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NORTON SHOP WEBSITE

<https://www.nortonshop.co.uk>

FESTIVAL WEBSITE <https://www.nortonfestival.org>

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

<https://nortonsubhamdon-pc.gov.uk>

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WEBSITE

<https://nortonsubhamdonpc.co.uk/friends-of-norton-church>

VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE <http://nshvillagehall.co.uk>

TONY BROOK The Newsletter committee members were very sad to hear that Tony Brook had passed away. He had been a staunch member of the Newsletter committee almost all the time he lived in Norton, first as an excellent Treasurer for 20 years, then later staying on the committee to help with general advice on Newsletter decisions. He will be greatly missed by us and by many people – a true Norton villager.

CRAFTY CRITTERS are in the Reading Room

Monday 4th and 18th August 1.30 to 3.30pm. Why not come along and join us for a couple of hours of friendly chat whilst you work on your project, or pick up some inspiration for the next one. No special skills required! £2.00 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. Tricia 882646

MOBILE LIBRARY AND BOOK CLUB The Mobile Library will be in Chiselborough opposite the Village Hall on **Tuesday 5th August from 9.30–10am, and in Higher Street, Norton from 10.10–10.35am.** The book club meets the same day. Anne Fairweather

NORTON MOVIE NITES AGM Tuesday 5th August 7.30pm Lord Nelson skittle alley All are welcome to join us to hear what we have done in 2024-25 and have an input to the plans for the future. John Bailey

NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE

We were very sad to hear of Tony Brook's passing. Tony had been a truly dedicated supporter of the Flower Show, having served on the committee for many years. He carried out hours of research in 2002 while writing his book on the history of the Flower Show, celebrating 100 years since it started. He will be latterly remembered as our MC on the microphone during Show days. Thank you, Tony, may you rest in peace.

NORTON & CHISELBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW Saturday 16th August from 2.00 to 5.00pm.

Please make sure your entry form is either emailed to janem11@hotmail.com **by 4.00pm on Wednesday 13th August**, or taken to the Reading Room **between 7 and 8.30pm**. For those of you entering Class 134 (ages 8–12) who don't attend Norton or West Chinnock schools, please collect your vials at the Reading Room on the 13th.

Donations for the Flower Show tombola. We would be grateful for any donations, please bring yours to the Reading Room on the evening of Wednesday 13th August, or to the hall on the morning of the Show. Offers of help will be gratefully received before, during and afterwards. Please contact janem11@hotmail.com or rileypeacehaven@icloud.com

Starting from the Lord Nelson at 1.30pm on Saturday 16th: Join the procession with Steve on his magic bicycle, wave flags, blow whistles, dance along to the music and enjoy! Gate admission at Norton Village Hall is £1 for adults, while children and patrons are free, or you can buy your entry wristband from 1st August at Norton Shop. The Show opens at 2.00pm, with the marquee open to the public at 2.30pm. Patrons and advertisers are invited to the marquee at 2.00pm for a preview of exhibits whilst sipping a glass of bubbly.

As well as lots of stallholders outside and inside the hall, Roger Waters and his model club will have their displays in the committee room; the vintage lawnmower club are back again, as are the band Topsy Swing. A group of Circle Dancers will perform dances from around the world – you can join in, it's suitable for all ages! The ever-popular speed flower arranging contest will take place during the afternoon.

Join us in the marquee at 7.30pm for the 70s & 80s Disco Dust off those bell-bottoms and neon leg warmers! Bring your own drinks and dance the night away! Tickets £7, now available from Norton Shop. Profits will go to Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show and Air Ambulance.

Thank you to all those who supported the quiz on 22nd June in aid of the Air Ambulance. Special thanks to John Riley the quiz master. A very enjoyable evening was had by all and we raised £455.00.

NORTON CHURCH SERVICES for August

Sunday 3rd, 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 10th, 9.30am Communion

Sunday 24th, 6pm Evensong

Wednesday 27th, 9am Communion

Details of all services and information about the Benefice are on the website:

www.hamhillchurches.org and church notice boards.

THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST is

a unique partnership of church, state and charity that accepts responsibility for the preservation of historic churches that cannot be supported by their parishes. Many of the over 350 churches in its care became valued community assets, used by local schools and colleges. The Friends of Norton Church are delighted to announce that Meriel O'Dowd, a Trust Project Manager, will provide an illustrated talk on the conservation work of the Trust. **Friday 26th September, 7pm in Norton Church.** More details to follow, but keep the date free in your diaries.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 2025

Planning: The Parish Council was informed that despite our objection; Somerset Council have now approved the following:

Erection of a new two storey, two-bedroom domestic dwelling with new vehicular access. Turnpike Lodge, Norton Sub Hamdon, Somerset TA14 6SL
Ref. No: 24/00233/FUL - Status: Approved

New Website Domain: From August, Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council will be moving to a new website and email domain:

Website: <https://nortonsubhamdon-pc.gov.uk>

Email: clerk@nortonsubhamdon-pc.gov.uk.

