

STALHAM COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome to the September newsletter for all residents and visitors to Stalham.

Stalham Town Council remain keen to communicate the work that is happening in your community and keep you up to date with the work of the Town Council. There is a vacancy on the Council, please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

The next publication will be in November 2022.

If you would like anything to be considered for the issue please get in touch by Monday 10th October 2022.

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Hedges and Trees

The Town Council receives many complaints about hedges and trees in Stalham where they impede pedestrians and/or traffic.

If you have a hedge that is adjacent to a pavement, please can you ensure that it is cut back during the Winter seasons to allow pedestrians to pass freely.

If there is a street light, please ensure this is clear and accessible and free of vegetation.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

By Chris Foster (Chair)



Stalham Town Council has enabled a steering group comprised of both Councillors and local residents to work alongside a consultant to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan. **Any interested residents are welcome to come along to any of the meetings or get involved. Next Meeting 20th October, 4pm at Stalham Poppy Centre.**

Since the completion of the consultation process the group has been gathering evidence which the plan can be created from. The group has also identified, assessed and mapped green spaces and green corridors for the benefit of wildlife.

Members have been mapping views in and around the town and have started to look at our heritage buildings. This evidence will allow key characteristics of the town to be identified and included in the plan with a view to preservation and enhancement.

To help us with this, we have acquired a grant to enable professional assistance to carry out a Housing Needs Assessment and Design Code report. These experts are coming to assess the High Street and design of our Town with yet another group looking at the housing needs in Stalham.

North Norfolk District Council has a housing crisis and members have met with District Planners to discuss these issues. In the next month or two we will begin to draw up some ideas about what we can do to ensure that Stalham remains a "Rural Town" with a strong community in a spectacular environment.

The administration for the Group is undertaken by Assistant Clerk Lolly Dawson, please contact the Parish Office if you would like more information or to be involved in any way.

Where does my water come from?

The Town Council has recently met with Anglian Water who have offered the following information for residents;

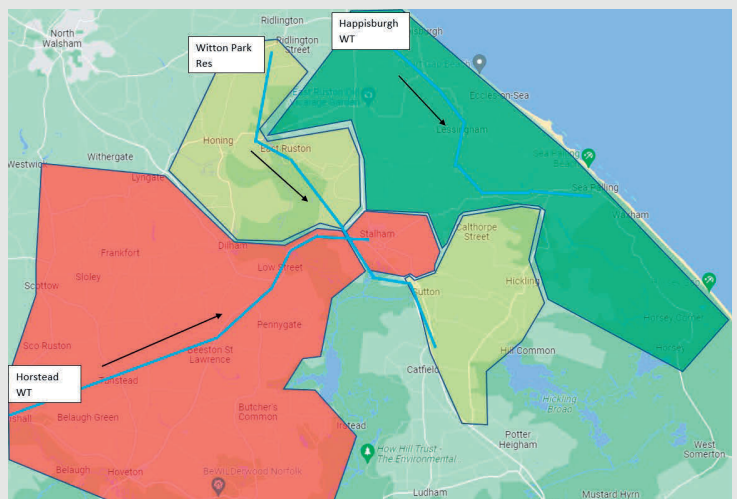
Many blockages are avoidable - we are asked to be mindful of what is flushed down the loo or put down the sink. Unflushable material put into the sewer network can make its way to our treatment centres and has to be removed and sent to landfill – the only part of the process that cannot be recycled.

Wet wipes, sanitary waste, fats, oil and food scraps in sewer pipes can have a significant impact on the environment, resulting in blockages and flooding. It is the responsibility of householders, holiday-makers in the area and businesses to make sure the pipes from homes and businesses are kept clear to allow the used water to flow freely to its ultimate destination for treatment. Pipes which only carry used water and the **3Ps – Poo, Pee and Paper (toilet paper)** are self-cleansing, they will not block, emit horrible odours or attract rodents. Those that do block pose a threat to the environment when the sewage escapes and is not only highly distressing and detrimental to the area but is also deadly for fish and wildlife if this gets out into water courses, rivers or the sea.

