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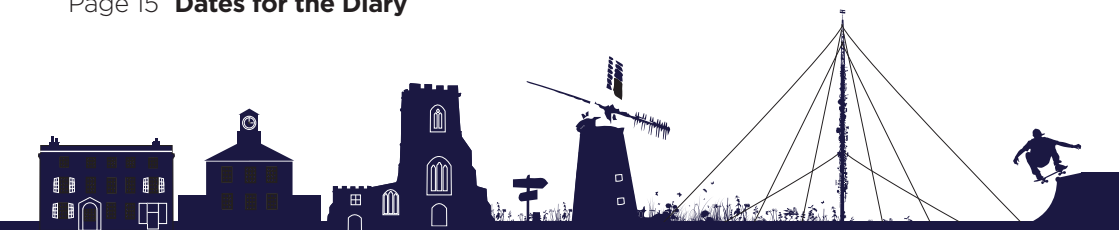
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## New Chairman's message

At the town council meeting on Tuesday 9th May 2023, the councillors of Potton Town Council elected Councillor Jonathan Price Williams (left) as Chairman and Councillor Vicki Gwilliam (below) as Vice-Chairman.

### Message from the new Chairman - Cllr Jonathan Price Williams

Greetings to all Pottonians, I am honoured to have been elected by my fellow council members to serve as your council Chairman for the next year along with Cllr Vicki Gwilliam as Vice-Chairman. I speak for us both when I say we are happy to have been elected and look forward to working with the town and council members to move the visions of the Neighbourhood Plan forward. I would like to express my personal and the Council's thanks to Cllr John Hobbs for chairing the council for the past two years. **There is a message from Cllr Hobbs on pages 8 and 9.**

I would also like to thank Lindsay Kitchener for her four-year tenure at Potton Town Council. Lindsay remains involved in various committees and groups for the town council. The town council currently has three councillor vacancies. If you are interested in applying, **you can find more information on page 7** or visit <https://www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk/vacancies/>



Vicki Gwilliam,  
Vice-Chairman



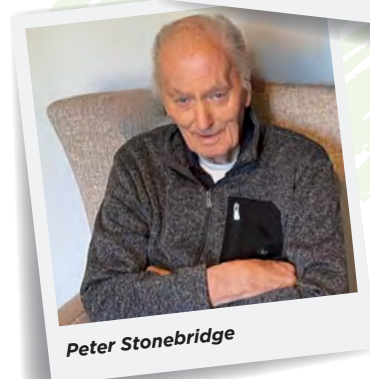
Lindsay Kitchener

### Sadly departed

Regrettably one of my first duties is to offer, on behalf of Potton, condolences to the family of John Lewis who recently passed away. John served on the Council for many years as an active member and will be missed by all that knew him.



John Lewis



Peter Stonebridge

I am also saddened to announce that Peter Stonebridge passed away at 90 years of age on 9th May 2023. Peter was a contractor who worked for Potton Town Council for many years. Our sincere condolences go to Peter's family.

### A busy 12 months...

There have been several major events over the past 12 months which have been attended by many including, Party on Potton, the annual lights switch on, the celebration of the life of our late Monarch and, last but not least, the celebration of the coronation of King Charles. My thanks go to all those involved in these events making them a success, and showing what can be achieved despite the weather.



Cllr Carol Leggatt, well known by many, often acts as the council's coordinator, well chief whip, for these and will continue to do so in her new role as the chair of the new Events Committee so please help and support her if you can, and on a lighter note volunteer "Christmas Elves" are always welcome!







Looking forward I am keen that the council actively examines options for improving what infrastructure we can, within our budgetary constraints, and sets out some achievable future objectives; objects to mass inappropriate expansion/development and communicates better with you the residents. A good example of infrastructure provision over which we have control is the building of our community hall, which is a step closer now being in the planning permission process, allowing us to move one step closer to realising an aspiration of the neighbourhood plan; fingers crossed.

**For an article on Potton Hall for All, see page 17.**

We, as a council, are open to suggestions of infrastructure improvement that would benefit the town going forward so answers on a postcard, well email, telephone or come along to a town council meeting. On this theme we are looking at the potential for community energy projects as part of our responsibility to ensure sustainability for residents, so if this is something that interests you, please do contact Cllr Charles Craig and get involved.

