhancing education for the next generation

Education remained a key focus this year in Northstowe, with the Northstowe Learning Community expanding to accommodate 246 additional students, marking a significant milestone in the town's educational development.



The new facilities, comprising a 630-place primary school, a 400-place Sixth Form, and a 78-place pre-school, are scheduled for completion by early 2025 and add to the pre-existing Martin Bacon Academy state-of-the-art Area Special School. In the interim, these students are

accommodated within the existing secondary school and new pre-school facilities on the campus. This growth ensures that young residents have access to high-quality education from early years through to sixth form within their community and reflects Northstowe's commitment to providing comprehensive, high-quality education for its growing community.

Enhanced leisure and recreation

Recreational facilities took a leap forward in 2024 and further emphasised Northstowe as a place to cultivate an active, healthy and fun lifestyle with the opening of the Western Park Sports Pavilion which includes a bowls facility, space for hire and a licensed bar with big screens. Meanwhile, work began on the Eastern Sports Hub, which will include a BMX track, football and cricket pitches and an outdoor gym – an exciting development for residents of all ages!

Bug Hunter Waters parkrun commenced in June and takes place every Saturday at 9am whilst the Northstowe Running Festival and Half Marathon events once again highlighted the community's enthusiasm for fitness and outdoor activities.

Building connections and sharing stories

This was a year of storytelling and collaboration for Northstowe. The unique short film, Northstowe Neighbours, created by Northstowe Arts in collaboration with Paper Films, premiered at Northstowe Secondary College and captured the stories of residents who have made Northstowe their home over the past eight years. The film showcased the diverse individuals and families contributing to the town's vibrant, pioneering community life and stands as a testament to the strength and diversity of Northstowe's growing community.

A new gateway with community roots

This year, Northstowe Avenue, Northstowe's main access road, was named through a community competition by local resident Thomas Nalloor. The road, designed with footpaths and cycleways, creates a gateway to the town, marks an essential step in Northstowe's development and embodies the town's commitment to sustainability and connectivity.



Looking ahead

As the year 2024 draws to a close, Northstowe stands poised for an even brighter future. With plans for a new town centre, ongoing housing development, and ever-expanding community initiatives, 2025 promises to bring even more opportunities for growth and connection.

Thank you to all the partners and residents, community leaders and everyone who made 2024 a success, and here's to an exciting year ahead in Northstowe's journey.

<https://www.northstowetabletennis.com>

NORTHSTOWE TABLE TENNIS

Starting 13 January 2025
All levels and ages welcome

MONDAY NIGHTS
7 pm - 9 pm
SATURDAY MORNINGS
10 am - 12 noon

Contact us for information
northstowett@outlook.com




@ Northstowe Secondary College
Main Hall, Stirling Rd, CB24 1DJ

Fee: £5
Practice friendly table tennis
Anyone under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult



NORTHSTOWE CHESS CLUB

please email: chessnorthstowe@outlook.com
if you plan to join

<https://www.northstowechessclub.com>

WHERE: Tap & Social Upstairs mezzanine **£10 annual subscription Refreshments available from the bar**

WHEN: Every Tuesday September to March 7 - 9 pm

3 tables booked Starting 10th of September




Together with Sport & Wellbeing

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

All Levels welcome!
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The green spaces at Northstowe aren't only aesthetically pleasing. They're climate-smart.

As well as mitigating the "heat island" effect, carefully selected trees and shrubs serve as natural air purifiers, reducing pollutants and ensuring residents enjoy clean, fresh air.

Nature's Role in Wellbeing

Time spent in nature has proven mental health benefits and Northstowe's richly biodiverse landscapes offer you a chance to unwind, recharge and reconnect with the natural world.

An Active and Thriving Community

The green spaces aren't only for admiring. Greenbelt's team of ecologists and horticulturalists ensure they are perfect for active lifestyles. From community fun runs, which Greenbelt Group is delighted to be able to sponsor annually, to many outdoor activities, there's always something to inspire residents to stay healthy and engaged.

Building Climate Resilience

Biodiversity isn't just an environmental asset. It's a powerful tool in the fight against climate change. At Northstowe, robust ecosystems stabilise soil, support water cycles, and promote pollination, creating resilient biodiversity prepared for future challenges.

A Welcome Home for Wildlife

Greenbelt ensures Northstowe is welcoming for both people and wildlife, with habitats that provide a sanctuary for a diverse range of species, enhancing the local ecosystem while promoting happy coexistence.

Boosting Property Values

Sustainable, eco-friendly places to live are in high demand and Northstowe is no exception. With beautifully maintained green spaces and a commitment to environmental stewardship, property values are rising, making Northstowe a desirable place to call home.

LET'S GROW TOGETHER AT NORTHSTOWE!



From wildflowers to wildlife-friendly habitats, Greenbelt's land stewardship at Northstowe nurtures sustainable biodiversity to create a beautiful and healthy environment

Nurturing Community Spirit

Northstowe's green spaces are more than a feature. They're a focal point for building connections: well-maintained green spaces encourage a culture of shared responsibility and pride.

Cost-Effective Sustainability

Greenbelt Group's focus on high quality and value for money makes us the leading land steward in the UK.