Flooding / operational incidents

We have our [In Your Area](#) website which shows live incidents and planned investments across the region. We would encourage customers to regularly check this site and sign-up to for the latest updates in their area. You can set up automatic alerts so if anything does happen where you live we will send you a message.

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance was set up last year by the County Council headed up by General Lord Richard Dannatt following the serious flooding over the winter of 2020/21. Norfolk residents now have a one-stop-shop to report flooding with more information on the website, www.norfolk.gov.uk



How to contact us

For operational issues such as clean or wastewater flooding from our pipes or water supply / quality problems customers should telephone us on 03457 145145. This will ensure a job is raised for our technicians to investigate.

For any pollution reports we encourage customers to use Pollution telephone line on 03457 145145. For billing queries customers can call us on 03457 919 155 or if people are having problems paying their bill we have a dedicated support line on 0800 169 3630.

We also have a meter installation helpline on 0345 850 5852, where customers can get more information about having a meter installed.

We are always keen to encourage customers who are in vulnerable circumstances to join our Priority Services Register, which is easy to do on our website www.anglianwater.co.uk. This will provide customers with additional support during incidents (bottled water for example) and additional financial help too.

Given the current situation with high temperatures, very low rainfall, and talks of a drought in the UK, it's a very topical subject! We have plenty of advice on our website www.anglianwater.co.uk, which I'm sure will help customers not only save water (so important at the moment) but also save money if they have a water meter.

STALHAM IN BLOOM

Are you local to Stalham?

Do you have some time to spare?

Are you interested in gardening?

Stalham in Bloom is a small, friendly group who spend an hour or so on a Friday afternoon every couple of weeks, keeping our town looking great and enhancing the environment for us all.

They have small areas of garden around Stalham that they plant and maintain for the benefit of residents and visitors and would love to meet you! With more support, more could be achieved.

Come and say hello if you see us them and about, or give your details to the Parish Office to pass along.

You can find them on Facebook "Stalham In Bloom".



Do you run a local club, society or community event?

If you run a local club, society or group or are planning a community event, please get in touch so that in the November issue of this Newsletter we can share with all of our readers 'What's On' locally. It would be great to provide a directory of what is available locally.

Please provide your group or event information including any location, timings and contact details.

ST FURSEY'S ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY & PARISH CHURCH

St Fursey's Orthodox Christian Community purchased the disused police station on Yarmouth Road in 2018 after some alterations, two of the smaller rooms were knocked into one to become a temporary place of worship until the church was built.

The Byzantine style of architecture, with its round arches and domes, has a spiritual meaning, that God is with us, and the dome signifies the heavenly firmament, and the cross reminds us of all that Christ has done for us. The officers of the North Norfolk District Council planning department were very interested in the designs of the church and were very supportive through-out the building process. St Fursey's Orthodox Christian Community are very thankful for this.

St Fursey's Orthodox Christian Community belongs to the Antiochian part of the worldwide Orthodox Church. Patriarch John X our current leader is the 167th successor to St Peter as Bishop of Antioch. Fr Stephen was ordained priest in 2011 in Paris.

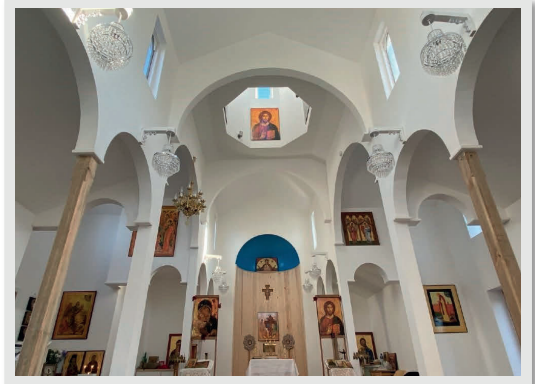
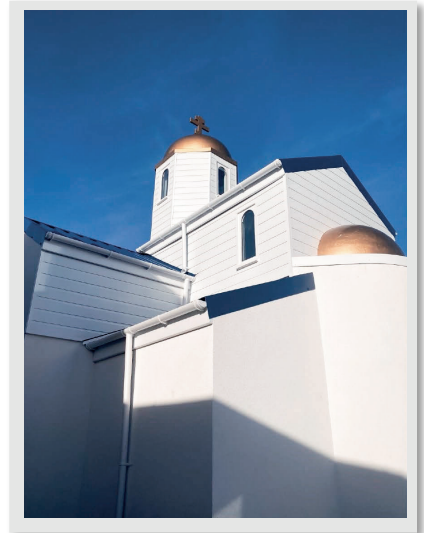
It is not generally known that Anglo-Saxon England was Orthodox until the Great Schism in 1054. St Theodore of Tarsus (St Paul of Tarsus) became the 7th Archbishop of Canterbury 668-689 came from Antioch.

