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I am privileged and honoured to have been elected Mayor of this beautiful town which I have called home for over fifty years. It has been a great place to live and bring up my family, and having had several businesses here over the years

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THE Mayor's Message

I can vouch for the supportive environment for which I am grateful. St Ives is also blessed with a great community spirit which I have witnessed first-hand, especially during this pandemic. We have been living through difficult and challenging times, but none the less, everyone has pulled together to help and support one another. It is for all of this that I will be putting my heart and soul into serving this wonderful town and everything it stands for.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Councillor Jonathan Pallant, our outgoing Mayor, on a successful year in office and I would like to thank him for his guidance and support during my time as Deputy Mayor. I think we can all agree that the last year has thrown many new and complicated issues at most of us and as a Council we have had our fair share. Councillor Pallant showed his ability to be a strong and dedicated leader as he skilfully guided the Town Council through this tough period and his technology experience and knowledge has been invaluable.

Looking forward, I would like to welcome Councillor Philip Pope who was elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. I look forward to working alongside Councillor Pope and using his experience in the Mayoral role to guide me when needed. I know that we will make a great team and I look forward to seeing what challenges and surprises the next year has in store for us. Whatever

the year may bring, I know that we will have a great time working together.

One of my roles as the Mayor of St Ives is to raise money for good causes. I have selected my four main charities which are the St Ives Daycare Centre, the St Ives Acorn Cancer Support Group, MAGPAS Air Ambulance and the Royal British Legion. I shall be raising money for these incredible groups with events throughout the year (restrictions permitting). Although these are my selected Mayors charities, I am happy to assist any other charity groups within the town who request my support in their fundraising efforts and I would like to continue the work of a number of Mayors before me in helping to improve our towns Mental Health and supporting CALMtown in their efforts. I would also like to mention that this year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion. I was honoured to attend a small gathering at the war memorial as my first official Mayoral event where we held a short service and a wreath laying to mark the occasion.

I have appointed Reverend Mark Amey, the vicar of St Ives, to be my Mayors Chaplain and I am excited to work alongside him and other religious leaders in the town to ensure that we continue to build relationships and create a unified approach no matter what faith or beliefs different people may have. I have also appointed my Mayors Cadet, FS Joseph Elliot from 2331 (St Ives) Squadron. My cadet will escort me on all Civic

events and I hope to be able to support him and his cadet group with any help they may require over the coming year.

I do have lots that I would like to achieve over the next year but at the top of my list is to help those families that have been affected by the flooding in our town and to work closely with other local authorities to ensure that these issues do not keep happening. It was heart-breaking to hear the many stories of families waking up on Christmas morning to sewage water inside their homes. I hope to be able to effect real change on top of the works that are already being carried out.

I would like to finish this article by paying tribute to a very special man and there is a further tribute later on in this magazine. As I'm sure most of you are aware, Councillor John Davies, a long-standing member of the St Ives Town Council and Huntingdonshire District Council sadly passed away recently. Councillor Davies was a dear friend to myself and so many other people in this town. Wherever he would go, people would stop him for a chat. John epitomises what it means to be a St Ivian and using Councillor Davies as an example to us all, I would ask that as we start to come out of this pandemic and things begin to return to normal, please look out for your neighbours and show them why we are proud to be a part of this lovely community.

Thank you all and take care,
Cllr Pasco Hussain

Meet your new Councillors



Nic Wells

I have lived in Huntingdonshire since 1980 and moved to St Ives five years ago. I have four adult children and six grandchildren. I lost my first wife in 1997 and remarried in 2006, gaining a stepson.

I have recently retired, after 43 years working in IT based technical and management roles.

I previously served on Warboys Parish Council and Godmanchester Town Council and as a Governor at St Peter's school Huntingdon. I am a trustee of Disability Huntingdonshire, a volunteer in the team maintaining Holt Island nature reserve, and a St Ives U3A member.

I have recently become Treasurer of Houghton and Wyton tennis club and am on the electoral roll of All Saints C of E church. I am currently assisting the Town Team with updates to the Old Riverport website.

I am a founder member of the Liberal Democrats and am currently in the role of Treasurer of the Huntingdonshire local party.

My main leisure activities are fellwalking, tennis, yoga, and until lockdown I was learning to row with St Ives rowing club. I occasionally attempt amateur dramatics, most recently in the cast of "Oh what a lovely war" with the Huntingdon community theatre project.