With more than 25 years of experience and trusted partnerships with organisations such as The Woodland Trust and RSPB, Greenbelt is dedicated to maintaining Northstowe's green infrastructure. Our expert teams develop Conservation Management Plans all over the UK, conduct habitat inspections, and implement adaptive strategies to ensure long-term biodiversity.

To secure this sustainable future, Greenbelt's bespoke management fee provides guaranteed funding, ensuring Northstowe's green spaces remain vibrant for generations to come.

Discover More

If you would like to learn more about how biodiversity is shaping happy, healthy lives at Northstowe, visit the Planet Matters page on Greenbelt Group's website at greenbelt.co.uk.

SMART JOURNEYS



Smart Journeys are the Travel Plan Co-ordinators for

Northstowe working in partnership with Homes England to provide sustainable travel initiatives and offer incentives to reduce the number of vehicle trips to the site. If you have any questions, or need any travel advice, please contact Smart Journeys at: northstowe@smartjourneys.co.uk, or simply go to Northstowe Travel website <https://www.northstowe.com/travel>, for local travel information.

BYKE Hire Scheme

A new bike hire scheme has been launched at the Longstanton Park & Ride, delivered by BYKE. BYKE is a charity organisation offering reasonably priced second-hand cycles to rent or buy.



BYKE's commitment to affordability is reflected in their prices – starting from just £49 to purchase and as low as £5 for the first day of renting, they are dedicated to making cycling accessible to all.

To hire a bike with BYKE, please visit: <https://bykeltd.co.uk/rent>. Simply select your city: "Cambridge", then, "Longstanton Park & Ride" and embrace the power of cycling.

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.



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, and located at Longstanton Park & Ride, Station Road, CB24 1DD; conveniently situated by an EV charging station. Take advantage of this great scheme and register now.

To sign up go to <https://EnterpriseCarClub.co.uk/NSTOWE10> quoting the offer code, NSTOWE10.

FREE BIKE REPAIR SERVICE

Smart Journeys in partnership with Homes England offer a free bike repair service to Northstowe residents every month. To book a place, please fill in our online booking form: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/northstowebikeservicing/>.

THE NORTHSTOWE LIFTSHARE COMMUNITY

Liftsharing (or car sharing) is when two or more people travel together in a car. The Northstowe Liftshare Community 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.

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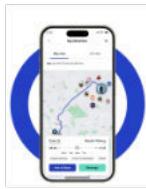
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Empowering Through Movement: The Unique Benefits of Pregnancy Yoga

Pregnancy is a time of wonder and transformation, but it also comes with its challenges. Amidst the rapid physical and emotional changes, Pregnancy Yoga offers a sanctuary—a practice that nurtures, strengthens, and empowers.

Unlike traditional yoga, Pregnancy Yoga is thoughtfully designed to adapt to the evolving needs of the pregnant body. The movements prioritize safety and comfort, focusing on alleviating common discomforts such as back pain, swelling, and fatigue. But it's not just about physical relief; the practice fosters a connection between mind and body, helping expectant parents feel more in tune with themselves and their baby.

Central to Pregnancy Yoga is the breath. Learning specific breathing techniques can be transformative, easing stress and anxiety while preparing the body for the rhythm of labour. These practices are tools not just for pregnancy but for life—supporting calmness and resilience long after the baby arrives.

The benefits extend beyond the mat. A Pregnancy Yoga class is more than exercise; it's a community. Sharing experiences, concerns, and joys with others in the same stage of life creates bonds that can last well into parenthood. It's a reminder that no one journeys through this life stage alone.



Additionally, classes often incorporate relaxation techniques, such as Hypnobirthing, that prepare individuals for the intensity of birth. Discussions about baby positioning, labour comfort, and postpartum recovery further empower participants with knowledge and confidence.

Through movement, breath, and connection, Pregnancy Yoga isn't just a practice; it's a gateway to mindful, informed, and empowered parenthood.

Cristina Freniche

Pregnancy Yoga Teacher and owner at My Yoga Corner, Northstowe

BUG HUNTER WATERS PARKRUN

The time seems to have gone quickly since the first parkrun event in Northstowe back in June. Since then, come rain or shine we've put on an event every weekend (although we had a week off for the Running Festival!), and have established a wonderful community of volunteers, runners, and walkers who enjoy some healthy activity to start their weekend.



What is parkrun? It's a free, friendly way to get active every Saturday at 9am in parks all over the country, as people come together to take on a 5k course. You can run, jog, push a buggy or walk round, and you'll be supported by friendly marshals to encourage you all the way.

Our event was set up by volunteers with support from local running club Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers. It now takes place every weekend in Bug Hunter Waters, with people going to the Tap and Social afterwards for well-earned refreshments.

Other parkrun events have clearly shown that there are significant benefits to physical and mental health from undertaking regular exercise. Why not come down and see us and take part - we'd be very pleased to see you! We've had a great reception and are proving very popular with locals as well as visitors.

Make sure you register beforehand at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/> and if you want to check out all our details you can visit our webpage <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/bughunterwaters/> or find us on facebook!

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We understand that sometimes plans change and you may find you are unable to attend the surgery for a pre-booked appointment. We respectfully ask that you contact the surgery by telephone to let us know if you can no longer make it. You will not have to hold for any period of time, just press option 3 which will allow you to leave a message. Please do not cancel appointments last minute via email as, when we are very busy, we are unable to monitor the email inbox.