**For further information on Community Energy, see page 12.**



Where possible we will liaise with other nearby parish and town councils on issues that are for "the common good" of residents and to our mutual advantage; there's influence in numbers! We also liaise with the police and Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) around community safety, so if you see criminal or antisocial behaviour report it, don't rely on someone else, numbers and reports in volume will promote action.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Cllr Adam Zerny on being elected as the new leader of CBC making it the first "Independent" led council (principal authority) in the United Kingdom. Remember Adam is also one of your town councillors. **Read Cllr Zerny's article on page 14.**



**Cllr Adam Zerny**

Anyway, onwards, and upwards as the saying goes and enjoy reading the rest of this newsletter.

Enjoy the Summer!

*Jonathan*

**Cllr Jonathan Price Williams**

# Town Council Information

For enquiries regarding the following: Cemetery, Allotments, Henry Smith Playground, Mill Lane Playground, Recreation Fields, Public Conveniences, Brook End Car Park, Mill Lane Pavilion and Community Centre, or if you wish to contact a member of staff please email [pottoncouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:pottoncouncil@btconnect.com) or call **01767 260086** and leave a message.

You can find lots of information on the Town Council website:

[www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/PottonTownCouncil) @PottonTownCouncil or [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/pottoncouncil) @pottoncouncil

## Town Council Meetings

Dates of Town Council meetings starting at 7pm. Visit [www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk/agendaminutes/](http://www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk/agendaminutes/) for more information.

**Tuesday 5th September 2023**

**Tuesday 7th November 2023**

## Councillor Surgeries

Held outside the Library or inside the Library if bad weather.

**Saturday 5th August 2023**

CLlr Dan Norman (11am-12pm)

**Saturday 16th September 2023**

CLlr Charles Craig (10am-12 noon)

## Town Councillors

Charles Craig	260047	Andrew Inkersole	261966
John Day	07986 124440	Carol Leggatt	260001
Leane Fox	07806 593650	Angus Macdonald	262006
Andrew Gibb	260067	Dan Norman	260643
Vicki Gwilliam	07958 981602	Jonathan Price Williams	07981 350359
John Hobbs	07972 906040	Adam Zerny	261319

For more details on each of the councillors, please visit [www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk/who-we-are](http://www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk/who-we-are)

## Central Bedfordshire Councillors

Tracey Wye	261319	Adam Zerny	261319
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## Get your local news into the Town Council Newsletter

If you would like information to be included in our next newsletter, please email: [pottoncouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:pottoncouncil@btconnect.com)

Please be aware that the Town Council reserves the right not to include articles and images. Potton Town Council, The Community Centre, Brook End, Potton SG19 2QS



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# Vacancy for 3 Potton Town Councillors

## An opportunity to be part of your community

A candidate for the Town Council is qualified if at the time of nomination, they are:

1. a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the EU
2. at least 18 years of age
3. meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
  - Is on the list of electors for the town or during the last twelve months you:
  - occupied land or property in Potton as owner or tenant.
  - had your principle place of work here.
  - lived in, or within three miles of Potton.



**A Town Councillor is unpaid and gives their time for free to the community on a voluntary basis.**

Any interested parties must make an application in writing to the Town Clerk, Mr Jonathan Whitehurst at Potton Town Council, The Community Centre, Brook End, Potton, Bedfordshire, SG19 2QS **by 9am on Friday 18th August 2023** and include the following information:

1. reason for wishing to be a Councillor;
2. previous Community/Council work;
3. other skills you can bring to the Council.

For further information please refer to the town council's Co-option procedure in the 'Our Council', 'Policies' section of the website.

Please note it is a condition of a Councillor that a means of contact by telephone and/or email will be public information.

If you require any additional information, please contact the Town Clerk either by email or phone.

**Email:** [pottoncouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:pottoncouncil@btconnect.com)  
**Phone:** **01767 260086**

Applications will be considered at the Town Council meeting on **Tuesday 5th September** following the Planning Committee meeting starting at 7pm.





## Outgoing Chairman's message

A fond farewell from outgoing  
Chairman Cllr John Hobbs

Firstly, I'd like to welcome Cllr Jonathan Price Williams as Chairman of Potton Town Council. Jonathan was Vice-Chairman during my two years as Chairman, and together we worked as a team to support the council in fulfilling its function and improving the infrastructure of the town. I know that Jonathan will be a good leader of this council. I'd also like to thank all members of Potton Town Council for their hard work and enthusiasm, providing much needed services for the town.

