



Autumn

Long Stratton News

WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN EDITION

Welcome to the Autumn 2023 addition of the Town Council newsletter.

We have seen some changes to both the Council and the Council team since our last newsletter. Robert Mackenzie has resigned as Councillor, the Council would like to thank him for his time with the Council and wish him all the best for the future. Emma Blizard has left the office team. Emma was a great addition to the Council and she will be sorely missed, good luck with all your future ventures! I would like to welcome Molly Hallett to the team. Molly is the Council's first apprentice and will be working full time learning all the different services and functions that the Town Council provides.

As the nights start drawing in and with Christmas looming around the corner the Council is excited to be supporting the Christmas Community Event on the 1st December where the local businesses are hosting Long Stratton's Community Christmas Event.

We currently have 3 vacancies on the Council. All Councillors are volunteers, supporting their local community by meeting and making decisions about how Long Stratton grows. If you would like to know more about what we do please come along to the next Full Council meeting. We meet the second Monday of every month at 7pm in the Pavilion on Manor Road Playing Fields.

In this newsletter we are raising awareness about the welfare of hedgehogs, talking about road safety, the new play area and much more.

Kelly Lunness, Chairman.

MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Chairman
Councillor
Kelly Lunness

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Councillor
Mat Pochin

Councillor
Andrew Lansdell

Councillor
David Willis

Councillor
Diane Woodham

Councillor
Helen Dickerson

Councillor
Judith Baker

Councillor
Louise Mundford

Councillor
Robin Ciorra

Councillor
Susan Smith

3 Vacancies



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Manor Road Playing Fields

In early June this year the Town Council along with lots of excited local children and families opened the new play area which was installed by Premier Playgrounds. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many smiling faces, all running towards the brand new play equipment!



We would love your feedback on the Manor Road playing fields and all the new equipment we now have.

Go to www.longstrattoncouncil.info and click on the tab titled 'Manor Road Play Area' or alternatively scan the QR code to the right which will take you to the webpage, to send us your thoughts and ideas.

We hope you're enjoying your new park!



Youth Shelter



Next to the MUGA we now have a youth shelter installed.

We would like to say thank you to District Councillor Georgina Race, who provided her member grant to help towards the delivery of this fantastic seating area.

Finger Posts



And, our latest addition to the playing fields is the new finger post which we hope helps finding your way around easier.

MEET MOLLY

Molly has recently joined the team in September and is our new Town Council apprentice.

She is working in the office Monday to Thursday alongside Becky, Jess and Tom, then on a Friday she is studying Business and Administration at the City College. There's a lot to learn and lots of people to meet in the Council and is settling in really well.

In her spare time she loves to walk her dog, Lilly, who is part husky. And is also a very keen online gamer.





Hedgehogs



The wonderful Tracy from 'The Hog House, Hedgehog Help', based in Long Stratton, has kindly written an article all about Hedgehogs, the dangers they face and what you can do to help. The full article can be found on our website at www.longstrattoncouncil.info

Arguably Britain's favourite mammal, the British hedgehog is a truly remarkable little creature. Despite being amazingly brave and resilient, they are in serious decline within the UK, most obviously in the East Midlands and East Anglia, resulting in them being added to the Red List, vulnerable to extinction. Sadly, this is mostly due to the actions of man.

Whilst they have been around for over half a million years, their numbers today are estimated at around just a million and it is suggested that if we do not help them, we may see our last hedgehog in as little as 5 years!

The natural habitat for hogs is open fields with hedgerows. With a lack of hedges, lack of water, increased use of pesticides and man destroying their habitats to build homes, hogs are being forced into urban areas where they face a multitude of hazards.

The following are just two of the very common hazards hedgehogs face:

MOTOR VEHICLES - probably the worst hazard and the most upsetting as I would imagine 99% of hog road deaths are unavoidable, we've all seen the dead hogs on the road – FAR TOO MANY!!!

GARDEN/FOOTBALL NETTING - should be raised off the ground around 3"/7cm to allow room for hogs to crawl under to avoid loss of limbs or strangulation.

Just two examples of what you can do to help the hogs:

MAKE A HEDGEOG HIGHWAY - a 4"/CD size hole in your garden fence to enable the hogs to pass through your garden into the neighbouring properties. Hedgehogs need to roam approximately 2km every night to get the sustenance they need.