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We apologise that, due to the increased demands on the GP's, there may be delays in being seen for your routine or emergency appointment. Please bear in mind that our staff are working hard to minimise this but it is always advisable to allow a little extra time, just in case.

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PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) MEETINGS

The PPG brings together patients, GPs and staff from a GP practice. They meet to discuss issues relating to their surgery and the services provided to patients. This allows GPs and staff to work with patients to plan services which best meet the needs of the people who use those services. All of our patients are welcome.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12th March, 7-9pm** at the Willingham Medical Practice.

CARERS MEETINGS

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 5th February and Wednesday 5th March**, at the **Wilford Furlong Centre** in Willingham, 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

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Midwife and Community Health Services

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Food Trucks

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

MONDAYS

Make & Mingle

Bring your latest craft projects and meet up with other crafty locals. 2nd Monday of the month, 10am at Tap & Social. northstowearts.co.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. 1pm at Longstanton Village Hall. myyogacorner.uk

Tang Soo Do (£)

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

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Northstowe Badminton Club (£)

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Cubs

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Football (£)

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Netball Club (£)

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Tai-Chi (£)

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Social Run

Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers social run meeting on The Green at 19:30 facebook.com/LandNLimpers

Book Club

Meet to discuss books on Monday evenings once per month. New members always welcome. www.facebook.com/groups/607693023324785

Northstowe Jets Basketball (£)

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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

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.

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Fireflies Netball Club (£)

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Pregnancy Yoga (£)

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Northstowe Chorus

A new community choir for anyone who enjoys singing. 7pm one Tuesday a month at NSC, check dates at northstowearts.co.uk

Northstowe Board Gamers

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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 pottying, or just come along for a chat even if you don't need any specific support! 10:30-12pm alongside the Northstowe Hub Cafe in the Cabin. babyhub@northstowehub.org

Little Stars (£)

Preschool ballet and dance with Stardust Dance Academy. 10am-11:15 in the Cabin. Book at www.stardustdanceacademy.com

Youth Drop In at Northstowe Hub Café

Youthwork run by Romsey Mill and Northstowe Youth Hive for school years 7-9. 4.5-5.30pm termtime. Free snacks, or add low cost treats from the café.

Rainbows

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

Over Power (£)

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

Karate Club

Family friendly - Age 6+, children and adults welcome. 6.30-7:30pm in the Cabin.

www.northstowekarate.com

Make & Mingle

Bring your latest craft projects and meet up with other crafty locals. 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7pm at Tap & Social. northstowearts.co.uk

Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers

Session starting at 7.30pm for people that are new to running or getting back into it.

facebook.com/LandNLimpers

Dance Fit (£)

Adult class with Stardust Dance Academy. 7:30-8:30pm in the Cabin. Book at www.stardustdanceacademy.com

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

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

Thoughtful Thursdays

Emotional support, case management and life admin, From Cambridge Acorn Project. 9:30-11am, (term times) in the Cabin.

Sling Library

Collection of slings and baby carriers, available to try and to hire. Ran by experienced babywearing consultant. 13:30-14:30 at Tap and Social myyogacorner.uk

Gymnastics (£)

Preschool gymnastics with Stardust Dance Academy. Book at 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

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 or email sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com

Northstowe Cricket Club

Outdoor season underway. Net practice at Fen Ditton Recreational ground, contact northstowecricket@gmail.com 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

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

Northstowe's Compline (Night Prayer)

Stop, Breathe, Pray. Alternate Thursdays 8-9pm. 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

Walking for all

A social walk around Northstowe, followed by a free drink. 14 February and 14 March, starting 10:15 at the Cabin.

Mobile Food Hub

Low cost fresh produce and essential items, from Hope on the Go. No voucher or referrals needed, simply drop by. 10:30-11:30 on The Green.

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. 11:30am at Longstanton Village Hall. myyogacorner.uk

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

Sewing and Design (£)

Children's activity with Artastic Kids Club. 5-7pm in the Cabin, book at 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 colinhappidojo@gmail.com

Northstowe Badminton Club (£)

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

SATURDAYS**Bug Hunter Waters parkrun**

A free, fun and friendly weekly 5k. 9am at Bug Hunter Waters, near the bridge. Please register at www.parkrun.org.uk/bughunterwaters

ParkPlay @ Western Park Sports Pavilion

FREE Healthy outdoor fun with games for everyone. Join us every Saturday any time between 10:30am and 12:30am 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

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

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 or email sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com

Northstowe Monthly Market

Brought to you by Northstowe Town Council. Variety of food and non-food traders. 1st Sunday of the month, 10 AM - 2 PM, inside (The Cabin) and outside (The Green) - YOUR local market!

www.northstowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Northstowe Hub Caf

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

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

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)

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 or check 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

KEEP US UPDATED PLEASE! Spotted any errors, changes, or more groups to be included? Please email northstowenews@gmail.com

Hungry?

How to get help:



We know that anyone can reach crisis point and we're here to help when that happens. Foodbank vouchers can be exchanged for a parcel of three days of emergency food, providing non-judgemental support at the point of crisis.

Vouchers are available from local agencies such as citizens advice, schools, and churches. Vouchers can be redeemed at Distribution Centres across Cambridge: there is always one open every day Monday-Friday. This includes the Northstowe Centre in the Northstowe Community Centre: The Cabin

Looking to donate?

