



Mattishall Parish Council News

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Diary dates

Village litter pick -

The next village litter pick will be held on **Saturday 28 September** starting at 10 am on the Village Green. We'll litter pick for around 2 hours and you'll be rewarded with refreshments afterwards. Equipment is provided but you might prefer to bring your own gloves.

Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Day service will be held on the morning of **Sunday 10 November** starting on the village green followed by a service in All Saint's Church.

Christmas on the green

Our annual Christmas tree lighting event with songs and refreshments will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 1 December on the village green. More details to follow nearer the time.

Norfolk Day - lots of fun despite the cool weather!

If you came along to our Norfolk Day event we hope you enjoyed it, although we weren't as lucky with the weather this time. There was live music with Lizzie and Robin, egg and spoon and sack races, tug of war and lots of stalls. Here's Parish Council Chairman, Terry, in the stocks.



On the bank holiday weekend, with the help of the Swan pub, a silent auction was held and the proceeds raised £290. Thank you to those organisations who donated vouchers for us to use in the auction. We'll be using the funds for Christmas hampers for villagers in need this Christmas. If you'd like to donate towards the hampers, please contact the Clerk by mid-October.

Speed Watch coming to Mattishall

We've been overwhelmed with the response from villagers who want to be involved in a new Speed Watch scheme for Mattishall.

The Parish Council

Terry Wilkins (Chairman)

Graham Clarke

Hannah Farrier-Dutton

Richard Norton

Mike Nunn (Vice-Chairman)

David Piper

Janice Smith

Chris Taylor

Richard Turner

Luisa Cantera (Clerk)

Further details of councillor responsibilities, details of meetings and minutes are on the website. If you would like to discuss anything related to the Parish Council, please contact Luisa on 858786.

New handyman

Matt Plunkett has been appointed as the village handyman. Do say hello to him if you see him working around the village for us! Matt lives in Mattishall and is looking forward to keeping the place tidy. Thanks go to Peter who worked as our handyman for the past 2 years and left us in June.

Defibrillator training

Free defibrillator training sessions are planned for either late this year or early next year. Let the Clerk know if you are interested in attending.

Speed Watch is a project that empowers communities to play an active part alongside the Police and the Safety Camera Partnership in tackling speeding. The Mattishall locations have been agreed and the team will start operating as soon as they've been trained to use the speed guns.

You might have noticed our speed activated messaging sign in different locations around the village that allows us to monitor traffic flow. We believe it's effective in reducing speed but it won't come as any surprise to hear that there are a few drivers who don't respond to it unfortunately. The data collected has been helpful in working out which locations suffer the most with speeding and they will be targeted by the Speed Watch team.

Cemetery and Village Green project accomplished

Over the final two weeks of August, the Probation Service sent a team of people undertaking community service to work on a number of tasks in the cemetery and village green, including painting the cemetery railings, removing soil and painting the benches and the war memorial. We think these areas look really great now, particularly as we've had a gardener looking after the bedding areas.

Unfortunately, the village green has been subjected to petty vandalism. The war memorial has been vandalised on numerous occasions and litter strewn behind the memorial and apples thrown at the memorial and table tennis table. It's a pity that a small minority spoil the area for the rest of the village.

Youth club is looking for volunteers

The Friday night youth club is financed by the Parish Council and the YMCA run it for us. They have two staff members but would love to recruit volunteers to join them. The YMCA will pay for the necessary checks and training. If you are interested, please contact the [YMCA via their website](#).