



Newsletter

Summer 2023



Update on Climate Emergency

This issue is mostly about the Parish Council's commitment to addressing the Climate Emergency that was declared by Fremington Parish Council in 2019 and improving the environment for the community. The Environment and Community Committee has recently reviewed the Action Plan that was adopted following the declaration, the updated plan can be found on the Parish Council's website.

The Parish Council has also taken the decision to ban Chinese lanterns and disposal BBQs on its land to help our wildlife and environment.

Reduce Single Use Plastic

The Parish Council is committed to reducing its single use plastic and has also made a conscious decision to replace products such as washing up liquid, surface spray, clothes and sponges for environmentally friendly alternatives. We are also encouraging our hirers and users of our facilities to reduce their single use plastic and to use re-useable alternatives wherever possible.



Upgrade to Play Areas

The Parish Council has recently appointed Wicksteed to carry out upgrades to the Beechfield and Ellerslie Road Play Areas. We are just in the process of securing the Section 106 funding from the District Council and we hope these works will commence in early September.



Leat Meadow & Re-Wilding



The Parish Council was pleased to hear from the Management Group that the first Orchid had been spotted in the Leat Meadow Nature Reserve.



The re-wilding on the verges at Ellerslie Road has proved successful with a variety of wildflowers peeping through the verge, the Parish Council hopes to build on this success and is looking to identify other areas to re-wild, if you have any suggestions please do let us know.



Hedgehog Highways

The Parish Council still has some hedgehog highways available free of charge (delivery can be arranged for residents).

Hedgehogs are classified as vulnerable to extinction in the UK and need our help! Why not provide a dedicated access point through any fences you may have in your garden to help them pass through in search of food, water and shelter.



Night-time landing site at Tews Lane for Devon Air Ambulance

The Parish Council is working with the Devon Air Ambulance to designate the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Tews Lane as a nighttime landing site for the Air Ambulance. Due to new technology the Air Ambulance no longer require a lighting column, they will survey the site in the near future and designate the site for use.



Letter from the Chairman

We welcome new councillors following the local elections in May. The new Councillors are Jeff Bridgeman, Dave Harris, Rhys Jones, Matt Thomas and finally Neil Denton.

We say goodbye to the Councillors who did not stand for re-election and they are Myka Scott, Cole Connell, Louise Goodger, Alan Rennles and Tim Steer. We thank you for your time energy on Fremington Parish Council. Good luck for the future.

This year seems to have passed so quickly that already Christmas is in our sights as the summer feels like it has ended with all the bad weather we have had of late.

We nervously await news on the St Andrew's Road Planning Appeal which could set the precedent either way. We hope to hear by mid-September.

Exploratory works have been carried out for the traffic lights at the Cedars roundabout to identify the position of utility pipes and cables and I understand works will begin once this process is completed.

The transfer of the MUGA on Riverside Park is still progressing and we understand that the MOT works have been completed and the developers are in the process of signing the engrossments for transfer. We are still hopeful that the legal niceties are carried out quickly so that at least some of the summer can be enjoyed by youngsters using the MUGA.

-Sue Kingdom,

Chairman to the Parish Council



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