The nearest collection point is at Bar Hill Tesco (for in store shoppers), or you can arrange to go to the Warehouse in town, or give financially. See cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

Want to volunteer?

We've a friendly local team, who are looking for more volunteers.

Get in touch via cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk



Like other agencies, the Northstowe Church Network's Revd Beth Cope can give vouchers during office hours :
01954 261 181 contact@northstowe.church

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DISCOVER COMMUNITY AT NORTHSTOWE HUB CAFÉ

In the heart of Northstowe lies a true gem: the Northstowe Hub Café, a vibrant space run entirely by dedicated volunteers who are passionate about building a stronger, more connected community. Nestled in the foyer of The Cabin it is more than just a place to grab a coffee - it's a welcoming hub where neighbours come together to relax, share, and support one another.

Open on Wednesday 9-12:30, 3:30-5 and Sunday 10-12, it is an ideal location to catch up with friends, work remotely, or simply unwind with a good book.



The café offers a menu of freshly brewed coffees, teas, locally made brownies and snacks, all prepared and served with care. Thanks to the volunteer-led operation, prices are kept refreshingly affordable, making it accessible to everyone in the community. It's a perfect spot to enjoy a treat without breaking the bank!



The Northstowe Hub Café is the heart of our community! The volunteers are so friendly, the coffee is great, and the prices mean I can treat myself regularly. It's my go-to spot to relax and meet neighbours...



The café relies on the hard work and enthusiasm of its volunteers, who ensure the space remains a cornerstone of the community. Their efforts not only keep the doors open but also maintain the café as a place where everyone feels welcome. If you fancy joining the team get in touch - it's a great way to meet new friends, learn new skills and improve confidence.

Whether you're popping in for a quick cup of coffee or attending a community event, the Northstowe Hub Café promises more than just delicious refreshments - it offers a chance to be part of something bigger.



Stop by and discover the heart of Northstowe, one cup at a time!

Find us in The Cabin:

Wednesdays 9am-12:30pm, 3:30-5pm

Sundays 10am-12pm



northstowehub.org



info@northstowehub.org



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Swavesey Camera Club

Annual Photographic Exhibition

Saturday 22nd March 2025

From 10am to 4pm at Swavesey Memorial Hall

Swavesey Camera Club are back in March 2025 for their Annual Photographic Exhibition. This event is one of our major opportunities to demonstrate our photographic skills to the public. Visit us and vote for your favourite image. In addition to the beautiful prints on display, there will be a continuous display of projected images and AV presentations. Some of the images will be available as greetings cards with all the proceeds from the card sales going to a nominated charity. Tea, coffee, excellent cakes and other refreshments will be available all day.

Visit our website www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk where you can find further details of the exhibition. On the website you will also be able to see an online version of the exhibition.

(Our exhibition is kindly sponsored by Ash Croft Veterinary Surgery and Tait Financial Services Ltd).

Maggie O'Moore
Committee Member, Swavesey Camera Club



NORTHSTOWE ARTS UPDATE

At the end of last year, a new study* found that arts engagement – whether that's listening to a concert or going to an art gallery, playing music in a group or by yourself, joining a crafting workshop or performing on stage - has many tangible effects on our health, from supporting cognitive development to reducing symptoms of mental illness and enhancing wellbeing, reducing pain and stress, reducing loneliness, and maintaining physical wellness. Here in Northstowe, we're also well aware of the power of the arts and creativity in supporting new communities to thrive – that's why we do what we do!

Join us over the next couple of months and support your health too:



Northstowe
Learning Community

Always wanted to SING?

NORTHSTOWE CHORUS

If you are passionate about music and looking for a fun, creative outlet, come and join our community choir.
Rehearsals are monthly and free-of-charge.
The chorus is aimed at adults living in the community.
No previous choral experience necessary.

We will be working towards TWO performances in the summer:
Northstowe's Midsummer Festival, Saturday, June 21st.
NLC Showcase at NSC, Wednesday, July 9th.

FIRST REHEARSAL	Rehearsal Dates:
14th JANUARY	7 - 8.30pm
Venue - Northstowe Secondary College	14/1
Contact - choir@northstowe.education	4/2
Director - Audrey Caldwell	11/3
	22/4
	20/5
	17/6

Further information - northstowearts.co.uk







Make & Mingle sessions at Northstowe Tap & Social continue! Join us with your crafty project, whether it's crochet, sketching, poetry or lino cutting, and come for a chat with like-minded creative people. Between projects? We've always got some mindful colouring with us if you fancy that. These free sessions are on the second Monday morning and third Wednesday evening of every month so the next few dates are:

10am Monday 10th February
7pm Wednesday 19th February
10am Monday 10th March
7pm Wednesday 19th March

Northstowe Chorus rehearsals at Northstowe Secondary College continue! This new community choir – aimed at adults – rehearses monthly on Tuesday evenings and is working towards two performances in the summer: at the Midsummer Festival on the Green in Northstowe, and at Northstowe Learning Community's Showcase. This activity is free of charge too!

7-8.30pm, Tuesday 4th February
7-8.30pm, Tuesday 11th March

For more details on the above and much more, visit northstowearts.co.uk – and sign up to our newsletter to receive everything directly in your inbox!