### During my two years as Chairman, amongst many things, the Council has:

- Established the Potton Food Garden, which supports the Veg Box Scheme.
- Formed a Potton Youth Council, providing a welcome voice from our younger residents.
- Formed a Community Safety Working Group, liaising with Central Bedfordshire Council and Bedfordshire Police.
- Formed Refugee Response Potton, to give much needed support to both our Ukrainian and Myanmar guests and their hosts.
- Organised the much-needed dredging of the Horse Brook and replacing the headwall and constructing a sluice crossing.
- Supported the relocation of Potton Tennis Club to Mill Lane and thus the provision of tennis courts for hire.
- Supported the formation of the Potton Green Wheel, which will hopefully be launched in September.
- Supported the development of a new Community Hall, which will include the provision of indoor sports in the town. Hopefully, this will be built in 2024.

I am also proud of the four-day celebration of our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee that the council organised and funded. This was an amazing achievement for a small town like Potton



Coronation 'street party'

and was well supported. It was also good to see Party on Potton return in 2022 after a four-year absence.

The Friendship Group and Tablet Workshop Group celebrated the Coronation with a 'street party' in the Community Centre, which Judi and I were delighted to attend. I would like to thank our Community Agent, Andrea MacAdam and her team of helpers for organising this. Great fun was had by all who attended. Also, many thanks to Phil Wright for providing our musical entertainment. **You can find out more about the Tablet Workshop and Friendship Groups and Andrea's work on page 16.**

My last official duty was at the Coronation Day event, organised by the council's Commemorations and Celebrations Committee. It was well attended considering the wet afternoon, and at least we were able to witness the coronation on the big screen.

My thanks also to our Town Crier, Carlton Avison, who announced the event on the Market Square before parading to Mill Lane Recreation Ground.

So, in summary, I'd like to thank the councillors, who have worked so hard over the past two years, devoting much of their free time and energy to improving Potton. We also have a dedicated administration, and I'd like to personally thank them for supporting me as Chairman and for all the work that they do to ensure the smooth running of the council.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my wife, Judi, for her invaluable, dedicated support during my years as Chairman of Potton Town Council.

*John*

Cllr John Hobbs



# Potton Green Wheel in Development to Enhance Potton Countryside

A new Green Wheel is being developed in Bedfordshire around Potton and Sutton, expected to be open to the public in Autumn 2023.



This will be the fourth Green Wheel to be launched in Bedfordshire, alongside Biggleswade, Etonbury and Sandy Green Wheels.

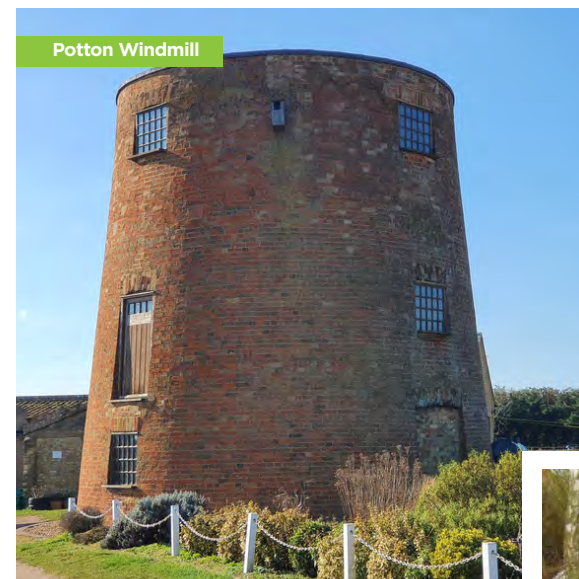
A Green Wheel is a multi-use accessible corridor around a community, passing through and beside areas of wildlife, heritage and landscape value. Launched initially as a walking route, it is hoped that the Green Wheel will ultimately cater for cyclists, and where possible horse riders.

There will be access 'spokes' from within the town to the green Wheel 'rim', so people can join onto the Green Wheel at

different points and walk, cycle or jog as much as they like.

