



# Long Stratton News

## WELCOME TO THE WINTER EDITION

Welcome to the Winter 2024 addition of the Town Councils newsletter.

We are hoping to have an exciting year with some much anticipated projects starting. Firstly, it is on track for the bypass to commence work in April. At the time of writing the traffic side orders have been agreed to allow preparation work to take place. This will see a number of road closures in Long Stratton however we have been reassured that the roads affected will be closed only when necessary. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk.

I would like to welcome Anastasia Twigg to the team in the Council office. Anastasia joins us to concentrate on working with the youth in Long Stratton. Please see more information later in the newsletter.

I would also like to welcome Justin Harris and Florence Morimont who have both recently joined the Council.

The Council would like to thank the community for a fantastic Christmas event, members of the community are looking to provide an Easter market on Easter Saturday and the Council will be providing a summer event on the 6th July at the playing fields.

As we know, Long Stratton is growing. The Town Council as a consultee for planning applications and with the delivery of the bypass it is expected the housing will soon be delivered. The west side of the development already has detailed planning permission. We will keep you all informed of progress as and when we are told.

Chairman, Kelly Lunness

### MEET YOUR COUNCIL

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**Louise Mundford**

**Councillor**

**Robin Ciorra**

**Councillor**

**Susan Smith**

**Councillor**

**Justin Harris**

**Councillor**

**Florence Morimont**

**1 Vacancy**



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February 2024

# Community Christmas Event

## 2023

What a fantastic Community Christmas Event on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023!

The Street was buzzing and lively as ever as the Long Stratton community, friends and families from all over came and supported local businesses who prepared entertainment and festivities for each and everyone who visited that night.

Businesses were hosting events such as Christmas market, Santas grotto, crafts, games, photo booth, hairdos, meet and greet characters and much more. It was amazing to sing along into Christmas with the carol singing by guest choir and the local school choirs. Along with the local businesses were stalls run by the local youth groups, community groups, local crafters and bakers.



The event was raising money to support the local food bank and 'The Long Stratton Community Christmas Lunch'. Thanks to you it was possible and Christmas spirit was spread a bit further from one heart to another.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the main volunteers and organisers who brought the idea of bringing the Town Council, local businesses and community together. Thank you for attending planning meetings, for supporting each other from flood lights to

gazebo's, handmade decorations and inflatable polar bears. There was no job too big or small and you put all your heart and time to bring Christmas to our town. Thank you to Tea and Cake Katrina and Mike, The Queens Head Emma and her team of volunteers, The Netherton Steakhouse Kevin, Kerri and Cara, Made to Craft Mechelle, Dark Force Comics Steven, MD Wealth Management Ltd September, Long Stratton Town Council Becky and her team, Mr Rochester, Michelle and to all who were there along the way with your advice and helping hands.



It was wonderful to see so many people out enjoying the town and supporting local businesses so thank you to each and every one for being part of the event!

Thank you,  
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## Meet Long Stratton's new Youth Worker, Anastasia Twigg

Following a consultation with young people, it was recognised that young people do not always feel that they have a voice within the community and/or a safe space where they can express themselves.

Long Stratton Town Council (with funding from South Norfolk Council through UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund) are providing £31,245 to deliver a new project to address this issue.

This project will focus on reaching young people from age 8 upwards who live in Long Stratton and surrounding villages.



The project will run for an initial 12 months starting from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 with a view for it to continue beyond the original funding amount.

We welcome Anastasia and wish her well and are looking forward to what's to come!



Anastasia will be at the Pavilion on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 12pm to 4pm to meet young people and anyone that is interested in supporting the development of youth projects and activities.

There will be warm drinks and snacks available too. All welcome.

Anastasia's normal working days are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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e-mail: [anastasia.twigg@longstrattontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:anastasia.twigg@longstrattontowncouncil.gov.uk)

# Local Easter Event

Easter Market

Date: Saturday 30th March 2024

Start time: 12.00pm - Finish time: 6.00pm

A fantastic local event is being planned for Easter Saturday which will include a variety of stalls outside 'Tea & Cake' and around the court yard along with more outside of 'The Queens Head Public House' and 'The Chip Inn'.

There will be an Easter egg trail, £1 per child, on the afternoon of the market, with an Easter egg at the end.

