

The Parish Council welcomes you to your new home in Wortwell



Introduction

In order to assist new residents arriving in our village the Parish Council have produced this leaflet, which we hope will prove useful to you and help you settle in quickly. It is being delivered personally by one of the councillors, firstly to introduce you to a member of the Parish Council, and secondly to perhaps solve any immediate queries you may have. On behalf of the Parish Council we hope that you will have many happy years in the village.

History of Wortwell

The village name originates from around 1704, when naturally occurring 'Wort' was found to spring from a well, fed by a water source near to the River Waveney. When the local brewer was happy with the beer brewed from the 'Wortwell', he would ring a bell to let the residents know it was ready for drinking, which also gave the village drinking establishment its name, established as a pub in 1836. The village is one of the few in Norfolk not to be listed in the Domesday Book.

Parish Council

The Parish Council Clerk is Mrs Lua Leggett who can be contacted on 01986 788789 or email lua@wortwellpc.org.uk. There are seven elected Parish Councillors. The Parish Council notice board is located on The Knoll.

Clive Aylett (Chair)	01986 788432	Allison Copeman	01986 788116
Daphne Cook	01986 788303	Robert Hadingham	01986 788622
Bill Eddy	01986 788332	Hazel Carter	07769205676
Julie Worley	01986 788163		

The Parish Council meets monthly in the Waveney Room at the Community Centre, usually on the last Monday of the month at 7.30pm, except for the months of August and December. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.

Website



The website is provided by Wortwell Parish Council to keep parishioners informed of their Council's activities and to allow us to better connect with the people living and working in our village, visit www.wortwellpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

District Council

South Norfolk Council offices are situated at The Horizon Centre, Broadland Business Park, Peachman Way, Norwich, NR7 0WF Tel: 01508 533701 / Freephone: 0800 3896109. The local council members are James Eddy and Trevor Graham.

County Council

Norfolk County Council offices are situated in County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH Tel: 01603 222222. The local County Council member is Barry Stone Tel: 01508 499389

Newsletters



Village news is distributed to residents via free email subscription on a regular basis and is displayed on notice boards around the village, including on The Knoll.

To subscribe to receive newsletters, please sign up by visiting <https://forms.office.com/r/1UiYTaz6JC> or contact the Parish Clerk, tel: 01986 788789.

War Memorial

The names of village men who lost their lives while serving during World War I and World War II are commemorated on the war memorial situated on The Knoll. A short service is held annually on Remembrance Sunday at 3pm.

Allotments



Our allotments were completely refurbished in November 2019 and now have a water supply linked to the plots. There is a thriving community of plot holders and please feel free to visit to see what is going on up there in Tunbeck Close.

All allotments are currently let but if you would like to go on the waiting list please contact the Parish Clerk, tel: 01986 788789.

The CORE Community Centre

The village has a large community centre with four main rooms, all of which can be hired for wedding parties, celebrations and other events by telephoning the booking clerk - contact Alison Shailes on 01986 788189. There is a Friday evening Social Hub with Quiz Nights and Beetle Drives, an annual summer fete, and our local clubs meet at the centre:

Table Tennis for all age groups and abilities, Mondays 7pm—9pm	01986	788116
Carpet Bowls Tuesday evenings from 7pm–10pm	01986	788541
Short Mat Bowls Mondays 2pm – 4.45pm, Weds 7pm -10pm	01986	789124
Tap Dance – Children 5yrs+ Tuesday 4pm–8pm	01986	897034
Ballet, Tap & Disco – Children Wednesdays 3.45pm – 7.45pm	01986	897034
Badminton courts available for hire	01986	789189
AeroDance — Adults Thursdays 7.30pm–8.30pm	01986	897034
Tap Dance — Adults Thursdays 6pm — 6.45pm	01986	897034
Disco Pop — Adults Thursdays 6.45pm — 7.30pm	01986	897034
Harleston Flower Club — First Thursday of month 2pm— 4pm	01986	782377
University of the Third Age (U3A) - third Monday of the month 10am	01379	854872

The community centre is always looking for new members for its committee, and volunteers to support fundraising events. If you are interested in getting involved in community life, please contact Bill Eddy, the Chairman, Tel: 01986 788332 for further details. Website <https://wortwellcore.co.uk>

Bowls

A high quality green is situated adjacent to the community centre and they meet for matches and general games throughout the summer months. Contact Peter tel: 01379 668630 or Phil 01986 788149. Non members welcome on Monday afternoons at 2pm.

Playing Fields and Play Equipment



Well maintained play equipment, gym equipment and football goals on the two playing fields, providing fantastic fun and safety for children. Lovely open spaces for families to spend time together.

Byelaw

There is a byelaw prohibiting dogs (except guide dogs) from entering both playing fields and the grounds of the community centre.