HERITAGE SOCIETY UPDATE: February - March 2025

Annual General Meeting 2024 Report

The Heritage Society's 2024 AGM took place in the Village Institute Longstanton on Friday 6th December. The meeting took place in person and on-line and we are most grateful to all members and others who joined us for the evening. Some of those who joined the meeting remotely live in other parts of the country and we thank all those who attended in this way. It gives us confidence that people who may not live locally believe, as we do, that the social, rural and military heritage of Longstanton, Oakington, Northstowe, RAF Oakington and Oakington Barracks needs to be protected, stored and displayed within our local communities.

We continue to believe that the LDHS Archives are a unique historical and educational asset and we hope that local community leaders will help us obtain display and storage facilities within Northstowe or Longstanton soon. We were delighted to have been able to inform members at the AGM that progress is being made to secure temporary safe and secure storage for the LDHS Archives, until a permanent home can be found. Whilst discussion on this will continue in the New Year we are hopeful that 2025, will finally see the storage issue resolved.

Committee member Roger Hetherington provided a detailed report on the Northstowe community events that the Heritage Society had been involved with during the last year. Indeed a number of the heritage events were organised by Roger, and the LDHS Committee is grateful to him for undertaking this Northstowe liaison work. However, for the work of the Heritage Society to play an increasingly integrated role within the Northstowe community, it is important that Northstowe residents join the Society and play an active part in shaping the future of heritage provision across the new town and its neighbouring villages. To this end we are encouraging Northstowe residents to join the Society this year and help us with next steps. You can find more information on how to join the Society by visiting our website at <https://www.ldhs.org> Alternatively, message us via our Facebook page and we will send you a membership form.

Can You Help the Heritage Society in 2025?

If anyone has the time and necessary skills to help digitise Sony video taped films and interviews please do let us know. Recommendations of tried and tested companies that provide this sort of facility would also be welcome. The taped films and interviews held in the LDHS archival collection are unique, so safe and secure digitising of this material is essential. We are also keen to hear of residents that may have some spare time and who would like to carry out research which could be used for future Northstowe News articles. If you have time to spare in 2025, we would be delighted to hear from you. Finally, if you have suggestions for information that you would like to see feature in Northstowe News articles please do let us know. In the meantime, we welcome the continued support of the Northstowe community and we hope that we can continue to work together to place heritage at the heart of the new town.



Longstanton's Catholic Church

(The site of which is now in Northstowe)

The Heritage Society posed a Christmas Quiz question on our Facebook page to see whether people could find out where the Catholic Church was located and why it was set up. The LDHS Archives have limited images of this church but we are delighted that at least we have this photograph.



This photo shows Martin and Bill Rainsford outside Longstanton's Catholic Church - DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT ONCE STOOD?

Over the years, the Heritage Society has received queries on heritage matters from across the UK and abroad. We have also received visits from descendants of residents, whose families left Longstanton and Oakington in the 19th Century to seek a new life in the burgeoning cities of the UK or across the world. The national and international appeal of our heritage illustrates how the history of Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe can promote the new town on an international level.

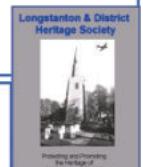
Recently, we received the following query:

'My family are Roman Catholic, and as such we attended church services when we were in the area. However, the memory I have of the church was that of a low lying building - almost to the point of being a hut....I also remember that Nuns were quite regularly in attendance at mass, and that at the end of the service as the congregation filed out, a nun would hold a tin of Quality Street (or something similar) for people to help themselves to a chocolate as they left.'

'My question is - which church do you think this may relate to, and does anyone else remember this, as it doesn't seem to correspond to the two churches I can see on Google Street View? The only additional information I can add which may help, is that one of the people in the household who we stayed with was a member of the Armed Forces. It was an Army property that they lived in, and the church was only a short walk away (I'd estimate less than a mile - although I could be wrong).'

This is the sort of behind the scenes heritage work that is being carried out by the Society; with each query and contact helping us build a greater understanding of our local history. As usual, we have answered this query and more information on this little church can be found on our Facebook page. Please do follow the LDHS page and join the ever increasing community of people who care about the heritage of Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe and the surrounding area.

Hilary Stroud



GAME OF THE MONTH

Saint Valentine's day is just around the corner, and being in a romantic mood, we thought we would review a game about courtship, rivalries, jealousy and passion. In this game each player is a potential suitor seeking the favour of the Princess. You have written your *Love Letter* laying bare your feelings toward her, it's undeniably a masterwork of ornate prose which cannot possibly fail to stir her soul and melt her heart. The only problem now is that you have to deliver it.



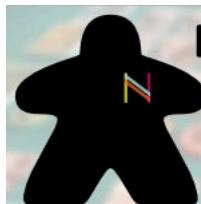
There is a deck of cards, each one representing a character in the royal household and their staff. You've given your letter to one of these characters; each turn you draw a new card and can choose whether to pass the letter to them instead – hopefully to get it closer to the Princess, or to take your opponents out of the picture! e.g. you might play a lowly Guard, but if they find an opponent's letter (i.e. you correctly deduce what card is in their hand) they lose this round! At the end, whoever's letter got closest to the princess wins a point, and another round begins.



Love Letter is designed by Seiji Kani, and published by Z-Man Games.