The church had a very successful Open Day in June and another is planned for September. St Fursey was originally a monk from Northern Ireland, he came with his two brothers and two friends as a missionary to Norfolk in 630, and was given the Roman Fort Burgh Castle to be his monastery.

NEXT OPEN DAY—FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER FROM 10AM
SERVICES—SATURDAYS, VESPERS, 4PM
SUNDAYS, DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30AM
TUESDAYS, THIRD HOUR, 9AM
THURSDAYS, THURD HOUR, 9AM

SEPTEMBER EVENINGS TALKS

Introducing the Orthodox Church
Thursday 8th September 7pm "Finding the new testament"
Thursday 15th September 7pm "Heaven upon earth worship"
Thursday 29th September 7pm "Windows into heaven" Icons



District Councillor Pauline Grove-Jones

By Councillor Pauline Grove-Jones

How lucky we have been this summer with such lovely sunshine for the holiday season.

Staying in touch with our neighbours is particularly important at the moment as covid cases are prevalent in older people, and it seems to be a particularly nasty version- not life threatening but similar to a very nasty bout of flu. Please remember to get your flu jabs and if you are offered another booster covid jab, please take it.

I joined the protest group which assembled just off the A149 to bring attention to the dangerous driving conditions on our stretch of road from Watford Bridge to Catfield recently. I have been trying for 10 years to get something done about the Market Rd/A149 T junction as this is a major cause of frustration and hold ups at busy times. I don't think a roundabout is in the offing but I am arguing that lights would help to slow the traffic and bring some order to that junction. Similar arguments were made about the Catfield/A149 junction, but to no avail. Stalham and Sutton are both seeing increased use of the old Yarmouth Rd and The Street, Sutton as rat runs, as traffic tries to avoid the Market Rd junction.

Due to the problem of Nitrates and Phosphates leaching into our fresh water supplies all new buildings have been suspended until Natural England has come up with some mitigation ideas to help builders address the problem of surface water run-off. Unfortunately this will take some time, and could affect some developments until after Christmas.

The local Stalham street fairs have been a great success - I missed the Town council fair unfortunately, but was able to enjoy the Vintage Fair with lots of other people. The seats and refreshments in the church, pubs and restaurants were greatly appreciated!

I feel privileged to live in Stalham- people pay to come on holiday here and we have the broads on our doorstep and the sea a 10 minute ride away! Do get in touch with me if you have a problem that you would like to discuss. I may not have the answer, but I can try and find a man who does!

Pauline Grove-Jones, North Norfolk District Councillor.

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STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR VISION FOR STALHAM

(How we want Stalham to be in the future)

Our Vision is for Stalham to be a leading Market Town in the local area, rich in heritage and looking to the future, open to business and providing a safe, healthy community built on a foundation of sustainable and managed improvement.

This will be achieved through seizing new opportunities, where appropriate, to meet the needs of the Town, its residents, and visitors, and ensuring resources are in place to achieve the goals set.