Craig Smith

I have recently been co-opted into the Town Council (January) and I was also elected onto the District Council on 6th of May.

I'm a self-employed electrician and I have lived in St Ives for the past 20 years. In this time, I have not only made this town my home, but I have a wife and four children starting off their own lives here, too. Living in St Ives has given us full and varied lives.

My wife Becky is deputy manager at Thorndown preschool and my children (aged between 10 and 18) all go to the local schools/ scholarships whilst enjoying the local facilities and clubs that the town has to offer.

My motivation for public service is simply because my family and I have made our roots here as we love this town. The opportunity to have a say in how the town moulds itself, especially in these crazy and ever-changing times is something that really interests me and that I feel that I will be good at.

I am on the St Ives carnival and music festival committee and, as of last year, the St Ives Christmas lights committee.



John Parkin

I moved to St Ives in 2018 with my wife and two young daughters to become a university lecturer. Before this, I was an assistant head teacher at an infant school in Surrey and have been a primary teacher for more than 15 years.

I am also a governor of a Cambridgeshire primary school and a volunteer member of a pre-school management committee.

I feel privileged to become a Town Councillor and to have the opportunity to work with others in the community to help make St Ives an even better place to live and work.

CHH Hearing Aid Maintenance (HAM) Centres have been reopened for appointments since April 2021.

If your hearing aid needs cleaning and/or maintenance, we have launched a 'drop-off and pick-up 10 minutes later' service at nine HAM Centres, including St Ives.

To comply with the social distancing regulations and Covid-19 risk assessments our re-tubing process will take longer and therefore our sessions will be by appointment only.

To book an appointment, tel. 01223 416141, email enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or go to our website www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk and book online

Our HAM Centres operate between 10:30am and 3:30pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at St Ives Library, 4 Library Row, Station Road, St Ives PE27 5BW.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP





Together in January

By Laura Bridgens, CALMtown St Ives

CALMtown St Ives aims to confront isolation and mental stress by bringing people together to make the town the UK's first "CALMtown". As part of our continued community activity and to encourage conversations about our mental and emotional health CALMtown St Ives, ran a Together In January campaign at the beginning of the year.

It was an incredible month for CALMtown St Ives which saw huge numbers of St Ives residents come together to share the campaign message that, while January can be tough, you are not alone, get involved, look after your wellbeing, and get help if you need it.

Over 60 volunteers distributed more than 9,000 posters to homes, encouraging people to keep a set of Christmas lights up to brighten streets and place the poster in their window in solidarity. The message spread to surrounding communities and many more connected with and shared the campaign on social media, too.

Despite lockdown restrictions, CALMtown has been astounded at the local fundraising efforts. Rachel Fabb and Sam Godfrey raised £1,200 from their marathon run, Angie Dickinson, Rachel Mulholland, Zo Weaver

and the St Ives & Fenstanton Time Bank members raised £500 making and distributing face masks (see article, page 14), St Ives Methodist Church collected £109.50 and Barratts Homes have donated £1,000. The money will help CALMtown St Ives facilitate the training of 100 mental health first aiders in the town over the coming year and further raise awareness of emotional and mental health issues in our community.

As we move towards lifting of lockdown restrictions, we are encouraging people to recognise that everyone will go through this readjustment at different speeds. Allow for this and watch out for friends, colleagues and neighbours who may become marginalised or isolated as part of the changes ahead. Look out for our social media channels for tips on how to cope with the readjustment, take inspiration from the Five Ways to Wellbeing as listed on our website and reflect on where we each are in the present moment.

Take a look at CALMtown.org and our Facebook page for more information and links to general CALMtown media coverage to date.

St Ives Town Council supports CALMtown.

COUNCILLOR JOHN WINSTON DAVIES



We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Councillor John Davies in March this year. A hugely respected and much-loved citizen of St Ives who was a long-serving member of the Town Council and served on three occasions as Town Mayor.

Many personal tributes were paid to Councillor Davies at a meeting on 14

April where members spoke of how he had supported and inspired them over the years. One of those members, Councillor Philip Pope, recalled in verse how he first met John the Town Mayor, back when he was a youngster.