This transition is in response to the 2025 edition of the Practitioners' Guide, which introduces important updates, particularly regarding AGAR compliance that must be implemented by March 2026. One of the key stipulations is that all local authorities must use a generic email account hosted on an authority-owned domain. This move is designed to:

- 1.Enhance the security of council communications
- 2.Support a professional and trustworthy online presence.
- 3.Ensure compliance with legal obligations

All relevant content from the current website is being transferred to the new domain. Once the website is fully operational, new email addresses will be assigned to all Councillors. Thank you for your patience and support during this important transition.

Devolution of Assets The Clerk informed the Parish Council that all three sites – Minchington Rec, the verge at Minchington Close by no. 5 on the corner, and the green square in the middle of Barn Orchard – had successfully passed through the internal pre-Asset Management Group (AMG) review process. However, she had been informed that the scheduled July AMG meeting had been cancelled, and the next meeting is now expected to take place in early August. Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council's sites, along with sites from several other parish councils, are on the agenda for this upcoming meeting.

The AMG meeting represents the final stage of internal approvals required before Somerset Council can formally sign off on the devolution proposals. It also acts as the catalyst for issuing the Heads of Terms. These may include specific conditions agreed at the AMG meeting and will initiate the statutory process required under Section 123 of the Local

Government Act, relating to the disposal of public open space. Once the AMG has approved the proposals, the Heads of Terms will be sent to the Clerk, who will then be in a position to obtain quotes from solicitors to progress the legal transfer.

Reminder: Riparian Responsibilities for

Landowners: Now is an ideal time while conditions are dry to inspect and clear ditches of obstructions and silt build-up. If your land borders a river, stream, or ditch, you are likely to be a riparian landowner, and certain legal responsibilities apply.

General Responsibilities

- Ownership Assumption: You likely own the land up to the centre of the watercourse if it borders your property.
- Flood Risk Management: Keep banks and channels free of obstructions to prevent flooding on your land and downstream.

Ongoing Maintenance:

- Manage the bed and banks of the watercourse.
- Maintain vegetation, including trees and shrubs.
- Remove litter and animal carcasses, regardless of source.

Ditch Maintenance

- Clear Blockages: Remove debris, silt, and overgrowth to ensure proper water flow.
- Accept Flow: Natural water flow must be allowed through your ditch, even if it comes from neighbouring land or public highways.
- Prevent Pollution: Never discharge contaminants or harmful materials into the watercourse.

Public Rights of Way – If a public footpath crosses your land:

- Keep Routes Clear: Ensure the path is unobstructed and safe for users.
- Maintain Access Points: You are responsible for the upkeep of stiles or gates. These must be safe, usable by all (including those with disabilities), and not locked.

A reminder that there is no Parish Council meeting in August. **The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.30 pm in Norton Village Hall committee room.** *Louise Brooks (Clerk to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council)*
clerk@nortonsubhamdon-pc.gov.uk

LADIES GROUP Our Pimms Party on 17th July was a great success. We enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch provided by our members, followed by a team quiz. An attempt to try line and country dancing achieved more laughter than dance. A visit to Barcroft Hall Garden is planned for **Wednesday 6th August**, with another outing, a Treasure Trail around Lyme Regis, with lunch, is provisionally planned for Wednesday 3rd September. We will be helping with refreshments at the Flower Show on Saturday 16th August, and will need as many cakes as possible. **Our next meeting will be on Monday 15th September**, when we will have a chance to do some charcoal drawings after a demonstration by a local artist. We meet on the third Monday each month from 2.30pm in the Reading Room. New members and visitors are very welcome. Enquiries Sue Lowder 881805

CAKE PLEASE We can't serve tea and cake without any cake. If you would like to bake or buy a cake to donate for the Flower Show, it would be very much appreciated. Cakes can be delivered to the hall on **Saturday 16th August from 11 to 12.30pm.** Volunteers to help, contact Sue Lowder 881805

THE READING ROOM COMMITTEE is delighted to hear Katy's baby news and wish her and Jack the very best for the future. When Katy closes in December, the village is going to miss her and the tearoom enormously and we thank Katy for creating and nurturing such a lovely café in the heart of the village over the past four years. The Committee now will be looking for a new person to run a café/takeaway from the end of this year. If you are interested please contact Mick Way, Chair of the Reading Room on 07974 565973 for further details.