PUT FOOD AND WATER OUT FOR HOGS - preferably KITTEN BISCUITS as the kibble is smaller so all ages including hoglets along with the elderly that have lost most of their teeth can feed. If cats pinching the food is a problem and to keep it dry, a **FEEDING STATION** can be easily made using a plastic storage container. Turn upside down, cut 4"/CD size hole as the entrance. Turn back over and place a house brick or similar on top to hold down and another across the front 4" from the entrance. Ideally place away from the perimeter.

For information on what to do if you see a hedgehog out during the day can be found in the full article on our website along with more handy telephone numbers.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society - 01584 890801 - Have a list of local rescues and telephone numbers.

THE HOGHOUSE, LONG STRATTON, is currently not taking in due to injury, but happy to advise - 07766 913370.



Although we are temporarily unable to take new patients, we do have existing guests that need to be kept over winter. If you have a couple of hours in the morning free during the week and would like to get down and dirty with the hogs (cleaning, feeding etc), we always welcome volunteers!

Thank you, Tracy.



Long Stratton Town Council has declared a Climate Crisis!

What does this mean? Well, as you may know, the world has realised that we're running out of time to cut back on carbon emissions and save our beautiful planet, and we as a Council recognise that we need to act now. We will be looking into ways that we as a Council can further reduce our carbon footprint, on top of the actions we have already taken (LED streetlights and LED lights, air source heat pump and solar panels at the Pavilion). Some possible actions we could take would be to switch to recycled paper and reduce our paper usage in the office.



That's great, but what can local residents do? LSTC will be signposting the community to valuable resources that can help everyone reduce their carbon emissions and will provide as much information as possible on how to go green. This could include buying less products and repairing and reusing old ones, buying seasonally and shopping for local produce and finding out what improvements could be made to your home to increase its energy efficiency.

Where can we find this information? We will be updating the website with what we can all collectively do, to reduce our carbon emissions and will be signposting to local grants and organisations that can help achieve this.



We now have a Community Speed Watch Team operating in Long Stratton. Community Speed Watch is made up of volunteers trying to raise awareness around road safety. This is really important work.

They will be operating in areas where accidents have happened in the Town. They are working with the Police to highlight speeding in the Town and repeat offenders will have their details passed to the Police. Please act with curtesy to the volunteers, there aim is to make Long Stratton a safer place to live for all. Thank you.



Community Christmas Event

The businesses of Long Stratton have come together to organise this years Community Christmas Event supported by the Town Council.

It will be on Friday 1st December 2023 from 4pm until late, where there will be carol singers, Christmas markets, food and drink, Santa's Grotto and lots lots more!

More information can be found on posters around the Town, our website www.longstrattoncouncil.info and the Facebook event page titled 'Long Stratton Community Christmas Event 2023'

Yes there is such a thing as a FREE LUNCH...

Will you or someone you know be on their own Christmas day? Come along and join us at the Long Stratton Pavilion for some friendly company and a fabulous FREE Christmas lunch, with festive entertainment and free take home goody bags. If you live in or local to Long Stratton, we would love you to join us. We can cater for up to 30 guests. The Long Stratton Christmas Community Lunch has been organised by local residents Tony and Kay Story, but made possible by the help and generosity of the people of Long Stratton who have supplied the services and volunteered to help put the event together, and the Long Stratton Town Council who have kindly donated the Pavilion.

Places need to be booked so we can cater for dietary requirements and ensure all who wish to come have a guaranteed place. Our volunteers will even organise to pick you up if you don't have transport!

Places have started to be booked, so get in touch now! Nominate someone (with their permission), or book a free place for yourself!

For more details or to book, call or text Tony or Kay on 07828 171580, or 07920 042188, or email kaystory67@gmail.com



INVITATIONS NOW OPEN TO LOCAL RESIDENTS

Will you or you or someone you know will be isolated or lonely on Christmas day ? get in touch for an invite now!



**Christmas
Lunch!**



**December the 25th
Long Stratton Pavillion**

Thanks to the generosity of people and businesses of Long Stratton, we are able to invite 30 local people to enjoy some company and a fabulous **FREE Christmas lunch and entertainment !**

**For more details and to nominate someone
contact Tony & Kay Story
07828 171580 / 07920 042188
email Kaystory67@gmail.com**

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

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 District Council - 01508 533701

Website - www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

- Bins
- Council tax
- Housing

Norfolk County Council - 0344 8008020

- 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

Long Stratton Dental and Implant Centre - 07503 636449