

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER 2024

Recycling by appointment

From 18 November 2024 an appointment will be required to visit any recycling centre (tip) in Norfolk. Appointments can be booked by telephone on 0344 800 8020 or at www.norfolk.gov.uk/recyclingbooking

New NHS Dentist

Damira Dental Studios is the new provider for NHS dental services in Holt and Wells. The Holt practice is already open at Kelling Hospital and the Wells practice is expected to open in January 2025 at Wells Community Hospital. To join the NHS Waiting List or to book an appointment at Holt call 01263 669056. To register at Wells, call 01328 633073. You can also go to www.damiradental.co.uk If you have a dental emergency and need an NHS dentist call 111.

Asset Management

The Parish Council is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of a number of assets in the village including the village signs, benches, notice boards and telephone box. A schedule of works began in the summer to ensure the assets remain fit for purpose. Over the coming months, the village sign on the Knoll will be taken down and restored.

SNAP meeting

At the last Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) meeting the Police reported an expected increase in call outs during the summer. There was also a notable increase in thefts of outboard motors from moored boats. No crimes were reported in Stiffkey. To view local area crime statistics visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/norfolk-constabulary/wells-next-the-sea/?yourlocalpolicingteam=about-us&tab=statistics>

Forget Me Not Grant

A 'Forget-Me-Not' of £500 is available to those living with memory loss. The grant is not means tested and does not require a formal diagnosis of dementia. It aims to help pay for adaptations and equipment to aid home safety and independent living. Examples include installing safety cut-outs, supplying memory aids such as clocks, or changing flooring to be more suitable. Contact NNDC on 01263 513 811 or at <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/housing-services/apply-for-a-forget-me-not-grant/>

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Stiffkey Parish Council Website

In our last newsletter, we introduced the new Stiffkey Parish Council website, your go-to source for all council-related news and information. On the site, you can learn about upcoming Parish Council meetings, including dates, topics of discussion, and how to participate. You'll also find minutes from recent meetings and an archive dating back to 1894.

The website offers a wealth of information about council-led projects, policies and procedures - such as planning - and how your council tax (the precept) is spent. There's also helpful guidance on reporting issues like fly-tipping, potholes, and much more.

We have recently added a page featuring direct links to open Public Consultations, giving you the chance to have your say on important local and national matters that affect us all.

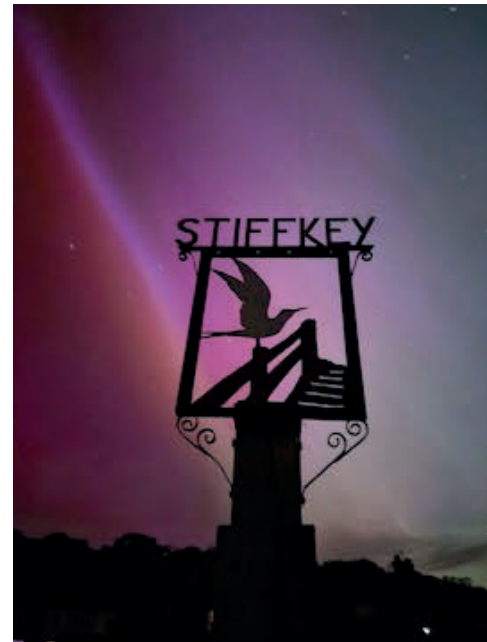
Our website is a fantastic resource which allows you to engage in local governance and democracy. We encourage you to explore the site at <https://stiffkeyparishcouncil.gov.uk>, where you can also find links to our social media pages. And don't forget—we're always happy to hear your feedback!

Stiffkey Dark Skies

Stiffkey Parish Council has adopted a Dark Skies Policy in an effort to ensure that the nocturnal character of Stiffkey is protected and enhanced and that light pollution is minimised wherever possible. We would encourage everyone to keep light pollution to a minimum and help us protect the nocturnal character of our village.

The night sky is not only a source of beauty and tranquility but it is also essential for the health of natural ecosystems. Excessive artificial light disrupts the natural cycle of day and night, upsetting the delicate balance of our environment. Light pollution has been directly linked to declining populations of birds, insects, and other wildlife. It also affects our own body clocks, leading to increased stress, disturbed sleep patterns, and higher energy consumption.

You can find out more about our Dark Skies policy on the Parish Council website or via our Clerk.



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Parish Council Meeting Dates

The next Parish Council meetings will be at 7pm in the Village Hall on:

25 November 2024

27 January 2025

24 March 2025

27 May 2025 - Annual Parish Meeting

28 July 2025

29 September 2025

24 November 2025

Please come along if you can.

Stiffkey Health Initiative Update

The new Stiffkey defibrillator has been installed in the telephone box at the bottom Hollow Lane. The what3words address is: ///shrimps.trombone.sparks. To ensure that the defibrillator has maximum benefit, the Parish Council is arranging CPR Training at 6:30pm on November 28th for those villagers who would like to learn this life-saving technique. The training will be carried out by our Community First Responders. As well as training residents in vital CPR, they will also demonstrate how and when to use a defibrillator. To register your interest in learning CPR techniques please contact the Clerk or sign up via the website.

Community Transport Scheme

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are looking to set up a transport service at little or no cost to users. It is for those who are unable to collect their own prescriptions or who may need transport to medical appointments, like the dentist, the GP surgery, or the hospital.

Would you be interested in using this service? Could you volunteer to drive people to their appointments, or to help run and manage the scheme? If so, please let us know by contacting the clerk or our website: <https://stiffkeyparishcouncil.gov.uk/council/health/community-transport-scheme/>

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who donated to this first step of the Health Initiative. We are continuing to fundraise for the CPR Training, the First Responders and the Transport Scheme. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to get involved. Please contact the Clerk for more information.



Stiffkey Marsh Bridge Update



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The new bridge, at the end of Stoney Road on Stiffkey Marsh, has now been completed. The new footpath across the marsh, on which the bridge sits, was confirmed earlier this year.

The fight to get the bridge built, started by former MP Duncan Baker, was continued by the Facebook group Rebuild Stiffkey Marsh

Bridge led by Ian Curtis. Ian was also responsible for the marsh footpath application. Due to their tenacity, the members of Rebuild Stiffkey Marsh Bridge eventually succeeded in securing the bridge for the village.

The Parish Council would like to thank all who contributed to keeping the bridge on everyone's agenda until the National Trust built the new bridge. We are particularly grateful to the Facebook group for their perseverance in helping to secure a wonderful asset for all.

It is hoped that visitors to the marsh are mindful that whilst it is a place to be enjoyed, great care must be taken to ensure the wildlife and landscape are respected.