Councillor Pope himself enjoyed a very successful year as Mayor of the town in 2017. Here is his personal tribute to John:

*"I can vividly remember when I was just a boy,
A man walking proudly, his face filled with joy,
He was dressed up so smartly in his finest attire,
And the people he passed he did surely inspire.
A glint of gold would adorn his suit
Like a treasure you'd find in Blackbeard's loot,
And a crest at his chest from a town he did love,
The town of St Ives and you knew sure enough...
This was a man who others admired,
An important man whose presence inspired,
And as a young boy he inspired me,
And made me believe one day I could be,
Just like him, the man in the suit,
With the presence and pride and gold chain to boot
And sure enough he showed me the way,
I'm thankful for this with each passing day.
A man of the people, a St Ivian through and through,
A kind-hearted man who we now bid 'adieu'.
As you now join your wife in the heavens above,
And your once broken heart is now mended with love,
We wish you the best as you go on your way,
We may start to cry but that is okay,
Because it just shows what you meant to us here,
For you Councillor Davies we shall proudly shed a tear."*

Go wild

make space for nature in your garden this Summer!

Over the last 16 months, many of us have spent more time at home than ever before and have realised how precious time spent outdoors can be. For Rachel Burgess, St Ives resident and EcoAction community member, spending time in her garden last year helped her to feel calmer, happier and more connected.

Rachel says: "The sound of birds singing in the morning, or the sight of a bat fluttering by on a summer evening, make a big difference to my sense of wellbeing. The psychological benefits of being in nature have long been documented, and in times of difficulty and uncertainty, connecting with nature becomes more important for us than ever."

In addition to the wonderful benefits we derive from nature, nurturing the habitats on our doorstep can help boost biodiversity and address climate change. However, large or small our gardens, we have an opportunity to make them a space where nature can thrive. Britain's gardens take up more space than all its nature reserves put together.

In her book, *The Well Gardened Mind*, Sue Stuart Smith writes: "The crisis of climate is connected to a crisis of biodiversity. Reports in the national press about the dwindling number of birds, butterflies and bees reflects only a tiny fraction of the depletion of nature that is taking place..Recently ecologists have started monitoring the life of domestic gardens and found they can act like hotspots of biodiversity harbouring a wealth of species."

In some cases, the best thing you can do is relax and leave parts of your garden alone. There has been a movement towards a new nature-friendly type of gardening which is less about neatness and dominating nature, and more about providing a space for wildlife. This can seem counterintuitive, particularly for many who feel under pressure to keep their homes and gardens tidy. But it is also very easy and can have delightful results.

Conservation writer, Isabella Tree, explains what rewilding means for her: "Giving nature the space and opportunity to express itself - is largely a leap of faith. It involves surrendering all pre-conceptions and sitting back and observing what happens". This approach can be applied on a small scale, in corners of our own gardens at home.

When it comes to gardening, we are all learning as we go, but our efforts to preserve nature can be very rewarding and make a real difference. And the good news is that anyone can have a go at this, and there are some great online resources available.

After a little research, and a chat with some local experts, here are some of our favourite tips for making a nature-friendly garden at this time of year:

- **Encourage butterflies and bees by planting a good range of native flowering shrubs and wildflowers.**
- **Hedgerows are an important habitat for birds, small mammals and insects. Try not to tidy them too much, and avoid cutting them altogether during nesting season, which runs from March to July.**
- **Make a mini meadow. By leaving an area of long grass and allowing flowers to bloom on your lawn, you can attract a variety of bees, butterflies and other insects.**

Make it happen!

Whatever your budget, your energy levels, or the size of your garden, let's see if we can all take a small step towards inviting more nature into our gardens this summer. You may be surprised at the visitors you attract, and the joy that they bring. What will you pledge to do for nature in your garden this year?

Useful websites for wildlife gardening:

Gardeners' World: <https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/six-essential-features-in-a-wildlife-garden/>

National Trust: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/create-homes-and-healthy-habitats-for-wildlife>

Plant life: https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/wildflower_garden

RSPB: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/>

Wildlife Gardening Forum: <http://www.wlhf.org>

Wildlife Trust: <https://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/>

Back Yard Nature: <https://www.backyardnature.org/resources/>

Bug life: <https://www.buglife.org.uk/get-involved/gardening-for-bugs/>

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Annual Report 2020/21

Accounts

Our accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The main source of income is the Precept which is collected by Huntingdonshire District Council as part of Council Tax locally. For 2020/21 this was £821,010. The tax base of 6007 Band D properties was used for calculating Council Tax to give a rate of £136.68. Full details of the accounts, including our reserves, are available from the Town Hall. A summary of the Income and Expenditure account for the year ending 31 March 2021 follows on this and the next page.

