

STALHAM COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Stalham Town Council remains 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.

STALHAM TOWN COUNCIL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Interested in joining us?

We are looking for volunteers within our community, this is a great opportunity to meet and network with likeminded people, as well as supporting the Town's vision for the future.

Whether you have a little or a lot of time, we want your skills and talents to be part of this ever-growing team.

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Delivering this Newsletter to the people of Stalham
- Stewarding at Events
- Litter-picking the Town
- Supporting our facilities
- Joining the Neighbourhood Development Plan Team
- Advertising for events

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 AND SEE HOW YOU COULD FIT IN!

HIGHWAYS UPDATES

A149 – ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

The Town Council has been working with other agencies over the safety concerns on the A149 and welcomes the news that a Highways Safety Review will be undertaken. This would not have been possible without the local support and representation raising the profile and bringing all the necessary agencies together.

SPEEDING IN THE TOWN.

The Town Council has a SAM 2 camera, which not only flashes the speed to drivers, but also records the data so that the Council can use this to support requests for enforcement attendance. In response to recent complaints an additional location was approved and the camera has completed the first deployment on Yarmouth Road. The results show that vehicles entering the town from Sutton are largely within the speed limit. The same cannot be said for traffic leaving the town! Whilst the device does not register individual vehicles it has proven that the complaints are entirely valid and the Council will be working with local police teams to ensure that speed limits are adhered to in this area.

Please, when driving within the town – and nearby – obey the speed limits.

Contact Us

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HIGHWAYS UPDATES CONT..

OLD MARKET ROAD CROSSING

The Town Council has been made aware that the lights on this crossing are not operational, even though the screens have been removed. The commission of this crossing sits with the developer McCarthy and Stone who have been in contact with the Town Council and are working hard to ensure that it is lit as soon as possible. Currently it is unclear to both pedestrians and car drivers whether or not this is a crossing – if you are a car driver please take extra care in this area, pedestrians may consider they have a right of way.

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What Do Councillors Do?

Parish and Town Councillors (Cllrs) act as ambassadors for their community, they represent the voice of their community as a whole and work at the lowest tier of Local Government.

North Norfolk District Council is the next tier, Norfolk County Council the third, and then the Government.

All Councils have elections to elect Cllrs every 4 years, In Stalham the elections are next due in May 2023 for both the Town Council, and the District Council representatives.

In May each year a Chairman, or in Stalham's case a Mayor, is elected at the Annual Parish Meeting of the Town Council.

Councils have a wide range of legal powers and duties. They are governed by Local Government Legislation and abide by a Code of Conduct.

Town Cllrs are unpaid, they attend Council and committee meetings and carry out the work of the Council.

Chamber of Commerce

The first meeting took place at the Poppy Centre where local businesses were invited to come along and feed into the development of a Stalham Chamber of Commerce, shaping the objectives and discussing the benefits that this could provide locally .

Town Council is now actively pursuing the development of a Chamber of Commerce to both represent local businesses and bring opportunities, training and resources into the Town to support our local businesses who in turn support our residents.

Suggestions for sessions to date include: Zero Carbon Support to Businesses; Effective Marketing; Business Support and Grants; HR and Health and Safety updates. The Council will be looking to bring specialists in as guest speakers to work with local business.

If you manage a business in the local area please contact the Clerk to go onto the distribution list for information.

Town Council Catch-up

Stalham Town Council monitors and looks after many areas in the Town such as street-lights, the burial ground and closed cemeteries, green areas and the staithe, all to ensure Stalham is a safe and pleasant town to reside in and visit. The following is an update on some of the ongoing tasks.

Burial Ground

Stalham Town Councillors are keen to ensure the burial ground is a quiet and pleasant area where residents can visit their loved ones and offer a place of reflection. Council will ensure the area is managed and maintained for many years to come and is actively involved in securing contractors to complete the area cleared for an extension to the burial area. This is a priority as Council needs to ensure we have sufficient room for anyone wishing to inter their relatives on their passing.

Council is also looking to secure the perimeter fencing/hedging to ensure visitors use the official entrance, this should also reduce damage to the newly prepared areas. Finally, Council have planted 400 crocus bulbs in the hope it will improve the appearance of the area around the entrance and along the edge of the internal roadway and will continue to review the planting options to maintain the burial ground appearance.

Permission has recently been granted by North Norfolk District Council to undertake tree works in the wooded area on trees that are suffering from Ash Dieback. This will also enable the area to be managed ready to be brought into use in due course.

The Staithe

The Staithe area has been a focus for the Council over the past few months with the quay heading being repaired and the addition of a picnic bench complete with wheelchair access. Council have also purchased a noticeboard which is due to be installed very shortly on the picnic area for the area to improve communication for both residents and visitors.

Bike Racks

There was a recent initiative from North Norfolk District Council who were identifying sites for the installation for free of charge bike racks. Stalham has successfully been granted three bike racks, one at the Museum of the Broads, one at the Recreation Ground, and one at the Picnic Area at the Staithe.

Town Council Catch-up continued

Stalham Pond

The pond in Stalham is essential for drainage of the area around it and, once again, it has been cleared of the years growth by volunteers to maintain its biological function. Recent meetings between Town, District and County Councils have been held to ensure the drainage infrastructure is maintained thereby keeping water levels are kept at the desired levels.



Allotments

Work to improve the roadway within the allotment area is underway and also for construction of a compost area for allotment holders to place the compostable material and to use the contents when needed. Pest control is an ongoing issue and contractors have been secured for the coming year.

