



Norton News

May 2026 Edition



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Nominate your Norton Resident of the Year

Last call for nominations for your Norton resident of the year.

The Parish Council has launched an annual "Norton Award" to recognise someone who has given exceptional service to the community during the previous year. Apart from public recognition and the community's thanks, the person chosen will be presented with a certificate and their name included on an Honour Roll to be erected in the Village Hall.

Residents are invited to submit nominations for the Parish Council to consider and make an award decision. The award will be presented at the Annual Parish meeting on Wednesday 20 May.

There will be many people in Norton who deserve this award and the recognition that goes with it - so get your nominations in now.

Nominations containing your name, the name of the person you want to nominate, and your reasons for nominating them, should be emailed to clerk@nortonparish.gov.uk as soon as possible.

A Brief Update and Request for Volunteers from your NVH Committee

Your new Norton Village Hall Committee took over the running in January of this year and have quickly been involved in a lot of activities. We are currently going through a very busy period with our focus on ensuring we meet our statutory and legal obligations and to implement work that will reduce our overall running costs and improve our overall efficiency.

To give you an idea, some of the work has included the plan to refurbish the hall floor, fixing the roof ridge and gullies, replacement of the heating system, plan to upgrade the main toilets, contracts to meet our legal obligations, a new booking system and telephone line.

A number of contracts have also been renegotiated to reduce our costs. We have also received a donation of 60 chairs from the Jockey Club. I hope you can appreciate the effort being put in by the committee.

Once we have achieved most of the planned work, we will then be able to focus on how we can organise activities to engage with the wider village community through the year.

To help us achieve all of this, we do need the help from a further two volunteers. So, if you have any spare time and would like to know more, please contact me directly. I look forward to hearing from you.

Aad Nasrat
Chair

Please email chair@nortonvillagehall.co.uk
Or call: 07881 385771

Norton and The Leigh History Society

Forthcoming Dates for the History Society:

Date: Monday 18th May

Topic: The Magic of Bubbles: History, Science and Art
– With a live demonstration from Dr Bob King

Date: Monday 15th June

Topic: Stories of Britain with Robin Burton. Eight stories of Britain; four in prose and four in traditional English Folk song, wonderfully illustrated by Alison Merry.

Venue: Committee Room, Norton Village Hall.

Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm start

Entrance: £3.00

Everyone is welcome.

Dawn Chorus Walks

If you're interested in getting up early, going out to listen and learn what birds are singing, then join one of my Dawn Chorus walks around the village.

We'll start at 6am and be done by 8am. We'll walk approximately two kilometres around the water meadows. The first walk will be in mid-April and the second in early May. I'm not committing to dates because the walks will be weather dependent: I'll look at the forecast and pick a good day when the sun will be out.

Anyone who's interested text Shaun Curtis on 07812 735914. I'll add you to a WhatsApp group so we can coordinate actual dates.

If you don't have binoculars don't worry: your ears are more important. I'll have binoculars and a scope you can use. Bring your phone with the 'Merlin' app installed.

Editors Note: *I can thoroughly recommend Shaun's Dawn Chorus Walk. Despite the early start, Shaun's excellent knowledge made for a thoroughly illuminating experience in the beautiful local countryside.*



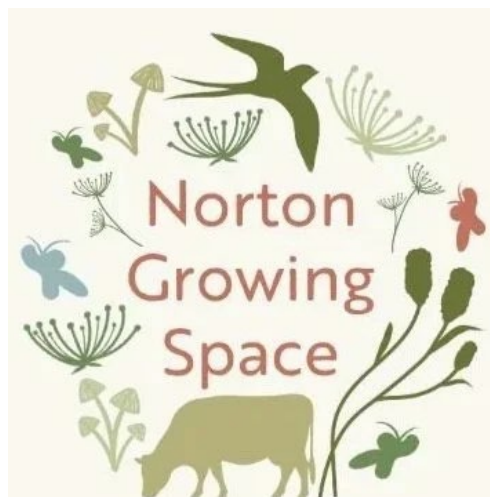
Norton Growing Space C.I.C at Norton Court Farm

We have a new local initiative going on that you may be interested in.