You will find a table of Councillors' attendance at meetings below.



ATTENDANCE	Full Council	Amenities Committee	Personnel Committee	Planning Committee	Property Committee
	12 meetings	7 meetings	2 meetings	15 meetings	5 Meetings
Ayers Wilson A (Member until March 21)	6/12				
D'Souza R	10/12	3/7			
Davies J (Member until March 21)	10/12	3/7		10/15	
Dibben N	12/12		2/2	15/15	5/5
Davies L (Member until November 20)	4/12	1/7	1/2		
Dickinson A	4/12		1/2		
Drye T	9/12		1/2	9/15	
Fuller R	8/12	4/7			3/5
Hussain P	12/12	7/7	2/2	15/15	2/5
King M	12/12	7/7			5/5
Luter B (Member until May 20)	1/12				
Pallant J	12/12	7/7 **		12/15 **	5/5
Parkin J (Member from April 21)	1/12				
Pegoraro C	9/12	7/7			4/5
Pope P	9/12		2/2		
Rowe D	10/12			11/15	5/5
Smith C (Member from January 21)	4/12			6/15	
Tiddy J	11/12	7/7		14/15	5/5
Wells N (Member from November 20)	6/12	3/7		11/15	

Shading shows not a member of that Committee.

**Ex officio as Town Mayor

Income and
Expenditure
Account
for Year Ended
31st March 2021

31st March 2020		31st March 2021
£	INCOME SUMMARY	£
757,358	Precept	782,827
757,358	SUB TOTAL	782,827
	OPERATING INCOME	
150	Administration	56
28,580	Finance	89,300
97,193	Council General	0
15,088	Amenities General	10,273
1,200	Street Furniture	0
56,899	Playground/Open Spaces/Cem.	32,616
6,317	Allotments	6,616
36,810	Town Hall	45,682
933	Ground Maintenance Depot	700
0	Other Income	9,250
185,877	Capital - Council	0
1,186,403	TOTAL INCOME	977,320
	RUNNING COSTS	
15,069	Administration	37,069
66,602	Finance	66,387
14,945	Advertising & Publicity	8,877
12,290	Civic	6,716
87,185	Grants	70,372
24,884	Council General	31,931
470,985	Staff	407,825
289,013	Amenities General	91,886
3,239	Street Lighting	(2,572)
896	Street Furniture	0
9,580	Machinery	6,732
109,342	Playground/Open Spaces/Cem.	45,460
1,200	Allotments	1,066
33,129	Town Hall	45,111
4,754	Corn Exchange	10,564
130	Warners Park Pavilion	250
1,584	Community Centre	0
1,144,827	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	827,675
	GENERAL FUND ANALYSIS	
(309,980)	Opening Balance	(157,604)
1,186,403	Plus : Income for Year	977,320
876,423		819,716
1,144,827	Less : Expenditure for Year	827,675
(268,404)		(7,958)
	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	
(157,604)	CLOSING BALANCE	(79,165)

Amenities Update

By Christine Allison,
Amenities Manager

Despite Government guidance and ongoing COVID restrictions, we have still been busy beavering away in the background, so I thought I would take this opportunity to update you on some of the projects we have recently been undertaking.



Knights Way Play Area

This is a really exciting new project which, at the time of writing, is currently under construction but we hope that by the time you read this, it will be complete.

The play area is themed 'castles and knights', giving plenty of scope for imaginative play. The equipment is provided by Sutcliffe Play, which emerged as the frontrunner following public consultation last October. There is also a children's fitness trim trail, which runs amongst the trees behind the main area.

Knights Way natural planting area

On the other side of the road, opposite the play area is a section of land that may appear rather uncared for on first inspection. However, it has been deliberately set aside to develop naturally and has been seeded with a variety of wild flowers. We hope this will attract birds, butterflies and insects.

Hill Rise Cemetery

In April we were successful in a bid to obtain 420 natural hedging saplings from the Woodland Trust for the boundary between the cemetery and the footpath leading to the allotments. These were planted in April. We were grateful to members of the Hill Rise Allotment Society who assisted by adding the plant supports and protectors to every plant.