JUBILEE GARDEN. Watch out for the three snow geese that have taken up residence in the Jubilee Garden. If you weren't lucky enough to buy one of the glass artworks at the Jubilee party, you might be interested in another one, or one of your choice – commissions can be taken. Get in touch with me and I will arrange. A donation from any sales will be made towards the upkeep of the garden. We are so lucky to have such talented, generous people in our village. Lynn Orchard 882602.

JUBILEE GARDEN SUMMER PARTY Another really lovely evening was enjoyed by many residents and Norton Community Matters would like to thank everyone who helped with the setting up of the garden, the fabulous entertainment, the various charities and refreshment stalls, and all those who came along to enjoy the evening. Thanks also go to everyone who bought raffle tickets or Named the Bear – an amazing £420 was raised! We would also like to say a special thank you to Lynn Orchard. Without her vision and hard work the garden and summer party wouldn't exist. Email: helloncm@outlook.com

NORTON COMMUNITY MATTERS would like to thank Lisa Parsons for organising the **Party at the Cross on Saturday 2nd August, from 11am onwards** and for generously donating profits to us from this great event (wristbands available from Norton Shop). Norton Community Matters has been set up to enhance the lives of residents of the Norton Sub Hamdon area. It funds village initiatives and projects which will help build a stronger sense of neighbourhood camaraderie and community. We have several ideas in the pipeline on how this money could be used. We would also welcome suggestions from local residents, or applications for funding for current or future initiatives. Email: helloncm@outlook.com

NORTON VILLAGE SHOP Many thanks to Jamie Brodie of Hamdon View Windows for repairing an old window with a new pane at the Village Shop. It's a great improvement. Lynn Orchard.

OLD CHAPEL CLOCK We are sorry the outside clock has been showing the wrong hour for the past few weeks. The hour hand decided to 'slip', so it needed to be totally dismantled before being re-hung. It has been taken down and returned to the makers in Kent for repair. We are pleased to know how much the clock is appreciated, and is missed when repairs have to be carried out! Peter Callaghan peter@callaghangroup.com

THE VILLAGE SALON will be closed for two weeks **from Friday 1st August** as I'm going away on holiday. Lisa Doble

CHURCH FLAGS The union flag will be flown from the church tower on **16th August for Norton Flower Show.**

LORD'S LARDER SUPPORT Thanks to support by Norton Church and community, Yeovil Lord's Larder helped 636 people – 384 adults and 252 children – during June. A total of 138 families benefited from one of the 286 Lord's Larder parcels sent out that month. People in need have access through local agencies that make these deliveries. Items can be donated at the collection point in Norton church, where a list of items required will be found, or at Norton Shop (only non-perishables can be accepted – fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen products, opened items or anything out of date cannot be accepted). The shop operates a system where money can be donated, and staff and volunteers will put together the items needed. Church volunteers regularly take items from the church and shop to the Larder in Yeovil. Thank you to everyone who supports this effort to help families in need.

FRIENDS OF NORTON CHURCH WINE CLUB Winners for August are: Malcom Reid, Sue Lowder, Lindsay Higgins, Debbie Bradley, Roger Waters, Tim & Pam Williams, Jonathan Dart, Heather Hawkins, Jenny Bynham, Rowena Alsey. Thanks to everyone who is a member of the Wine Club Draw. This raises a considerable amount for maintaining the fabric of our church. If you are interested in joining, contact me on 07943 971566 or email simonbradley@gmail.com

STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP Our very successful summer term will shortly be drawing to a close, with the autumn term commencing from Tuesday 2nd September. We will be having a Painting Day at Tintinhull Garden in the summer holidays. So, whatever your preferred medium and skill level do come and join us! We meet at Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9:30pm and Friday mornings 10.00am to 12.00 noon during school term time. First visit FREE! Contact Andrew on 019935 823961 SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists

VILLAGE DIARY OF EVENTS

Monday 4 August Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30–3.30pm
Tuesday 5 August Mobile Library and Book Club, Higher Street 10.10am
Tuesday 5 August, Norton Movie Nites AGM, Lord Nelson skittle alley, 7.30pm
Saturday 16 August Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show 2pm–5pm
Saturday 16 August After Flower Show Disco 7.45pm–11.45pm
Monday 18 August Crafty Critters, Reading Room 1.30–3.30pm
Monday 8 September Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall committee room 7.30pm
Monday 15 September Ladies Group 2.30–4.30pm
Friday 26 September Church Conservation Trust, Norton Church 7pm

NEWCOMERS TO OUR VILLAGE If you know of anyone who has moved to Norton, please ask for their details and contact the editors so that we can welcome them to our village.

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