We like *Love Letter* because it's easy to explain, and fast-paced: each round only takes a few minutes. There is a fair bit of luck involved, but if you're paying attention you can play cleverly to improve your chances. The lovey-dovey stuff might not be to everyone's taste, but you can get a few differently themed versions (e.g. Batman) which you might enjoy more – just don't think about what that means for the story!

Andrew and Sarah Collier

 **Northstowe Gamers**
Online and in-person board gaming meet-ups
Tuesdays 7:30pm
facebook.com/groups/northstowegamers northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk 

We're in The Cabin on the third Tuesday each month, or at our home on other weeks. Join us from 7:30pm on Tuesday evenings to play.

On Shrove Tuesday (**March 4th**) arrive early from 6:30pm for pancakes!
The next dates in The Cabin are:

February 18th and March 18th

For details search FaceBook for "Northstowe Gamers" or email northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk

NORTHSTOWE NATURE MATTERS

It was the briefest snatch of song, emanating from the unruly hedge along the old Rampton Road just north of Stirling Road, but notable to me because 3rd March is the earliest date I have encountered Chiff-chaff - a thankfully common summer warbler. I am always cheered when man doesn't exercise his need to 'tidy up' and allows scrubby unmanaged places to exist – ideal for our nondescript little bird. Chiff-chaff would generally have been travelling back from southern Europe or northern Africa but increasingly are staying closer to their breeding grounds. They have always been among the earliest singers – announcing to me that Spring is here and all is well!

Northstowe in its currently unbuilt areas has considerable expanses of scrub. Scrub. The very name rings of something that needs to be 'improved,' growing up as it does in corners awaiting the planner's next move; pieces of land that might also be termed 'waste'. These places may be expendable, earmarked as they are for the houses and commercial development to come but they are not, from a nature point of view, 'poor quality.' Allied as scrub is with expanses of wet and dry grassland, ditches and open water, a mosaic of complex vegetation structure is presented (which ecologists call microhabitats). This is why, when I walk around Northstowe, my notebook is full of observations of species with a myriad of diverse requirements. It's fun looking back through my records as I write.

The longer these areas are left the more they benefit wildlife and the less they can be assessed as 'poor quality'. I am realistic and know that eventually they will be included on the bulldozer driver's job sheet and mostly swept away to be replaced by hard-angled building, walls and roads softened by some retention of original vegetation on the edges, tree planting and exotic herbaceous beds. I do hope that the compromise of nature remains balanced by compensation but doubt the idea that we can achieve 'biodiversity net gain' (to use official parlance).

Here are a few more examples, pulled from my notebook, of encounters in 2024 with British wildlife at Northstowe (please feel free to send me yours to be included in future editions). 24th January – Flock of Snipe on flooded field north of community hub; 20th March – Amazingly, a pair of Avocets were present on the area being drained to the west of Halcyon Mere; 8th May – a male Lapwing was feigning injury to draw my attention from the female on her nest

between Unity Lake and the school (this area was cleared in June); 19th June – Little Grebe and two chicks at the south end of Unity Lake; 3rd July – two Marbled White butterflies (I don't just do birds!) along the path near Ethelred Drive.

There is much more that I could share but I leave you with this reminder that life is always looking for a foothold anywhere it can. Our granddaughter was very excited to find that in August, "froggies", adults and this year's froglets, were turning up in her back garden. They must have dispersed after breeding in the nearby path-side ditch. Every piece of retained natural environment, sensitively managed, inches us towards the holy grail of 'biodiversity net-gain' but more importantly thrills and inspires a two-year old whom I hope grows to love nature and will stand up for it.

Mark Prina
halcyon.ecology2023@gmail.com



Scrub area rich in wildlife off Stirling Road and soon to be built on

BOOK REVIEWS



Code Name Kingfisher by Liz Kessler

Liv is working on her family tree for a school project when she discovers a secret box in her grandmother's attic, and a story kept hidden from the family for a lifetime, a story of bravery, betrayal and heroism. The novel uses a dual timeline, alternating between Liv's modern day struggle with the bullying tactics of her former best friend, and Mila and Hannie in wartime Holland, hiding their Jewish identity and with Hannie working for the Dutch Resistance.

The book is aimed at children 9+, but could be enjoyed equally by adults. It is exciting, unpredictable and moving. The tragic events are not glossed over at all, but are handled in an age appropriate way.

The grandmother was supposed to be in her 90s, and it was perhaps a bit of a stretch for a contemporary young girl like Liv to have a grandmother who was a teenager in 1942, but just about within the realms of possibility.

I liked the way the author shows how events in the past can impact our lives decades later. Through discovering her grandmother's history Liv not only learns how to cherish her more, but also becomes much stronger in her own right.

The book will appeal to readers of spy stories, mysteries and history. It is both heartbreakingly and inspiring.