We would like to say a big thank you to both the Woodland Trust and Allotment Association for their generosity and assistance in making this project such a success. The mixed saplings will provide both winter colour and fruit for wildlife.

Outdoor gym

The Town Council is committed in its 2020-2025 strategic action plan to promote and encourage the importance of maintaining a fit and healthy lifestyle. In the January 2021 edition of The Bridge, we asked for your views on the provision of an adult outdoor gym and received a very positive response. We are now undertaking a feasibility study with a view to installing an adult outdoor gym in Warner's Park.

Great Ouse Valley Way information board.

St Ives Town Council has agreed to fund an information notice board, shortly to be erected on The Waits.

LED lighting replacement

All the lights for which the Town Council has responsibility are currently being replaced by LED lighting. All but two lights have been replaced on The Waits and we are in the process of replacing the lights on Chapel Bridge.

Lighting along the Waits

It has been suggested that the five spherical lights along the riverside could be turned off at midnight. This would avoid light pollution and be eco-friendlier. We welcome your views. Do you regularly use this route after midnight, or do you think it would be good to stop light pollution? It will not affect the normal Cambridgeshire County Council highway street lighting.

Christine Allison, Amenities Manager
e-mail amenities@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Plan Update



Following a pause during the pandemic lockdown, work has restarted on the St Ives Neighbourhood Plan. So here is a quick recap on what a Neighbourhood Plan is and what it does.

A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is a legal planning document, that once approved in a local referendum, helps define future development around St Ives. The NP sits alongside the Local Development Plan produced by Huntingdonshire District Council to set out planning requirements that apply in St Ives. This can cover the design requirements of any new housing but also the protection and enhancement of existing facilities, transport and green spaces.

Having spent some time gathering data about St Ives as it is today, the plan is at a stage to hold the first of a series of public consultations on where we have got to so far and how the plan may evolve. The NP Team are working around a number of key themes such as enhancing nature, promoting healthy lifestyles and protecting and enhancing our town centre. Early on in the process, the NP Team concluded that St Ives had reached a natural limit in terms of area, so that no major new housing sites requiring major new infrastructure will be proposed. Any new housing will be limited to infill sites within the existing town boundary.

The NP Team are investigating if plan can require that any new housing will have to meet the Passive House standard of near zero carbon and include requirements to enhance nature. Within the town centre, is a new 'Innovation Hub' and part pedestrianisation the way forward? We will be seeking your views on these and other matters.

Providing that plans for the easing of COVID restrictions remain on track, the NP Team will be holding consultations around the town (please see panel below).

At these events we will have displays on the progress with the NP and a questionnaire to fill in. The questionnaire will also be available on the Town Council website. The NP Team is also keen to meet with local business and community groups. So if you would like a meeting to discuss specific issues relevant to your group, please contact the Town Hall.

Come to see us:

16 July

Burleigh Hill Community Centre, Constable Road
2pm to 5pm

17 July – St Ives Farmers' Market

8.30am to 1.30 pm.





The Norris Museum reopens!

New Museum Director Appointed

Claire Hardy, the new Director of The Norris, has now been in post for just over a month, busily preparing to reopen the museum after many months of closure.



'I feel privileged to join the team at The Norris and look forward to sharing our plans and ambitions for the future with the residents of St Ives in due course,' said Claire. 'In the meantime, I am delighted to announce that The Norris' doors are once again open, with a wonderful programme of events and exhibitions to enjoy over the coming weeks and months. Myself, the team, and our beautiful wisteria, look forward to welcoming you soon.'

Claire joins the team having worked across museums, libraries, archives and the arts for almost 15 years. Her work has taken her to Cornwall, Hampshire and Gloucestershire, but for the past eight years she has been back in Cambridgeshire, her home county, working in Peterborough, where she managed heritage services

and programming across museums, libraries and archives. Claire's work most recently has focussed on increasing participation from disengaged audiences, in particular through working in partnership with national museums, most significantly the Natural History Museum in London.

Family Fun at the Museum and at Home!

If you missed out on our new family trails and activity packs over May half term, don't despair - we still have lots of fun and free activity videos on our YouTube channel. Search for "Norris Museum" to find us and go to our "Creative Challenge" playlist for how to make things like Roman honey cake, string printing, salt dough jewellery and decorations, to optical illusion toys and whirligigs. Some of the activities have helpful templates for you to download too.