OUR VALUES

Community

- ⇒ Work Together
- ⇒ Communicate
- ⇒ Community Assistance
- ⇒ Community Assets
- ⇒ Allotments
- ⇒ Burial Grounds

Economy

- ⇒ Economic Development
- ⇒ Best Value
- ⇒ Prudent Financial Management
- ⇒ Working Together

Democracy

- ⇒ Representation
- ⇒ General Power of Competence
- ⇒ Consultation
- ⇒ Civic/Ceremonial
- ⇒ Compliance

Environment

- ⇒ Carbon Reduction Plan
- ⇒ Council-ownership
- ⇒ Trees
- ⇒ Recreation and Well-being
- ⇒ New Development
- ⇒ Promote opportunities for the wider community

INTRODUCTION

Strategic plans are essential documents which help to set out the way forward for an organisation. They are “living” documents, which grow and develop over time and are shaped and informed by stakeholder feedback.

This is the first Strategic Plan for Stalham, which has been adopted in 2022.

Through the creation of this Plan, Stalham Town Council has a clearly defined Vision for strategic improvements.

MISSION STATEMENT

(How we are going to get there)

Stalham Town Council will work conscientiously with the community to define and provide best value, high quality services and facilities, ensuring that Stalham is a forward-looking Market Town that respects its heritage and upholds its values, making it a great place to live, work, play and visit.

We will work to deliver services to meet our residents needs and to realise the Vision for Stalham. In this, we are accountable to our residents and to the community.

Stalham Town Food & Artisan Market

Stalham Town Council hosted its first street market, which was a huge success, and the Council would like to thank all of the stall holders who came along and just as importantly, all of the people who attended and made it such a success!

There were nearly 50 stalls to browse and on a sunny Sunday it was really good to see the Town so busy.

Council continues to discuss the best way to bring a regular market back to offer opportunities for both local residents and businesses. A questionnaire has been circulated to all businesses on the High Street and opinions sought to inform these discussions.

If you would like to offer your thoughts on the best way to bring a market to Stalham, please contact the Council office.



Chamber of Commerce

The Town Council is keen to support the formation of a Chamber of Commerce to support businesses in our Town and surrounding Parishes.

The initial meeting is on Wednesday 5th October at 7pm at The Poppy Centre, Recreation Road, Stalham, NR12 9BH, if you own or manage a local business please come along.

The intention is that this will be a platform to promote the local area, support local business by offering training and networking opportunities and enable the town to attract external funding into the area.

This initial meeting will look at identifying the needs of local businesses and be the first step toward setting up a Steering Group; it will discuss the Terms of Reference and the development of a constitution that will offer real benefit to members.

Council is very aware that demands on local businesses are high and would like local businesses input at this crucial stage to ensure that the group is responsive to local issues.

Please do come along, meet local Councillors, fellow business owners, and make sure your voice is heard.



Council Meetings

Monday 12th September 2022	Town Council Meeting	Stalham Town Hall
Wednesday 5th October 2022	Chamber of Commerce	Stalham Poppy Centre
Monday 10th October 2022	Town Council Meeting	Stalham Town Hall
Monday 24th October 2022	Amenities Committee (Budget setting)	Stalham Poppy Centre

All meetings are held at 7pm. Agendas are available on the council website:
www.stalhamtowncouncil.org

Stalham Poppy Centre

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN - £1 entry

BOARD GAMES NIGHT

Wednesday 21st September
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Contact Us:
office@stalhamtowncouncil.org
07392 965607

Stalham Poppy Centre
Recreation Road
NR12 9DE

Bring your own games, play some of ours, bring friends and family or come alone, meet some local people and have some fun!

DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

There is a Town Councillor vacancy as well as the opportunity to volunteer a little or a lot and contribute to your local community, just get in touch we would love to hear from you!

The Town Hall is open every Thursday from 10:30am—12:00pm, drop in, have a cup of tea and meet your Clerk and Councillors!



CEILIDH DANCE

WITH FAIRGREEN CEILIDH

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022

7PM - 10:30PM

STALHAM POPPY CENTRE

LICENSED BAR AND SNACKS AVAILABLE

Contact Us to pre-book tickets:

07392 965607 or office@stalhamtowncouncil.org

£10.00 per ticket