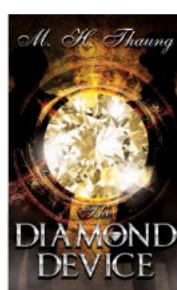
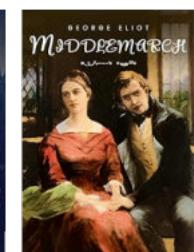
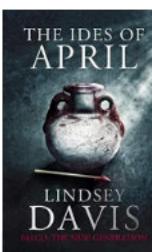
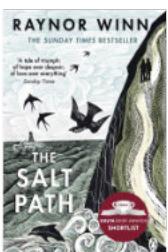
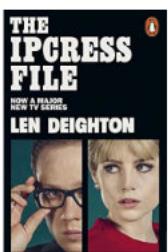
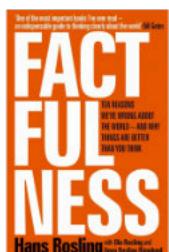
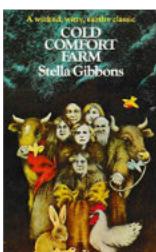
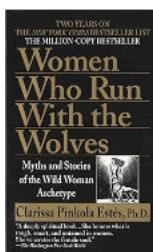
Kathy Fountain

BOOK CLUB

We have started to meet again in person. If you are someone who requested this do join us. We meet in different venues, as there aren't enough of us to warrant hiring the Cabin, so send a message to find out where we are next month. We read lots of genres, children's books, contemporary novels, classics and a wide variety of non-fiction. Do feel free to come along regularly, or when a particular book we are reading appeals to you.

Next meetings/ books we plan to read this year

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| 10 th February | <i>Women Who Run With the Wolves</i>
by Clarissa Pinkola Estes |
| 10 th March | <i>Cold Comfort Farm</i> by Stella Gibbons |
| 14 th April | <i>Factfulness</i> by Hans Rosling |



The Diamond Device by M H Thaung is an urban fantasy novel which follows the intertwining adventures of Alf, an amputee machine operator recently put out of work by the rise of diamond-powered technology, and Rich, a down-on-his-luck scion of a noble family trying to keep up appearances through burglary. They accidentally get involved in the kidnapping of the scientist who invented diamond technology when Rich attempts to burgle her house during the kidnapping and Alf discovers that his sister is studying under the inventor's husband, bringing them both into each other's troubles and an apparent plot against their country.

It was a quick-moving and complex story with multiple moving parts and stakes of all sizes from political issues with international consequences to interpersonal relationships, and is difficult to summarise properly. Subplots include Alf trying to find work to support his mother and sister, his sister's studies to become an engineer, a romance, and the mysterious disappearance of Rich's parents, as well as an undercurrent of friction between social classes as Alf and Rich encounter each other's worlds. The secondary characters were all interesting with distinct personalities and motivations and were vividly written to give a strong impression; I found the police inspector Rich has to work with especially dislikeable and enjoyed the interactions between Alf's mother and the inventor, who meet during the book.

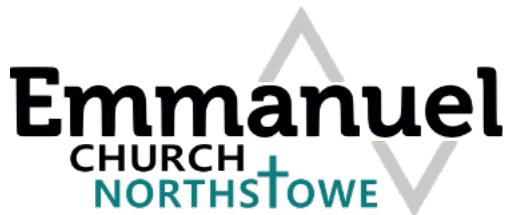
There are a few violent scenes, but nothing graphic. I would recommend it for YA readers and adults who enjoy complex plotting and crime investigation.

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Making sense of a world gone wrong

There are many ways we see that there is something wrong in this world. At a global level, there are wars, famines, natural disasters, and pandemics. More locally, there are problems with poverty, with floods, with getting houses fixed, with cancer, bereavements, loneliness, depression, debt and abuse. Even if life currently works well for us personally, we can see that the world around us is not as it should be.

In the words of writer Andrew Peterson:

Do you feel the world is broken?

(We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

(We do)

But do you know that all the dark won't

Stop the light from getting through?

(We do)



("Is he worthy?" - you can listen for free on YouTube)

That combination of realism about the brokenness of the world and yet confident hope that light will get through comes from the Bible. To help us understand our world better, and know how to live well in it, we as a church are going to be learning from the book of Jeremiah this year. 500 years before Jesus, this Jewish prophet spoke a message from God for Jerusalem. In these ancient words we find God's diagnosis of the problems in human society. And alongside that diagnosis we find hope from God, promises of how God will act to transform what we cannot, promises that God keeps in Jesus.

If you share a sense of something being wrong with this world, then you would be very welcome to join us any Sunday morning 10:30am at Northstowe Secondary College as we explore God's message to us in Jeremiah.

Emmanuel Church normally meets every Sunday 10:30am at Northstowe Secondary College.

There are a range of children's groups for 0-11yrs during the sermon, unless it is an all-age service when children stay throughout. There is usually live music during the service, and free refreshments after the service. If you have any questions about Emmanuel or want to get involved, please visit us any Sunday.

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Our **Advent Windows** were a shining success, quite literally! Thank you to everyone who decorated, visited, and shared in this creative journey.

Now, we're looking ahead to **Lent and Easter**. Mark your calendars for our **Pancake Party on Sunday 2nd March**: see www.northstowe.church/Easter

The Northstowe Church Network, led by Revd Beth Cope, is a partnership of the Church of England, United Reformed Church, and Baptist Union, and shares a vision with Methodists and Quakers. But we 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.



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Northstowe Muslims Calendar and the NM Team

The Islamic calendar, also known as the Hijri or lunar calendar, is a vital aspect of Muslim life. It is based on the phases of the moon and consists of 12 months in a year of 354 or 355 days. Each month begins with the sighting of the crescent moon, making the calendar distinct from the Gregorian solar calendar. Several dates in this calendar hold great religious and spiritual significance for Muslims, marking moments of reflection, worship and commemoration.