If you look back on our Facebook page over the Easter Holidays and February half term, we also have lots of free activities there, too. There are scavenger hunts and games to download, as well as ideas for fun things to make using materials you are likely to have around the house. Make an egg-box box of treasures, bouncing bunny boo, printing with paint card tubes, and more!

<https://www.facebook.com/TheNorrisMuseum>

These have all been created by our fantastic events volunteer team, who are now working with

Hannah, our Learning Officer, to put some exciting plans in place for this summer.

New Exhibitions

The team at The Norris continued to work with our community during the pandemic, and now bring you a new exhibition with celebrates what we, in collaboration with groups, schools, plus our wonderful partners and supporters, have achieved in spite of COVID.

'More Than a Collection: celebrating our communities and collaborations'

showcases a range of wonderful objects and images from several projects in both in our exhibition gallery and garden, many of which have developed over the past year. The exhibition, which also acts as a retrospective for other important and inspirational ventures pre-2020/21, celebrates our work with local schools, groups such as Young Carers (see image below), KICK, and Sense, our museum-based reminiscing sessions, men's group workshops, and many more.

We also look forward to 2021's major exhibition, 'Treasures of Ramsey Abbey', which is rescheduled from 2020. The exhibition will explore what life was like in the Abbey and what's new with the ongoing excavations and research on the Abbey site. We hope to unveil the exhibition in July through to September, but will confirm dates very soon - please check our website for more details <https://www.norrismuseum.org.uk/visit/exhibitions-2/>



The finished mosaic created by the Young Carers

Young Carers – Mosaic Wall Art Project

The museum was awarded a grant from Cambridgeshire Community Reach Fund to work with the Young Carers from St Ives and the surrounding villages to design and create a piece of wall art that would be on permanent display in the museum garden.

The exhibition also acts as an acknowledgement of the phenomenal support that the Friends of the Norris Museum give to the running, advocacy and future planning for the museum – if you are interesting in reading more about the Friends, or joining, please visit our website for further information <https://www.norrismuseum.org.uk/friends/>

Bridge Chapel

The team hope to reopen Bridge Chapel this summer for the public and groups to enjoy and are working with partners to ensure the safety of staff, visitors, and the chapel itself. We hope to bring news of reopening, including dates, times and access information soon.

Whilst We've Been Closed...

All the team at The Norris Museum have been working hard behind the scenes during our period of closure to develop our support for our visitors, schools, and the community. This edition, we focus on our offer to schools, which now includes support for teacher CPD and INSET hosting.



School Visits, and Artefact and Activity Packs

We have a range of engaging and hands-on activities available for KS1 and KS2 classes to explore safely at the museum, in school, or both.

- Fun activities to do with your class both in our Community Room and the Museum Gallery
- Incorporate a town history walk
- Artefact and Activity packs include real artefacts, information, books, games and craft activities for you to introduce and explore history topics with your class in school
- Coming soon. Optional extra – a virtual introduction, Q & A catch up, and wrapping up

For more information on our schools support, please email Hannah, our Learning and Outreach Officer: learning@norrismuseum.org.uk

Teacher Inset Days and Drop-ins

- Did you know that you can book to have your teacher inset day at the museum? Find out more about our engaging, hands-on sessions for KS1 and KS2 classes.
- Free of charge and discounts for future class visits
- Let us know how we can better meet your needs
- Shape the future development of our schools offer

Become a Norris Museum Volunteer

Why Volunteer?

Feel part of the community of St Ives and within the museum itself.

Make a difference – there are lots of projects that are run by the volunteers.

Gain experience – volunteers have a range of roles, you can learn new skills, and you can pick the areas of work that you are interested in.

