

Sutton Parish Council

Summer Newsletter 2025



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Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to the latest summer newsletter. It's now a year since the updated Sutton Neighbourhood Plan was adopted following a referendum with over 86% of people voting in favour. This new plan builds on the previous one, adding a Design Code, Housing Needs Assessment plus new and revised policies for example to better address biodiversity and climate change.

We have already seen the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan when the planning application from Vistry (Linden Homes) for new homes to the north of the village was determined and they agreed to provide additional playing fields, land for a new burial ground and money to refurbish the MUGA (multi-use games area). With work on their new development just about to get underway the parish council will be working on plans for those community facilities and is keen to hear from residents who want to get involved.

The parish council is made up of people who live or work in Sutton and volunteer a few hours a month to attend council meetings and working parties. Those working parties develop proposals to improve and enhance the village. They cover a range of different topics including traffic and transport, sports and recreation, youth activities and facilities, establishing a library access point and the taking action on climate change. If you are 18 years or older and can spare a few hours then why not get involved, just get in touch with the parish clerk by email office@sutton-cambs-pc.gov.uk.

A major focus of the Traffic and Transport working party continues to be to try get agreement from the County Council to introduce a weight limit restriction on the B1381 through the village to stop HGVs using the road as a short cut to and from the A14. Lorries should be using the major roads away from the village unless they are making local deliveries. Another initiative is the opening of the footpath between St Andrews Close and The Orchards. This will provide a safe route away from The Brook for those living in the north east of the village to reach the primary school, play area and playing fields. Work is due to begin shortly.

One of the initiatives from the Sports & Recreation working party has seen the recent installation of the Monkey Challenge Climbing Wall on the playing fields, made possible with grant funding. The Climate Change working party is working on the installation of EV charging points in The Glebe car park for use both by local residents and visitors.

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of the month in The Pavilion (next to the playing fields) starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is time at the start of the meeting for public questions and comments.

**Mark Inskip
Chairman, Sutton Parish Council**





Sutton Time Bank aims to engage and bring together the community, creating social and practical support networks that meet the needs of many, creating a happier and healthier community.

Membership is open to all residents in Sutton. Whether you have spare time or skills that you would like to use to help others, or simply want to connect with likeminded people in Sutton, this may be the group for you. As well as taking part in exchanges Time Banking is a great way to meet new people at events and projects we put on over the year.

Coffee Mornings

Our weekly coffee mornings are a great chance to meet new people or catch up with friends. Coffee mornings are every Tuesday from 10-12 at The Glebe. On the 1st Tuesday of the month those attending are invited to stay for a sandwich lunch.

Coffee mornings are open to all and there is no charge for these events. We have a jigsaw and book library - any overflow from the phone box is put out at coffee mornings.

Our digital champions continue to offer drop-in sessions and have been able to offer digital support at other times for those that need extra support or support at home. Our digital champions have recently been helping residents register for the new Ask my GP online service the surgery is now using.

We held a Cuppa and Cake morning in to raise money for Magpas Air Ambulance and enjoyed a community Big Lunch in June.

Litter picks

The Timebank and Open spaces group have put on numerous litter picks this year. For the 2nd year running we also had the pleasure to join the Beaver scouts during a meeting where they helped us to litter pick the field and around the playpark. Timebank members can borrow litter picking equipment from the timebank and litter pick at their convenience.



Games Club

Games Lunch is the Timebank's monthly get together. The 3rd Wednesday of the month from 11.30 -1 at The Pavilion. This is a chance to enjoy a boardgame or jigsaw puzzle or for a friendly chat. Refreshments and lunch are provided. This is a free event and welcome to everyone.

Time Bank Events:

On top of our regular coffee mornings timebank members have enjoyed other events and trips. We have been enjoying attending silver screenings at the Viva Theatre each month.

Transport can be provided for anyone wanting to join a cinema trip.

To find out more about our trips and events please contact the Timebank.



**To find out more about the timebank,
please us on
suttontimebank@sutton-cambs-pc.gov.uk
or call 07731017916**

WHAT DOES THE PARISH COUNCIL DO?

Owns and Maintains

- Ø Burial ground and Garden of Remembrance.
- Ø Street furniture in the village i.e. benches, bus stops and noticeboards.
- Ø Football fields and multi-use games area.
- Ø Stirling Way Play Park and open spaces.
- Ø The Pavilion, The Glebe, Community Room and Brookland Centre which we hire out.
- Ø Leases out the field allotments at Chain Causeway.
- Ø Hold 12 parish council meetings per year as well as other meetings, for example Committee and Working Party Meetings, The Annual Meeting of Electorate, Annual Meeting of Parish Council and the Budget & Precept Meeting: all information can be found on our website/noticeboard.
- Ø Cut the grass verges on behalf of Cambridge County Council.
- Ø Work with Cambridge County Council to enable access to footpaths, by-ways and bridle ways.
- Ø Support local organisations with financial grants, we are pleased to have helped the Cricket Club, Brownies and many more.
- Ø Act as consultee on planning applications
- Ø Where possible assist residents with queries
- Ø Look at new schemes and projects that can help the community.
- Ø Local Highway Improvement Schemes

Useful Contacts

If you have other concerns in the village, these may be dealt with by East Cambs District Council or Cambridge County Council. Below are some useful contact details for you to report your issues. Both have systems in place to report issues online directly. The more people that use this, the more likely they are to take action!

East Cambs District Council

Telephone: 01353 66555. Website: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

- Ø Dog waste bins and dog fouling.
- Ø Missed refuse collection and full waste bins
- Ø Report fly tipping
- Ø View Planning applications.

Cambridgeshire County Council

Telephone: 0345 045 5200. Website: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/contact-us>

- Ø Reporting potholes and other highway issues
- Ø Faulty street lights
- Ø Overhanging trees and shrubs that obstruct paths/roads



SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL
Ideal venues for
Weddings
Christenings
Dances
Corporate Events
Birthday Celebrations
Meetings
Charity Events

We have facilities of varying sizes, small meeting rooms to larger halls and all with full kitchen facilities
The Glebe - Glebe Hall, Spencer Room and Brunel Room - High Street, Sutton
Community room - The Brook, Sutton
The Pavilion - The Brook, Sutton



What have the Parish Council been up to this year?

Defibrillator

We have 'adopted' the defibrillator at the Chequers Pub, and will continue to maintain it. This now means that we look after three defibs - this one, The Glebe and the Pavilion.



EV Charge Points

EV charge points at the Glebe car park will be coming soon!



Climbing Wall

The Monkey Challenge Climbing Frame was installed in June after applying for a specific grant funding to add more facilities for children in the area.



Litter Pick

The annual litter pick took place on the 9th June and there was a great turn out from the village, despite the rain! Thank you to all those that came along to make Sutton tidy.



Solar Powered Christmas Trees

The trees will return for an 9th year making the High Street nice and festive! If you would like to sponsor a tree please contact us.



Footpath between St Andrews Close and The Orchards

This pathway will be joined together to create safer access for children and parents going to the school and play areas.

Vistry (Linden Homes) New Developement

The work will be commencing in July, and this will create a new burial ground, village green and sport pitches. It will also provide funding towards refurbishing the MUGA (multi-use games area) near the Pavilion, The Brook

Local Highway Improvement Weight Restriction

We have re-applied for the weight restriction through Sutton Village