Nature Recovery Group

The Parish Council is committed to enhancing biodiversity and promoting conservation, which includes taking part in initiatives such as National Tree Week, No Mow May and planting orchards. We encourage villagers to install bird boxes and bug hotels, plant pollinator friendly plants and leave areas for nature. If you would like to join the village Nature Recovery Group, please contact Robert Hadingham on 01986 788622.

Dog waste bins



Bins are situated on the Knoll and at both ends of the village on the High Road.

Refuse & Recycling

Each household has two bins, black for general waste and a green bin for recycling. The bins are collected on Fridays alternately. Brown Bins are available for garden waste at a cost of £67 per year. These are emptied fortnightly.

The village also has a recycling point on The Knoll (opposite the Wortwell Bell pub) for glass and textiles.

The Bell Public House



In the centre of the village, The Bell offers a warm welcome to residents and visitors alike. They provide good beers, drinks and food, with special events taking place throughout the year. Tel: 01986 788025 or visit the Facebook page @The Wortwell Bell.

Churches

The United Reformed Church (<https://wvcp.co.uk/wortwell-urc>) is situated on the High Road towards Homersfield and the Parish Church of St. Mary's Redenhall (www.7churches.org.uk/redenhall) is situated just outside the village towards Harleston.

Doctors



The Harleston Medical Practice serves the local area from Bullock Fair Close, Harleston Tel: 01379 853217. Website www.harlestonsurgery.co.uk

Bungay Medical Practice – 28 St. Johns Road Bungay, NR35 1LP. Tel: 01986 892055. Website: www.bungaymedicalpractice.co.uk

Defibrillators



Our village Defibrillators are located on the back wall of the Wortwell Bell Public House and inside The CORE community centre. They can be accessed and operated to assist in an emergency as instructed by emergency services.

Dentist

You will find the local Dentist at 24-26 Redenhall Road, Harleston IP20 9ER. Tel: 01379 854466

Garage



The Goodswen family run the local garage, providing servicing, MOT's, repairs and 24 hour recovery service. Tel: 01986 788212 or 01986 788539.

Buses



Bus services are available in Wortwell with services to Harleston, Diss, Bungay and Norwich. Simonds and Konectbus service the village and we recommend that you check timetables at <https://bustimes.org/localities/wortwell> or by contacting the companies direct at <https://www.simonds.co.uk/local-bus-services/> and <https://www.konectbus.co.uk/>

There is a bus stop and shelter at the Homerfield end of the village, opposite Pura Vida, and a bus stop opposite the Wortwell Bell pub.

Local Schools



Harleston Sancroft Academy - Primary Phase - Headteacher: Mrs Price
Address: School Lane, Harleston, IP20 9GH. Tel: 01379 853211
Website: www.sancroft.stbenets.org

Harleston Sancroft Academy - Secondary Phase - Headteacher: Ms Parker
Address: Wilderness Lane, Harleston, IP20 9DD. Tel: 01379 852561
Website: www.sancroft.stbenets.org

Alburgh with Denton CofE Primary School – Head teacher: Mrs Goodhew
School Road, Alburgh IP20 Tel: 01986 788678
Website: www.alburghwithdentonprimaryschool.co.uk

Mendham Primary School — Academy Head: Mr Lea
Address: Mendham, Harleston, IP20 0NJ. Tel: 01379 852520
Website: www.waveneyvalleypartnership.org

Milkman

Milk & More. Deliveries Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tel: 0345 606 3606
Website www.milkandmore.co.uk

Newsagent

Andrew Rogers, 43 Waveney Road, Bungay NR35 1LH Tel: 01986 892872

Heating Suppliers

The local coal distributor for coal is DJ Talbot Tel: 01986 892639.

For oil, check out Norfolk Big Switch & Save Website www.bigswitchandsave.co.uk/oilhubs or The Suffolk Oil Club Website <https://www.suffolkoil.club>

Police

The nearest police station is on Swan Lane, Harleston. It is only open part time and is manned mainly by volunteers. In an emergency phone 999, for routine enquires telephone 101. To contact the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and for additional information, visit www.norfolk.police.uk/your-area/harleston

Library



There is a library in Swan Lane, Harleston, and they also provide regular activities which include Lego Club, Meet & Make, Knit, Stitch & Chat and Family Fun.
Tel: 01379 852549.

Opening hours are: Mon 8am-7pm (Staffed 11.30am-7pm),
Tues 8am-7pm (Open Libraries all day), Wed 8am-7pm (Staffed 10am-7pm),
Thurs 8am-7pm (Open Libraries all day), Fri 8am-7pm (Staffed 11.30am-7pm),
Sat 8am-4pm (Staffed 11.30am-4pm), Sun 10am-4pm (Open Libraries all day).

There is also a mobile library that visits the village every four weeks on Thursdays. It parks up at Willow Close between 1.40pm—2.00pm and The Packway between 2.05pm—2.25pm.