Some feedback from our wonderful volunteers:

"It's so interesting to be involved with the museum knowing that such a major asset to the town is striving to be accessible and relevant to as many users as possible." – Anne

"I enjoy feeling that I am contributing to my local community, and in particular, giving increased educational opportunities to all ages." – Hattie

"Everyone is very welcoming, informative and helpful. I look forward to the company of other volunteers and the staff." – Rodney

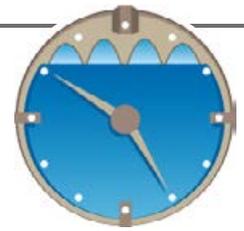
"The Norris Museum safeguards our heritage. It feels good to be a part of something so positive and inclusive." – Jenni

Please visit our website for more information and how to register your interest in volunteering: <https://www.norrismuseum.org.uk/take-part/volunteer/>



Timebank unmask pandemic fundraising initiative

By Zo Weaver,
St Ives and Fenstanton Timebank



The Timebank was delighted to be approached by Angie Dickinson, Town and District Councillor, in April 2020 with a collaborative idea to make masks way before they were available widely.

The idea was enthusiastically received and, within a few days, Timebank member Rachel Mulholland was coordinating about 10 members who - once we had sourced suitable elastic in the middle of a major global shortage! - eventually made around 200 masks from donated material.

Angie and Rachel arranged a stall in the centre of St Ives on a few occasions and gave the masks away in return for cash contributions. The money was topped up by St Ives & Fenstanton Timebank to £500 and donated to CALMTown, an organisation very much aligned to the ethos of the Timebank.

Laura Bridgens from CALMTown said: "the CALMTown St Ives team is incredibly grateful for the £500 donation made possible by the efforts of Angie Dickinson, Rachel Mulholland and Zo Weaver and the St Ives & Fenstanton Timebank. The money raised from the the mask-making project is going to go far in helping CALMTown St Ives achieve its aims of facilitating the training of 100 Mental Health First Aiders over the next 12 months. This will raise further awareness of emotional and mental health in our community."

A huge thank you to all Timebank members and those that donated in exchange for a mask.

If you would like further information about giving or receiving help from the Timebank, please contact stives.fenstanton.timebank@gmail.com If you would like to find out more about CALMTown please visit www.calmtown.org

The Town Council has supported St Ives and Fenstanton Timebank with grant funding and organiser, Zoe Weaver, and her volunteers were recently presented with the Community Challenge Award by former Town Mayor, Cllr Jonathan Pallant, for their work in supporting residents throughout the pandemic."



Supporting St Ives & Warboys Cricket Club

St Ives Town Council's Community Grant Scheme has supported St Ives & Warboys Cricket with funds enabling them to purchase a new pitch roller for use at the One Leisure Outdoor Centre in St Ives.

Club chairman, Martin Croucher, said: "The support through St Ives Town Council's Community Grant Scheme will make an amazing difference to us as club in providing safe and high-quality pitches for the playing of cricket.

'With an increasing membership of local residents, including a rapidly growing junior section, the addition of a new pitch roller is a significant step forward. We are very grateful for the Council's help.

'On behalf of all members of the club, we would like to thank you for your support.'

Richard Pentin from One Leisure, added: "As the partnership between One leisure and St Ives & Warboys Cricket Club continues to flourish, this new roller means we can produce quality wickets for playing cricket. It will also bring cost and time saving benefits which will benefit all sports played at the outdoor centre. We would like to thank St Ives Council and their Community Grant Scheme for their support of this project which will benefit many cricketers for years to come."



Click It Local



Huntingdonshire District Council has partnered with online retail platform Click It Local to enable independent shops in towns across the district to offer a range of products for customers - and have them delivered on the same or next day or by click and collect.

Click It Local has been live for residents to use since the start of March and allows for users to purchase everything from one marketplace - from weekly essentials, gifts and treats from any independent businesses signed up to the platform.

You can choose items from any different shop within a single order, with one payment and delivery fee. Browse through the wide selection of shops that have signed up to be a part of Click it Local in Huntingdonshire at www.clickitlocal.co.uk/huntingdonshire and bring a slice of the independent shops that make our market towns unique right to your door.

This is an initiative that seeks to help independent local businesses to utilise the digital marketplace and provides easy online access to businesses for residents.

Some 102 local businesses have signed up so far, with 74 currently live to purchase from.

If you are a business interested in finding out more about signing up with Click it Local, please contact hello@clickitlocal.co.uk

St Ives' life-saving defibrillators

St Ives has a number of defibrillators available for anyone to use in an emergency. Here are the locations of this life-saving kit:

- **Station Road** Outside Waitrose
- **The Waits** Wall of Norris Museum
- **Station Road** Wall of Nuts Bistro
- **Constable Road** The Rainbow Co-op Store



What's on?