**Jake Kirby**, Green Wheel Development Officer from Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity said:

**"Working on the development of Potton Green Wheel has been a very exciting journey, and I am pleased that we are able to bring this new project to Potton and Sutton. The Green Wheel will be an important landscape and biodiversity resource for the community to enjoy, and will bring both physical and mental wellbeing benefits to those who use it."**



In addition to the creation and linking of access routes, opportunities are being sought to enhance the local countryside for both people and wildlife. Alongside the wellbeing benefits of the Green Wheel, it also provides users with another route to travel on without needing to use cars or other motor vehicles, making it beneficial to the environment. Bespoke Potton Green Wheel signage will be installed ahead of this autumn's launch.

This project has been made possible through the collaborative efforts of Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity,

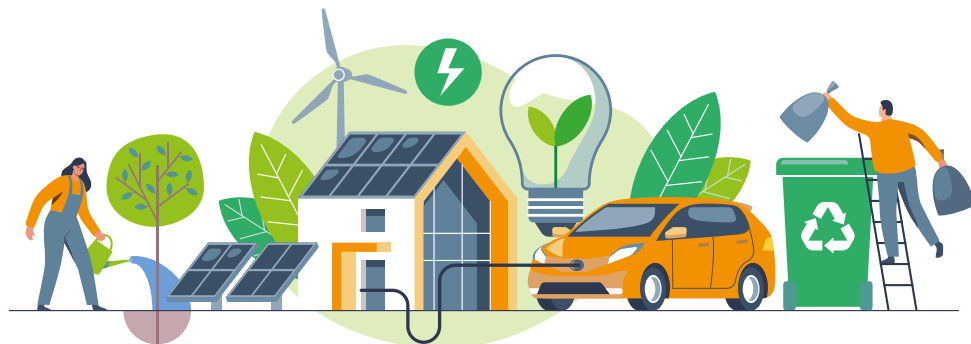
Central Bedfordshire Council, Potton Town Council and Sutton Parish Council.

For more information on the Potton Green Wheel or other Green Wheels in Bedfordshire, please visit <https://bedsrcc.org.uk/what-we-do/countryside-community/green-wheels/> or contact **Jake Kirby** on [jake.kirby@bedsrcc.org.uk](mailto:jake.kirby@bedsrcc.org.uk)

**Please look out for more information in the coming months regarding the launch of the Potton Green Wheel.**



# Community Energy



Community energy involves people coming together to reduce energy use and purchase, manage and generate low-carbon heat and power. Community energy projects are delivered by groups of residents working collectively; historically, strong positive community outcomes are achieved. Indeed, success has led to over 500 community Energy groups/companies in the UK with over 275 in England.

In addition to four other areas, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC), and their partner, Community Energy South (CES), selected Potton to help and advise residents in setting up community-approaches to reducing heating requirements and obtaining sustainable heating and energy.

CES was established in 2013 as an umbrella organisation and regional hub enabling its members (local community energy groups and community organisations) to grow as sustainable low carbon businesses in the southeast of England. CBC will fund the setting up of a Community Benefit Society and founder members receive CES advice on how to do this and how to then raise funds to deliver projects.

CBC are also supporting individual residents with solar panel installation. Visit [https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/news/article/713/solar\\_together\\_renewable\\_energy\\_scheme\\_opens\\_for\\_registrations](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/news/article/713/solar_together_renewable_energy_scheme_opens_for_registrations)

Potton Town Council has obtained two thermal imaging cameras which are available to residents on payment of a refundable deposit. These cameras are for self-home-energy surveys to assess building efficiency and indicate main areas of heat loss that can then be targeted for improvement by simple means, like curtaining and improved loft insulation, to more complex retrofitting of wall insulation.

Projects identified include a programme of education for interested residents on how they might reduce their heat losses during winter (and – as it happens – heat gains during our hot summers!) and provision of solar energy generation capabilities to the Potton Hall for All. The potential for wind, hydro and geothermal generation of heat and energy is also being actively considered.

**Enthusiastic potential founder members welcome! Please contact Potton Town Council.**

# Community Safety



## Defibrillator Training

Potton is now blessed with five defibrillators around town. They are available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You must dial 999 to obtain a code to access the defibrillator.