Stalham Baptist Church are offering a warm space.



This is in The Stables and will be every week starting 17th October. All are welcome and it is completely free.

The opening hours are as follows:
Monday 2-4pm
Wednesday 10am- 2pm
Thurs 10-12

There will be hot drinks, biscuits and board games for those who want to play.

On Thursday there will also be soup and a bread roll served 12-2pm

Community Fridge

The Baptist Church also run the fabulous Community Fridge which rescues food and prevents it going to land-fill, along with the food bank for those in specific need.

FRIDGE OPENING TIMES
MONDAYS 2PM-4PM
TUESDAYS 10AM-12PM
FRIDAYS 10AM-12PM

LOCAL WARM HUBS AND SUPPORT

The Town Council is working on collating a leaflet detailing all of the local support available in the Town—there are many opportunities to get together, stay warm, and join other members of our community.

The library is offering free bags of winter essentials which you can pick up, if you can't see them on display please ask a member of staff. They are also offering hot drinks during opening hours.

Warm and Well Bag; Gloves, socks, scarf, blanket, hot water bottle, and hat. Thermal vests available on request. Toiletries Bag; Adult—Deodorant, bodywash, shampoo, toothpaste. Child Bag—Shampoo, bodywash, bubble bath, toothpaste. Toothbrushes on request. Tricky Period Bag; 1 pack regular pads, 1 pack night pads.

STALHAM POPPY CENTRE & RECREATION GROUND

NEW FOOTBALL PITCH FOR HIRE

Stalham Recreation Ground now has a full-sized football pitch available for hire, along with stunning new changing facilities, new goalposts and nets!

The Stalham Baptist Football Club held their first home game of the season against Vine Football Club and won 3-2! They are also recruiting for players if you are interested in joining please contact Ty, on 07380 966380.



NEW SOUND SYSTEM

Stalham Poppy Centre has had acoustics panels and a brand new top of the range sound system, with a projector and microphones fitted for everyone to use.

This now makes the space perfect for music, events, quiz nights, parties, formal meetings, corporate events, theatre, fitness classes and more!

If you haven't visited us before, please do! We are more than happy to show you around, just get in touch!



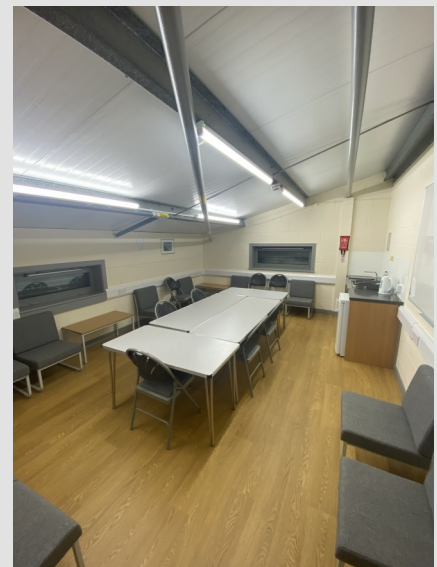
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Call: 07392 965607 or Email: office@stalhamtowncouncil.org

STALHAM POPPY CENTRE & RECREATION GROUND

This purpose built community centre has a large activities hall, kitchen, large meeting room, small meeting room and a studio. There are also two changing rooms and showers available for sports users. Whatever your event, club, meeting or party is, this could be the perfect venue!



**FOR HIRE
CHARITY
RATES
AVAILABLE**



Top left: Large activities hall with stage and sound system.
Top right: Commercial grade kitchen facility.
Left: Community Gym / Studio.
Above: Purpose built meeting room.



GREAT NEWS! **Stalham Community Gym is Opening Evenings!**

From Monday 1st August our new opening hours are:

Monday: 7am-12 noon & 6PM-9PM

Wednesday: 9am-12 noon & 6PM-9PM

Thursday: 7am-12 noon & 5PM-8PM

Friday: 7am-12 noon & 6PM-9PM

Sunday: 9am-12 noon

Meet the Team



Public Meetings

Monday 14th November	Full Council	Stalham Town Hall	7pm
Thursday 1st December	Neighbourhood Plan	Stalham Poppy Centre	2pm
Monday 12th December	Full Council	Stalham Town Hall	7pm

The Stalham Yuletide Market

with a Victorian theme

Sunday 4th December

1:00 – 5:00pm

Stalham High Street NR12 9AS



Over 40 stalls, inside & outside
Food & Drink • Crafts • Gifts • Decorations

Christmas Tree Festival in St. Mary's Church
Independent High Street Shops • Live Music
Refreshments • Period Costume Encouraged!

plus Seasonal Art Trail in shops around the town!

For more information call 01692 535263 • 07760 115153

BARN DANCE WITH FAIRGREEN CEILIDH

SAT 17TH DEC 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



Festive Party!

Saturday 17th December 2022

3pm to 5pm

Kids Entertainer GOAwesome,
Face Painting, Games, Crafts,
Refreshments, Monzu Pizza at 5pm!



IT'S TIME FOR

STALHAM'S FESTIVE FOOD & CRAFT MARKET

* ARTS * CRAFTS * FOOD * RAFFLE *

STALHAM POPPY CENTRE &
RECREATION GROUND
SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022
10AM TO 3PM

SUPPORTED BY THE STALHAM COMMUNITY GYM &
POPPY CENTRE & RECREATION GROUND CHARITIES

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The next publication will be in January 2022. If you would like anything to be considered for the issue please get in touch by Monday 10th December 2022.