Norton Growing Space is a community-led growing project offering allotments and communal growing areas. Rooted in the belief that soil, seeds and shared effort can strengthen wellbeing, rebuild connection and restore a sense of belonging. A community crop is being planted in the field this spring via '1000 seeds project' - more information on our website. Growing spaces will be available to rent from Autumn 2026.

Nestled within a welcoming and easily accessible three-acre field at Norton Court Farm, Norton Growing Space has been created to bring the joy and benefits of growing food back into the heart of our community. Our site provides an inclusive environment where people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities can connect with the land.

Whether you want to grow your own vegetables, learn practical skills or simply spend some time outside in a supportive space you are welcome. The space is here for everyone, from complete beginner to experienced grower; whether you want to enjoy an activity with your family or meet new friends.



Here you will be able to:

- Cultivate your own allotment or join a shared growing bed
- Learn practical food-growing skills through hands-on experience
- Take part in farm walks, seasonal events and workshops
- Help nurture wildlife habitats through planting and land care
- Be part of a friendly, welcoming community passionate about sustainable food and nature restoration

For more information, or how to get involved, you can message us from our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) page (Norton Growing Space), complete the form on the website nortoncourtfarm.co.uk or send an email to office@nortoncourtfarm.co.uk

Next Edition

Please send any items, including graphics if you have them, to me at editor@nortonnews.uk Sorry, no commercial advertising.

The deadline for submitting items for the June issue is Friday 29th May

If anyone wishes to be added to the mailing list for Norton News, for data protection purposes they must either email me directly from the email account that they wish to be added or you can sign up at nortonnews.uk/sign-up-to-the-e-mailing-list.

Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show

Plant Sale

Saturday 2 May 2026
9am - 2pm

COOMBE HILL FARM SHOP
(GL19 4BH)

Everyone Welcome
Free Admission

Cash/Card



EVERYONE'S WELCOME TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE..

150 YEARS OF
NORTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NORTON PLAYING FIELD

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

3PM ONWARDS

FREE ENTRY

INFLATABLES - TIME CAPSULE - ART COMPETITION - FACE PAINTING - RAFFLE - GAMES -
TUG OF WAR - RUGBY - TREASURE HUNT - ICE CREAMS - BBQ - BAR

Games & Stalls

BBQ & Bar

Illustrations include: a yellow balloon with 'GAMES & STALLS', a red balloon with 'BBQ & BAR', a banner, a blue ribbon, a green hill, a blue sky, a yellow ice cream cone, a group of people playing tug of war, a paint palette, and a colorful play structure.



Did you know there is a Norton branch of neighbourhood Watch? With over 100 villagers in the group, it's a great way to keep in contact regarding emergency and security issues.

Please email to join: christine1williams@btinternet.com



Do you have something you no longer need or use but is too good to throw away and could be of use to someone else in the village? Maybe you have something to sell or some local news or knowledge to share. There's a Whatsapp group for that.

Please message group moderator Andrew Mason to join: [+44 7767 610497](tel:+447767610497)



There is a regular collection of donations for the Gloucester Food Bank at St Mary's in Priors Norton. Please drop any food or toiletry items every other Wednesday morning.

**TIRED OF
POTHoles
FLY-TIPPING
LOOSE PAVING
DOG POOP VANDALISM
BROKEN STREET LIGHTING?**

REPORT THEM TO
THE COUNCIL WITH
 **FixMyStreet**
[FixMyStreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com)

[www.FixMyStreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com) is a powerful website for reporting common street problems like - potholes, broken streetlights, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, missing or unreadable road signs, abandoned road works or traffic signs, overgrown hedges and trees, blocked footpaths, dog fouling, dead deer etc. - to your local council.

Useful Links and Contacts

<https://nortonparish.com>

<https://seventowers.org.uk>

nortoncouncil@gmail.com

[Norton History](#)

[NHS 111](#)

Police Non-Emergency Number 101

[Norton Village Hall Website](#)

[Norton Village Hall Bookings](#)