The defibrillators are located outside of Potton Library, Potton Fire Station, Potton Middle School, St Mary's Church Hall, and Potton & District Club & Institute. There is also one further defib located inside Potton Bowls Club.

It is important that a reasonable number of residents and the staff of local businesses are confident and (reasonably) competent in their use.

Potton Town Council organised for Carlton Avison and Tom Shorter from Potton Fire Station to provide training at the Community Centre on 17th May. The session was attended by approximately 30 people, including some from Market Square businesses. Carlton gave a 'no holds barred' talk on what to do, how to do it and what adverse side effects might

arise. Tom provided a demonstration using defibrillators and dummy dolls so that they could show how this important equipment should be used.

The use of the defibrillator needs to be done in combination with CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). The machine gives instructions that are easy to follow and will not allow it to deliver an electric shock unnecessarily. However, the primary treatment until a defibrillator can be found is CPR and this should continue until the machine requests a stop and to ensure everyone is standing clear.

**If you missed the training session, as it wasn't at a convenient time, and would like to attend one, please contact the town council, who will try to arrange for another session at a different time of the week. Failing that, it is intended that training/retraining will be offered on an annual basis.**

# A New Dawn

## Independent Administration will run Central Bedfordshire Council



At May's meeting of Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC), councillors elected a new administration to run the council. The Executive committee (cabinet), Leader and Chairman, will all be Independent councillors.

At the May local elections, Independents won the highest number of councillors (27), with the Conservatives reduced from 43 councillors to 20, Liberal Democrats winning 10, Labour 5 and Greens 1.

In the weeks after, councillors of all groups were invited to propose members to fill the key positions on the council.

At the AGM, all councillors met, and elected a new chairman, vice chairman, Executive committee, and political leader of the council. All Independents. This is the first time anywhere in the UK that a unitary or county council (i.e., the larger ones) has seen an Independent administration.

We are pleased to tell you Adam was elected by his peers as the new Leader of CBC, and Tracey became an Executive member with responsibility for Sustainability and Climate mitigation.

We are immensely proud for Pottton.

**This is something we have achieved together.**

## We as Independents will do things differently:

- No longer will we be taking the full Special Responsibility Allowances claimed by our predecessors. We will take one third less, which will save the Council in excess of £110,000 per year.
- No more will all council committee meetings take place solely when the public is at work. We will begin work to move to more evening meetings.
- We have commenced an immediate constitutional reform of the way the council works, in order to make council meetings and procedures more accessible for the public.
- We will begin a forensic review of the council's finances.
- No longer will all the council committee chairman and vice chairman go to the same group. For the first time ever on CBC these have been shared out proportionately between the groups.

We recognise that as a minority administration we need to work with all councillors, and council officers, for the benefit of local residents - that begins now.

We said to councillors at the meeting that we will get it wrong on occasion and in advance we request your understanding. But we will learn, and we aim to make you proud.

**This is a new dawn. An Independent dawn.**

*Adam Tracey*

**Adam Zerny and Tracey Wye**  
Independent Central Bedfordshire councillors for Pottton

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**adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk**  
**Tel: 261319**

# What should I report to whom?



## What do I report to the Town Council?

Pottton Town Council is responsible for:

- Henry Smith Playing Fields
- Brook End Car Park
- Community Centre at Brook End
- Mill Lane Recreation Ground
- Mill Lane Pavilion
- Allotments on Everton Road
- Pottton Cemetery on Sandy Road
- Public conveniences at Brook End
- Churchyard at St Mary's Church
- Some of the street lights
- Most grass verges around the town on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council

Any of these items above should be reported to: **potttoncouncil@btconnect.com** or **01767 260086**. For any additional information visit: **www.potttontowncouncil.co.uk**



## What do I report to Central Bedfordshire Council?

Central Bedfordshire Council is responsible for:

- Social Services
- Education
- Roads and Highways safety signs
- Potholes
- Drain gulleys
- Waste collections and recycling
- Street cleaning and litter picking
- Bottle banks
- Dog Warden and Pest Control
- Street signs (road names)
- Planning applications

Any of these items above should be reported to: **customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk** or **0300 300 8000**. For any additional information visit: **www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk**

# Dates for the Diary

## September

Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	The Pottton Flower and Vegetable Show	Page 22
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Four Seasons Market	Page 23
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pottton Apple Day	Page 22

