



#SummerOnThe BYPASS EVENT

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST
11AM - 3PM

RUN, WALK OR CYCLE THE BYPASS
FOOD & DRINK - STALLS & ACTIVITIES

EXPERIENCE THE BYPASS BEFORE ITS COMPLETION

A fantastic opportunity to explore the bypass before it is open to traffic

EXPLORE THE CAREERS & SKILLS FAIR

For learners - explore career, skills & development opportunities

DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF YOUR TOWN

Calling local residents & businesses! Discuss the future of Long Stratton with council & development partners

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESS

Meet with local businesses & have discussions about economic support, resource & growth in and around Long Stratton

Access by foot/cycle via west of Edges & Parkers Lane

No access to via Hall Lane & Church Lane

Limited parking available at former South Norfolk Council office on Swan Lane



Please scan the QR code above and register your interest in attending the event
For event queries, email: Long.Stratton@octavius.co.uk or call: 01737 944 831



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CALLING LOCAL BUSINESSES!

You are invited to come and exhibit your business at this event which is anticipated to attract hundreds of local people.

A great opportunity to market your business to the community

Attract new customers

Network with other local businesses

Have discussions about economic support, resource & growth in and around Long Stratton

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY!

Set on a section of the bypass still under construction, this free, innovative event will bring together local residents, businesses, community and council organisations.

Complete the online form to register your interest in exhibiting by scanning the QR code or visiting

<https://forms.office.com/e/w9QAgZfeH8>



Pitches available 11am to 3pm.

Use the form to tell us about your stall/exhibit and if you would like to exhibit for the full event or for only part of the event.

Please email becky.buck@longstrattontowncouncil.gov.uk or Nicol.High@octavius.co.uk to discuss the event further.



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Long Stratton News

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER 2025 EDITION

Welcome to the summer newsletter. At the time of writing, the Town Council along with the rest of the community have just been informed of the proposed demolition of South Norfolk House. This is not something that the Council wanted and we are still opposed this decision. We will be working with our local MP Ben Goldsborough as well as local residents to see what we can do to save this building.

We reported after Remembrance Day that the Tommy's had all been vandalised with the bayonets being cut off. The Town Council would like to thank Steve Larkins at Wrightform based on Eye Business Park for lasering the bayonets and Willy Moore at MC Engineering for organising for the Tommy's to be fixed at no cost to the Council or community. The Town Council would like to give sincere thanks for this kind gesture.

We have had another change in staff and I am pleased to announce that Tom has decided to rejoin the Council team. We would also like to welcome Abi who will be supporting Anastasia with engaging with the young people at youth café, Abi has lots of experience in working with young people and has brought some brilliant ideas for activities for young people to engage in.

At the Council Annual Town Meeting we had an engaging presentation from a representative from Block East Pye Solar, we always try and engage both sides and therefore we asked a representative from East Pye Solar to attend, however there was no response. It comes as we have just had another solar project proposal come to the office. As with everything we will review this proposal and gather as much information as we can before we decide the Council's position.

The next meeting is July 21st at 7pm, there is no meeting in August. Have a lovely summer. Long Stratton Town Council Chairman, *Kelly Lunness*.



MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Chairman

Councillor

Kelly Lunness

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Councillor

Mat Pochin

Councillor

Andrew Lansdell

Councillor

David Willis

Councillor

Katrina Thompson

Councillor

Helen Dickerson

Councillor

Judith Baker

Councillor

Louise Mundford

Councillor

Robin Ciorra

Councillor

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July 2025



Save South Norfolk House

**Scan the QR code and sign
the Change.org petition!**

Let your voices be heard.

**Alternatively, search for
“Save South Norfolk House”
on www.change.org**

<https://www.change.org/save-south-norfolk-house>





VE Day Community Celebrations

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that came and supported the Town Council's VE Day Celebrations on Saturday 10th May. The sun was shining and there was something for everyone. The laser tag and climbing wall were very popular as were the bungee trampolines. Anastasia had plenty of young people visit her for free activities and the game stalls were busy throughout the day. We hope you enjoyed the varied entertainment on stage too!

I would like to give some special thanks to Liga, Brendan, Michelle, Melanie, Bob, Leo and Brandon who have no connection to the Town Council but volunteered their time to set up gazebos and run stalls. I would also like to thank the families of the Town Councillors and Officers who also gave up their time to volunteer and support the event with setting up, running stalls, and setting everything back down and clearing away, no mean feat!

Finally I want to thank the sponsors and grant contributions, Top2Bottom, MD Wealth Management, and Octavius who all sponsored the event and District Councillor Georgina Race who provided a grant.

Everyone had a lovely time and thoughts turn to the summer event 2026!



Community Consultation for Night Skies

The Council are undergoing community consultation work regarding Night Skies.

We plan to have our streetlights turn off during the hours of 00:00 – 05:00 each night, to preserve energy as well as the beauty of the night sky. Please let us know what you think using the form on our website.

The consultation will be continuing until 30th September 2025.

You can also pick up a paper copy from the office during open hours, from Council meetings or during Council-run events.

You can also fill in the digital form on our website or request the form to be emailed over.

