



Newsletter

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Neighbourhood Plan

The Fremington Parish Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to the North Devon Council for review. Once reviewed by the Policy Team The Parish Council will need to consider any amendments as proposed before opening public consultation on the draft document.

Upgrades To Beechfield Play Area

The upgrades to the Beechfield Play Area have now been completed, the area is well used and the upgrades have given a new lease of life to the equipment. Most of the works were funded from developer contributions via a Section 106 Agreement and we hope the upgrades are enjoyed.



Air Ambulance

The Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Tews Lane has recently become the 200th Nighttime Landing site for the Devon Air Ambulance. An event was recently held on the site to celebrate the designation which saw residents and children excited to see the helicopter land and meet the team. This site is the second site designated within Fremington Parish.

Sue Kingdom, Chair of Fremington Parish Council said 'We've been working with DAA for a number of years now, first with our site at the Beechfield playing field and now here at Queen Elizabeth II Playing field, Tews Lane, and it's just as exciting to also get this site operational as it was first time round! We're delighted that the project has been completed and we now have a second landing site for our community.'



Jude Wood, Administrator and Projects Manager for Fremington Parish Council said: 'We were so thrilled to be invited to this grand celebration of our second community landing site within the Parish of Fremington and the 200th for DAA's network of sites! All the councillors who attended had a great time and we loved meeting the crew and staff that make this amazing charity's achievements happen.'

Graham Coates, landing site manager, said: "Day time we can land where we need to land and that means we can get as close to patients as possible.

"Night time is slightly different, there's a little bit more restrictions and also it's night so there's other safety implications.

"To have these landing sites, and particularly one like this which is just so big and able to cope with the helicopter, is perfect."



Save our Seats Campaign



Keep our Seats on the road!

The current economic climate is having a huge effect on the North Devon Ring & Ride service. The increase in fuel costs and general vehicle operating costs are threatening the existing services and how we operate them.

There are many reasons why Community Transport needs a certain level of financial support. The main one is because the cost per trip is higher than the main stream public transport, owing to the personalised and special nature of our service. Charging passengers for all the cost would put our services beyond the reach of the very individual and groups community transport exists to serve.

We have been proudly serving our community for 34 years and we aim to continue our services for a few more! To enable us to continue providing our vital services we are launching a Save Our Seats campaign, hosting various fundraising activities and offering a sponsorship programme.

Our services are designed and aimed to help older, disabled and isolated people with transport needs. Our ambition is to provide, promote and co ordinate suitable door to door transport for individuals, charitable organisations and groups in order to increase independence and mobility. Our services combat all forms of isolation, alleviate depression and loneliness and improve access to local services and facilities throughout Mid Devon, helping to empower communities by enabling people to retain their independence. We encourage social activity and promote health and well being.

We would appreciate your support.
If you can help us or know a business that would like information about our sponsorship opportunities please get in touch: 01884 242099 or email us on ceo@middevonmobility.org.uk



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