

Tennis Courts Update

Funding has now been successfully secured from the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) for use in upgrading the tennis courts at The Park, School Road. Conversations are ongoing with the LTA's

contractors, and we are hopeful that work can begin this year. Thank you to all who responded to our Courts Development Survey. Your feedback helps us shape the future of our village.



Centenary Field Pond

We have plans to dig out a pond at Centenary Field, which will help improve local biodiversity. This pond will be sectioned off for reasons of Health & Safety, and to protect against damage by domestic animals.



FRAMPTON COTTERELL
PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2023

Message From The Chair

Cllr. Linda Williams



Since the elections in May, we have sadly seen the resignations of three councillors: Andy Pullen, Tim Niblett and Matt Hemmings. We will miss their valued contributions to the council and their community spirit.

We now have 5 vacant seats on the council which we are looking to fill. Find details of how to join the council on our website, or by telephoning our office.

We are currently in August recess and given there are no Council meetings usually during this period you may be forgiven for thinking that we have all gone on holiday!

Whilst it is an opportunity for both staff and councillors to take some holiday, staff are busy preparing for Autumn, which will include the scarecrow trail at half term, with the theme being chosen by the community. We will also be commencing work on the refurbishment of the Ridings Road play area and the Tennis Courts at the Park.



Frampton Is Batty For Bats

Sharing our love of bats with the parish

This summer, we ran two Bat Walk & Workshop sessions using equipment funded by the Parish Council and the National Lottery. These workshops proved very popular - our parishioners love their bat neighbours!

Our sessions were put together by our fantastic Climate & Nature Officer with inclusivity in mind. The sessions included braille leaflets, visual and audio bat detectors, and a BSL interpreter at the workshops.

We are also pleased to be able to offer a number of bat detectors for local people to borrow for free from The Brockeridge Centre. No experience is needed - we will guide you through how to use the detectors and recognise different bats! To find out more, get in touch or visit our website (contact details overleaf).

Become A Parish Councillor!

Would you like to help shape the future of our village? Do you have ideas for ways we can improve? Are you passionate about local issues and supporting your community? If yes, please consider becoming a parish councillor!

For more information, get in touch. Contact details overleaf.

Climate & Nature Drop In

On the 5th of September, 5-7PM, we will be hosting a Climate & Nature Drop In at The Brockeridge Centre. All are welcome to come and make suggestions on ways we can continue to help local nature and become carbon neutral.

Upcoming Events

Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Tuesday September 12th
10:30am - 1pm**

The Brockeridge Centre
Join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for the Macmillan Charity.

Scarecrow Trail 2023

October 2023

**Across the Village
October 20th - 28th**

Our annual Scarecrow Trail is a fantastic event for the whole family! Create a scarecrow or simply enjoy the displays and vote for your favourite!

Practical Conservation Sessions

Every 2nd Saturday of the month

Every month, we run free practical conservation volunteer sessions. To get involved or find out more, email us on:

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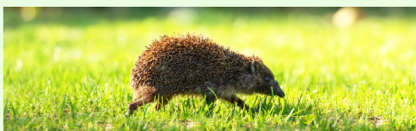
Over the spring and summer, Frampton Cotterell Parish Council has been pleased to approve local grant requests. We are providing a grant to FACE Youth Services for a games console and basketball equipment, and to the Frampton Cotterell Male Voice Choir for the embroidery of uniforms.

For more information on applying for community grants, visit our website or contact us.

Renovation of Pavilion Storage

Following a review of organisational needs at The Pavilion, the Parish Council has agreed to fund the renovation of the first-floor storage areas. This will allow the FACE Youth Group and the 2nd Frampton Cotterell Scout Group to secure their equipment without disrupting other users of the building.

Hedgehog Heroes!



Want to help local hedgehogs? Come along to our new Hedgehog Heroes Volunteer Group! For more info, give us a call, drop us an email, or pop in for a chat.

Climate & Nature Work

How We're Protecting Local Nature

2023 marks the 3rd year of our Centenary Field Nature Management Plan. We have seen a good increase in biodiversity. During our July meadow survey, local volunteers recorded over 20 species of plants at Centenary Field!

Following a consultation, we have also launched a plan to increase biodiversity around the perimeter of The Park, School Road.



We continue to work closely with Frampton Nature Group and recognise their wonderful local work.

Ridings Road Play Area

Our plans for improvements



Last year, the Parish Council conducted a survey asking parishioners what improvements they would like to see at the Ridings Road Play Area. Following analysis of these responses, the Parish Council published a tender document, the deadline for which was 18/08/23. The Parish Council will soon meet to decide on a preferred contractor from a shortlist of applicants. We will keep the parish updated as this project progresses.

Improvements at The Park

In response to issues raised by users of The Park, The Pavilion and Crossbow House, the Parish Council has actioned a series of improvements and repairs. These improvements include repairing the surface of the car park (pictured right), replacing the existing car park fencing, installing lighting on the exterior of The Pavilion, and installing a new noticeboard.



COVID Reflection Tree

This summer we were proud to unveil a COVID-19 Reflection Tree and bench at Centenary Field. We would like to thank Theresa (pictured) for the idea of this memorial, and A F Drew LTD for kindly donating the tree guard.

If you would like to place a plaque on the Reflection Tree, please get in touch.

Local Maintenance

You may have seen our Estates Officer out and about these past few months restoring benches and repairing play equipment at The Brockeridge Centre, The Park, and Centenary Field. Damage caused by vandalism has also been repaired. As well as these repairs, we have also installed a new pedestrian gate at the Mill Lane Allotments - a gate very kindly donated by A F Drew LTD.