The latest statistics are:

Total responses – 105

Respondents that voted “Yes” – 65%

Respondents that voted “No” – 27%

Respondents that voted “Unsure” – 8%

BikeActive Norfolk

BikeActive Norfolk founded as an unincorporated voluntary organisation in November 2021 and began operating as a disability cycling group in August 2022. We would use our specialist cycling equipment to give anyone with a disability a cycling experience, riding as a group along a 3.5 mile low traffic route at Earsham, starting at the village hall. Initially we ran fortnightly and once a month from November until the following March.

Initially we ran two sessions per running at 1030/1130hrs but it soon became apparent that another session was required and we began to run weekly and added a 1230hr session. We also added another route at Topcroft, starting from Topcroft Sports and Social Club. Through the spring, summer and autumn we would run weekly, alternate Friday's from Topcroft, alternate Monday's from Earsham.

We had acquired a plethora of specialist disability cycling equipment including an E assist side by side tandem trike, an E assist semi recumbent trike, an E assist Tadpole trike, an E assist wheelchair transporter and an E assist wheelchair tandem trike, as well as a rear steer tandem trike and many other trikes. We pride ourselves on having gotten every client who has presented to us, out cycling. Some may need to be piloted by our trained volunteers, others can cycle themselves choosing the appropriate piece of equipment having had an initial assessment. Rider clients presenting with carers would be accompanied by those carers on the rides using the many standard cycles BikeActive Norfolk also possesses.

So far we have taken rider clients out with disability, illness or injury ranging from: - Heart disease, dementia, stroke recovery, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, learning disability, autistic spectrum disorder, para cerebellum, lupus, limb amputation and knee and hip replacement/issues.

We have a policy to NEVER ask anyone's illness, injury or disability, so as not to preclude those who may not wish to discuss their issue. We only assess people in regard to what cycle they can ride.

All our volunteers attend a yearly safeguarding course and are appropriately DBS checked. Some have trained in First Aid qualifications and some of us are Cycling UK ride leaders and BikeAbility Instructors.

Thus far we have given out over 400 adult rides to fifty individual clients. During the summer months our sessions usually attract between 10 and 16 rider clients which is as much as our 25 volunteers can be expected to help.



After running for eighteen months in Spring 2024 it became clear there was need of a children and young people group. This had to be in an entirely traffic free environment and we selected the multi-use games area at Manor Road playing field, Long Stratton, which is the town most of our volunteers come from.

We began running the Junior group at Easter 2024. Using a plethora of trikes, go-karts and quadricycles, many we had collected from closed children's centres and serviced and made safe. We ran every Wednesday in Norfolk school holidays from Easter until the end of October half term. We ran sessions at 1pm and 2pm, and provided equipment for children who would need to be piloted such as those in wheelchairs and those unable to pedal or steer themselves. In 2024 we ran ten sessions and gave out 174 rides to 55 different rider clients

In 2025 we have adopted the same running procedure but the sessions are 40 minutes long between 1300hrs and 1340hrs, and 1340hrs and 1420hrs. The last 40 minutes is given over to a session with the Long Stratton Youth Group which has proven very popular and is a session that sees both disabled and able bodied children cycling together, which is wonderful to behold.

In 2025 BikeActive Norfolk began fundraising £12k toward an E assist Chat Rickshaw. This allows parents and carers who struggle to cycle to accompany their children/charges at both the adult and children's groups.

We are also hopeful that it will form the basis of a Community Transport hub in Long Stratton at which people with illness, injury or disability or who are elderly can be ridden around Long Stratton and its environs, Monday to Friday between 10-1200hrs and 1200hrs and 1400hrs. Allowing these people to shop, visit the GP or pharmacist, the library or church and this service will require only a small donation. We will require more volunteers to make this happen, but as Long Stratton is bypassed, I am hopeful the local people will buy into this idea , as cycling and walking in the town becomes more the norm.

To date we have raised £85k for transport, storage, equipment, third party liability insurance, training and servicing. We raise about £2k yearly from client donation and our annual fundraiser, the rest by charitable funding subscription.

In May 2024 we became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Charity Commission number 1207612.

For enquiries please visit:

www.bikeactivenorfolk.org

Or e-mail:

bikeactivenorfolk@gmail.com



OFFICE OPENING HOURS
MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS
10AM-2PM
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

(Please be aware that staff work flexible hours and therefore may not always be available, therefore it is recommended an appointment is made first on the contact details on the front page)

Has this newsletter piqued your interest?

Is there something that you would like to know more about?

Is there something that you would like to see in the next newsletter or on the website

Please get in contact, this newsletter is designed to provide as much information about the important work Long Stratton Town Council are doing and the chances are, if you have a query, other residents will have the same query.

Please take the time to have a look at the website, address is on the first page.

We look forward to hearing from you.

KEY CONTACTS

Town Council office - 01508 530524

South Norfolk Council - 01508 533701

Website - www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

- Bins
- Council tax
- Housing

Norfolk County Council - 0344 800 8020

- Highways
- Social Services, adult and children
- Education

Allotments -

Managed by St Michaels Church - 01508 530296 or e-mail Rosemaryaf.bennett@btinternet.com

Long Stratton Medical Partnership - 01508 530781