Neighbourhood Plan Exhibitions

JULY	
16	Burleigh Hill Centre (1-5pm)
17	St Ives Farmers' Market (10am-1pm)

JULY	
10 & 11	St Ives Carnival, Hill Rise Park POSTPONED UNTIL 2022
18	Civic Service (further info via civic@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk) POSTPONED UNTIL 2022

SEPTEMBER	
4	St Ives Flower, Produce and Craft Show at The Corn Exchange. Public Viewing is 12:15-3PM. Free entry. Prospective exhibitors please see our website www.stivesshow.org.uk

HDC Health Walks are back – further info at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks

Huntingdon & District RAFA – Due to covid we are still not meeting up but are holding Zoom meetings. For further info please contact: Margaret Perryman 01480 465395 m.t.perryman@btinternet.com

COUNCIL MEETINGS DIARY

Council and Committee meetings have been held remotely for the last year. It is now hoped to hold face to face meetings again, dependant upon government advice. Please check our website for further details nearer the date of each meeting.

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
14 Town Council and Planning Committee	11 Planning Committee	8 Town Council and Planning Committee	13 Town Council and Planning Committee
21 Personnel Committee		22 Planning and Amenities Committees	20 Personnel Committee
28 Planning, Property and Amenities Committees			27 Planning, Property and Amenities Committees

Contacts:

Burgess Hall www.oneleisure.net
Corn Exchange 01480 496454 info@thecornexchange.org.uk
Crossways Christian Centre 01480 454220

Norris Museum 01480 497314 info@norrismuseum.org.uk
St Ives Gardening Club www.sigc.weebly.com
Town Hall 01480 388929 clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk
Town Team 01480 383612 www.theoldriverportstives.co.uk

Who does what?

YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Has your local street light gone out? It is sometimes difficult to remember which level of our local government – Town, District or County Council – is responsible for which service area. We hope that this guide steers you in the right direction. We take this opportunity to also list which of your local Councillors serve on which council.

ST IVES TOWN COUNCIL

Telephone **01480 388929** or visit www.stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

- The Waits
- Warner's Park
- Slepe Hall Field,
- Children's play equipment
- Allotments
- Burleigh Hill Community Centre
- Seats
- Cemeteries
- Corn Exchange
- Town Hall
- Norris Museum
- Public toilets

Statutory consultee for planning matters.

Actively supporting the economic development and community well-being of St Ives.

SITC is currently composed of 15 Councillors (2 vacancies) who represent four wards. The composition of the Council is: Independents 13, Conservatives 1, Green Party 1.

Your Councillors:



Nick Dibben



Angie Dickinson



Tim Drye



Rianna D'Souza



Ryan Fuller



Abid (Pasco) Hussain



Margaret King



Jonathan Pallant



John Parkin



Phil Doye



Carla Pegoraro



Daniel Rowe



Craig Smith



John Tiddy



Nic Wells

Please note that all Town Councillors' email addresses are in the following style Nick.Dibben@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

correct at the time of print

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Telephone **01480 388388** or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Responsible for:

- Rubbish collection
- Street cleaning
- Planning and planning enforcement
- Housing improvement grants
- Environmental health
- Licensing
- Elections
- Parks and open space
- One Leisure Centre & Burgess Hall
- Housing
- Economic development
- Car parks
- CCTV
- Council Tax
- Wilhorn Meadow & The Thicket
- Building control
- Voluntary sector
- Holt Island Nature Reserve

HDC is composed of 52 Councillors who represent 29 wards across the District.

The current composition of the Council is:
Conservative – 30
HDC Independent Group – 10
Liberal Democrats – 7
Independent – 1
Labour – 3
1 Vacancy

Your Councillors:

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Ryan Fuller

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Adam Roberts

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Craig Smith

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Telephone **0345 045 5200** or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Responsible for:

- Education
- Roads and traffic
- Footpaths,
- Libraries
- Social Services
- Park and ride
- Recycling
- Street Lighting
- Trading standards

CCC is composed of 61 Councillors who cover the five District Council areas across Cambridgeshire.

The current composition of the Council is: Conservatives – 28, Independents – 4, Labour – 9, Liberal Democrats – 20.

Your Councillors:

Kevin Reynolds

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Ryan Fuller

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Farmers Market
of the Year
Winner 2015



Gold Award Winner
2016, 2017 & 2018



2019-2021