Event	Description
Al Isra' wal Mi'raj (The night journey and ascension) on 27th January 2025	is a miraculous event where Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) went on a night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem (Al-Isra) and ascended to the heavens (Al-Mi'raj). During this journey, he met various prophets, witnessed the wonders of paradise and the punishments of hell and was gifted the five daily prayers for the Muslim community.
Shab-e-Barat on 14th February 2025	is considered a special night of forgiveness and mercy from Allah. It is believed to be a time when Allah grants forgiveness to every believer in his Oneness excluding those with hatred in their hearts.
Month of Ramadan/ Eid Al Fitr (February/March 2025) (Community Iftaar, Taraweeh, Eid eve celebrations & Finally Community Eid al Fitr Celebrations).	The entire month is a holy season for Muslims where we fast from sunrise to sunset. We have a Community Iftaar together every year, hold nightly prayers (Taraweeh) and then celebrate the festival of the Breaking of the Fast (Eid Al Fiter) with the entire Northstowe Community.
Month of Dhul Hijjah / Eid Al Adha (May/June 2025) (Day of Arafat, Eid eve celebrations, Community Eid al Adha Celebrations)	Eid Al Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice, is one of the most significant Islamic holidays, commemorating the End of the Pilgrimage season to Mecca (The Hajj) and marking Prophet Ibrahim's (Abraham's) (PBUH) unwavering faith. Like every year, we will celebrate Eid Al Adha with the Northstowe Community.
Day of Ashura on 6th July 2025	It is observed on the 10th of Muharram & holds deep significance for Muslims worldwide. It commemorates the day Allah saved Prophet Musa (Moses) (PBUH) & the Israelites from Pharaoh's tyranny. Muslims fast on this day. Additionally, the day signifies the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (PBUH), the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), at the Battle of Karbala, in the face of extreme injustice & cruelty
Northstowe Muslims Day on 15th September 2025	This is our annual celebrations and marks the day, NM was registered as a charity. We celebrate this day every year with the entire community, bringing everyone closer together and sharing the achievements that we have made throughout the year.
Winter Get-together (December)	This will align with Northstowe Light Up, where we plan to organise a get together event for the community, to mark the end of the year.

The following constitutes the Northstowe Muslims Team (Get in touch: contact@northstowemuslims.org)



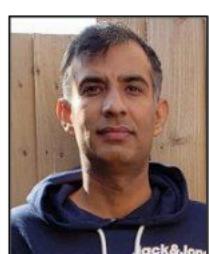
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Hindu Samaj Northstowe (HSN)

Building Community, Celebrating Diversity

Hindu Samaj Northstowe (HSN) has grown into a vibrant part of our community, bringing people together through cultural celebrations, educational initiatives, and acts of service. While rooted in Hindu traditions, HSN is an inclusive organization, welcoming everyone from Northstowe and neighboring villages to join in its activities.



Highlights of 2024

This year, HSN expanded its reach through projects like **HSN Outreach Seva**, supporting local causes such as food banks, schools, and care centers. Our **Dharma Club** provided a weekly space for children to learn about culture, values, and faith in a nurturing environment. We have been joining larger town events to ensure cultural representation and collaboration. This year we have also been assisting new residents in Northstowe with integration.

We also organized joyous celebrations, including **Northstowe Holi Holi, Ganesh Utsav, and Diwali in Northstowe**, where the entire community was invited to join. At the same time, we worked to create spaces where Hindu families could practice their traditions and rituals—a vital effort often misunderstood but deeply appreciated by those who need it.

Living the Spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

In January, we hosted **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – One Community, One Family** at King's College, Cambridge. This event embodied the philosophy that the world is one family—a belief that inspires all our work, emphasizing inclusivity, collaboration, and shared humanity.

Looking Ahead

HSN remains committed to building bridges across Northstowe and neighbouring villages. As our work grows we are welcoming new volunteers to support our various projects. If you're curious, inspired, or eager to get involved, we'd love for you to join us as we continue growing together.



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In Scouting, adventure doesn't stop over the Winter! Our Beavers had a fantastic time touring telescopes at the Institute of Astronomy, despite overcast skies, where we marvelled at the scale of the universe and had all our space questions answered. Several Beavers also attended a sleepover at Copley, for pizza-making, rocket launches and campfire songs. Alongside Cubs, we learned about building site safety and sustainability from Kier staff, and amassed some impressive times on the (model) crane race.

Cubs have also been learning about the planets and space, including making observations of the Moon. In the New Year, we are looking forward to writing some code which will be executed on the ISS.

Scouts have been braving the winter chill for two night hikes: a troop hike based in Boxworth and the Silver Fox Night Hike with several other Cambridgeshire troops. We also had a ceramics project led by a professional artist to produce our own ceramic gnomes in time for Christmas. Other activities included a floor hockey tournament against Willingham Scouts and a Tang-Soo Do session with the Northstowe Tang Soo Do team.

All sections rounded off the year in a festive fashion with a joint ice-skating session at Cambridge Ice Arena.

In 2025, we will be hosting our rescheduled Family Day in May at Copley Scouting Centre in St Ives, to celebrate the group's five year anniversary. We are also eagerly anticipating more hikes, camps, a sleepover at Shepreth Wildlife Park and a hillwalking expedition in Wales.

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