Plus a colouring competition and a 'Stratton Bake Off'!

If you would like a stall or are a local business who would like to take part or are a keen baker and would like to enter the competition please contact Katrina Thompson at [katrinarthompson@googlemail.com](mailto:katrinarthompson@googlemail.com)





The Town Councils Events Committee are starting to prepare for this years community summer event. Last year was a great success and we want to bring everyone together again for an afternoon of fun and entertainment!

It will be held on Saturday 6th July 2024 on the Manor Road playing fields (times to be confirmed).

Volunteers are always needed and much appreciated, so if you could lend a hand in any way that'd be fantastic! And if you would like to join the events committee please do let us know, all welcome.

If you would like a stall please contact Jessica Lawton at [Jessica.Lawton@longstrattontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Jessica.Lawton@longstrattontowncouncil.gov.uk) for further details.

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**Please could you  
make sure all dogs  
are kept on leads on  
the playing fields.**

**Thank you.**



# Public Information from Norfolk County Council regarding the Long Stratton Bypass

Temporary road closures for preliminary site clearance work in the Long Stratton area, including temporary traffic management, on Church Lane, Edges Lane, Hall Lane, Parkers Lane and A140 (Layby Only).

Work on the new Long Stratton Bypass is currently due to start later in the spring. This scheme will remove through traffic on the A140 from the centre of Long Stratton, improving journey times across the county and support our regional economy.

In order to give the project the best possible start, some site clearance work is needed from early January 2024. Any vegetation removal will be minimal but to ensure the safety of both the public and our contractors, a series of temporary road closures and traffic management will be in place. Weather permitting, the temporary road closures will be intermittently in place between Monday 8 January and Friday 29 March 2024. One layby on the A140 Ipswich Road (north of Wild Rose Farm) will also be closed for the duration of this work.

The temporary road closures will only be implemented when absolutely necessary. The affected roads will remain open and available for free passage at all other times. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order will be in force when signs are sited. We are unfortunately unable to provide exact dates at this stage as to when each particular road may be affected but will endeavour to provide continuous notice throughout the duration of the works. This will be via advance warning signage at each location, along with clearly signed diversion routes where applicable.

Diversion routes and temporary road closure plans are also available on request.

Access will be maintained throughout for residents/businesses located within the works areas but some minor delays be experienced whilst key activities are in progress.

We understand any disruption on the roads is frustrating and will be working closely with our contractors throughout the project to minimise this as much as possible.

If you do have any queries or concerns then please contact a member of the team on the details below.

You can also sign up for email updates on the wider project via the main project webpage.

The County Council thanks the public for their patience while this work is carried out.

## Contact and further information

Telephone: **0344 800 8020** Ask for Dominic Mayne, Andrew Connors or Paul Gallop

Email: [longstratton@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:longstratton@norfolk.gov.uk)

Project website: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/strattonbypass](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/strattonbypass)

Up-to-date information about all roadworks in Norfolk is available on the County Council website at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roadworks)

**Hard copies of the Temporary Traffic Orders and Long Stratton Bypass maps can be viewed in the Town Councils office (TRO's with diversion routes can be viewed online also at [www.longstrattoncouncil.info](http://www.longstrattoncouncil.info))**

# Defibrillators



Long Stratton Town Council has a defibrillator for emergency use situated on the outside wall of the Pavilion on the Manor Road playing fields. There is also a defibrillator now situated alongside the A140 on the front wall of the Police Station. These are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**In an emergency dial 999.** Tell the call handler that you need access to the defibrillator.

The call handler will give you the access code and then guide you through using the equipment.

The defibrillator should be placed back in the cabinet after use. The pads will then be renewed and the defibrillator reset by the Town Council.



The defibrillator should send an alert to the Clerks office to let us know it has been used.

Pavilion defibrillator - What3Words [///satin.stunner.schooling](https://what3words.com/satin.stunner.schooling)

Police Station defibrillator - What3Words [///kind.fruitcake.hired](https://what3words.com/kind.fruitcake.hired)

An additional SAM2 device will soon be up and running with extra roads being monitored

A new security light has recently been installed in the Manor Road play area

**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](http://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](mailto:Rosemaryaf.bennett@btinternet.com)**

**Long Stratton Medical Partnership - 01508 530781**