



# Autumn

## Long Stratton News

### WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN 2025 EDITION

I am pleased to say the bypass is open! With a campaign stretching 36 years the community should now see a reduction in traffic. We were sad to hear that although the traffic volume has reduced, speeding down the A140 has increased. Please keep to the speed limits and keep Long Stratton safe for everyone.

Now the bypass has concluded the Town Council are working alongside Norfolk County Council to see how the high street could be redeveloped to make it attractive to new residents and businesses alike, with this in mind the Town Council officers will start to write to Regional Directors of supermarkets etc to start to promote what Long Stratton has to offer.

As we are in Fireworks season, I would like to ask everyone to be mindful of their neighbours and the surrounding environment. We all know fireworks can be stressful to animals so please take this into consideration when having or attending firework events.

It has been well communicated that the skatepark which is a popular facility in Long Stratton is coming to the end of its life cycle. It is an expensive project to undergo and therefore we will need to undertake consultation. More information can be found later in the newsletter. If you would like to help with this project please do get in contact.

Once again the Town Council is supporting the Community Christmas Event on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please support this event by liking the Facebook page and attending on the day, it is shaping up to be a wonderful day!

The Council meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month with the exception of August, at 7pm in the Pavilion, please come along.

Take care, Kelly Lunness, Chairman of Long Stratton Town Council.



### MEET YOUR COUNCIL

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October 2025



## Long Stratton’s Community Christmas Event 2025

From St Mary’s Church to The Queen’s Head, the heart of our town is bursting with festive cheer. Local businesses are bringing to life a magical celebration for all ages — filled with twinkling lights, joyful music and heartwarming surprises.

Shop with joy, support local and help raise funds for ‘BikeActive Norfolk’ — making cycling accessible for everyone.

At 5pm gather at St Mary’s Church for the launch of our first-ever “Light Up Stratton” Parade. A glowing procession of lights, laughter and merriment will wind through the town, ending in a burst of festive magic at The Queen’s Head. Walk, dance, or simply soak in the wonder — everyone’s invited to be part of the sparkle.

- Enjoy school choirs, bell-ringing and refreshments at St Mary’s Church
- Step into Santa’s Grotto, Elf Land and live entertainment at The Queen’s Head
- Sing carols and browse the mini market at The Chip Inn
- Join the festive fun and face painting at Netherton
- Discover handmade gifts at the Village Hall Christmas Market
- Settle in for magical storytelling at Long Stratton Library
- Marvel at dazzling lights and surprises at Manor Park Gardens

And that’s just the beginning — more festive delights are still to come as Long Stratton transforms into a winter wonderland.

Lovingly organised by local volunteers and businesses with support from Long Stratton Town Council.

# Long Stratton Bypass Event

## Saturday 2nd August

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August part of the new 2.4-mile Long Stratton Bypass was opened between 11am and 3pm for local residents to have an opportunity to come and visit before being officially opened to traffic.



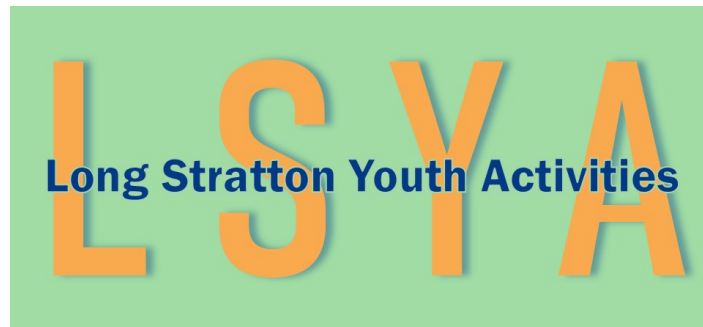
There was a fantastic turnout of people and pets! Some people walked, ran, cycled (including the wonderful BikeActive) and took to their skates and scooters! Many happy faces were seen and we'd like to say thank you to all who came along, the local businesses and organisations who contributed and to Octavius who were the main organisers of the event.



Unfortunately, there has been an increase in people trying to get through the A140 and surrounding roads faster now there are less vehicles, but please remember that these speed limits are there to keep everyone safe.

Sticking to the limit makes the road safer for yourself, other drivers, pedestrians and also our local wildlife.





# Long Stratton Youth Activities Residential

**Dates: 7-9<sup>th</sup> August'25**

**Venue: Hautbois Activity Centre, Coltishall, Norfolk**

For our first residential activity Long Stratton Youth Activities went to Hautbois Activity Centre in Coltishall and we had a fantastic time! Activities included paddleboarding, archery, climbing trees, High Ropes, a BBQ and a silent disco!



The highlights were: watching young people's enjoyment of the activities, especially where they pushed themselves out of their comfort zone; the encouragement and support they gave to each other and the staff; observing new friendships and the deepening of existing relationships: young people mucking in with preparing and clearing up of meals; and the whole group putting aside their differences and coming together whenever 'Pink Fluffy Unicorns' was played!







In August we were told that our grant application to Norfolk Community Foundation through the 'Greening our Communities Fund' had been successful!

Long Stratton Town Council has been awarded £1,848 which is going to be used to create an allotment on the grounds outside of the Pavilion. Watch this space for how we get on with growing!



Youth Cafe returned in September after the summer break on Wednesdays at the new time of 3.15 - 4.45pm. Young people have settled back in by planning this term's programme and developing some of those all-important life skills by learning to sew and making delicious savoury and sweet pastries. Well done to Alfie for taking the lead and sharing his method of making pizza wheels with the group.



Youth Council met on Wednesday 17th Sept. Your Youth Councillors are looking for more people to join, so if you are aged between 11 and 18 (Year 7+) we'd love to hear from you! Free drinks and snacks available!

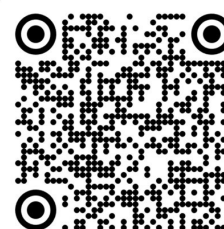
If you or anyone you know aged 16 or over is interested in volunteering with us, either on a regular or occasional basis, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you!

Contact Anastasia Twigg on [anastasia.twigg@longstrattontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:anastasia.twigg@longstrattontowncouncil.gov.uk), on 07743 938147, on Facebook @Anastasia Twigg Youthworker or @lsyouthactivities.



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# Public Consultations

## Skate park

As the skatepark is coming to the end of its life, the Council are keen to hear the ideas of the local community regarding the use of the skatepark—especially if the community would like to see the skatepark replaced, or if they would like to see a new, related facility in its place (e.g., a pump track).



**SCAN ME**



Stage one of the survey will explore the views of the community about the existing skatepark and whether it is a good idea to replace it. The survey will run until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Based on the results, a second more detailed survey will be held commencing January 2026.

More information can be found on our website or by scanning the QR code.

## Infrastructure for Long Stratton

Now the bypass is complete we are looking ahead to the 1800 home development and the hugely important need for infrastructure.

What infrastructure do you think Long Stratton needs?

Let us know your thoughts by scanning the QR code which will take you to the webpage where you will find the survey. Alternatively, we have paper copies available in the Pavilion and the Library.

Or contact us and we will send one out to you.



# Trees at St Mary's Church

We have been advised that South Norfolk Council are having to take down 6 of the trees within the churchyard due to disease.

They will look to replant when the ground conditions allow.



**The council agreed to provide a £400 grant for a defibrillator cabinet for the Fire Service at Septembers full council meeting.**



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

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**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  
as possible 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, the address  
is on the first page.**

**We look forward to  
hearing from you.**

## KEY CONTACTS

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- Bins
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- Housing

Norfolk County Council - 0344 800 8020

- Highways
- Social Services, adult and children
- Education

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