## October

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Litter Pick	Page 23
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## November

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lights installation	Page 23
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade	



# Potton Community Agent News

## Supporting the over 60s in Potton



**Tel: Andrea mobile: 07590 359630  
(working Weds & Thurs only)**

**Or email: [andream@bedsrcc.org.uk](mailto:andream@bedsrcc.org.uk)**

**Are you claiming all the benefits you are entitled to?** – Many people of State Pension age are not claiming the benefits they could be. You may be entitled to Pension Credit if your weekly household income is below £201.05 for a single person or £306.85 for a couple. If you are having difficulty with daily tasks such as washing, dressing and moving around your home then you may be able to claim Attendance Allowance. It is not means tested and you could get up to £101.75 per week to help with care costs.

**Tablet Training Group** – If you would like to learn how to use emails and the internet and can commit to attending drop-in sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Community Centre then we can provide you with a Samsung tablet and teach you how to do it. Please get in touch for further details.

**Thursday Friendship Group** - is held at the Community Centre, Brook End, 10am until 12 noon. The Friendship Group welcomes all for a coffee, cake, a game of cards or dominoes and a chat every Thursday morning. Entry is £3 for unlimited coffee and cake. We held a wonderful Coronation Party in May with Phil Wright playing piano and everyone enjoying a sing-song. In June, we went on a trip to Priory Marina and had afternoon tea on the John Bunyan riverboat whilst cruising along the River Ouse.

**Please note** – both groups are closed in August, resuming the first week of September.

If you have any issues you need advice or help with, please contact Andrea in confidence. Kindly funded by Potton Consolidated Charity and Potton Town Council.



## Potton Hall for All

Registered Charity number 1158751

**The planning application CB/23/01177/FULL for Potton Hall for All was submitted in Spring 2023 and at the time of going to print we have received full permission.**

There are a number of conditions that have to be addressed by the Trustees, Town Council and our contractor Watson & Cox before any works can commence. However, we are moving forward with Watson & Cox undertaking the necessary work to get the plans to RIBA stage 2 and provide us with a final fixed price to build, so contracts can be put in place. At the same time we are working with Central Bedfordshire Council to get to the point where we've satisfied their funding requirement and the agreement to release the section 106 money that has been allocated to the Hall is gained.



Hopefully all will come together and allow us to commence works in the Autumn.

The Potton Hall for All will be located beside the Tall Trees housing development, accessible from Hutchinson Rise (off Biggleswade Road), on serviced land owned by Potton Town Council granted as part of the Tall Trees Section 106 agreement.



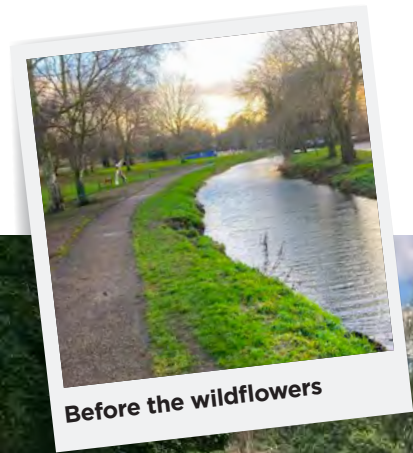


# Henry Smith Playing Fields

We have kept you informed, both before and after, about the various works undertaken in the playing fields through articles in the February, July and October 2022 and April 2023 editions of the newsletter. We asked your opinion in the last edition and the results of the survey are as follows:

Total no. responses	Millennium Path		Main Playing Field	
	Replace and level path?	Patch/repair the existing path as necessary as/when required?	Should we cordon off areas for levelling/grassing?	
			Yes	No
14	9*	6*	13	1

\*One person ticked both options.



Before the wildflowers

### Wildflowers

Following the works undertaken in the playing fields in recent months, wildflowers were sown on the regraded bank which has produced a beautiful display this Summer!



With the wildflowers established



The completed shelter with seating area and paving has since been installed.

Under construction

### New Youth Shelter

The town council applied for funding from the Youth Space's Fund 2021/2022, which was available from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), in conjunction with the Violence Exploitation Reduction Unit (VERU). The Youth Space's Fund 2021/2022, sought to improve shared community environments for young people in Bedfordshire.

There was an official opening of the youth shelter on Monday 3rd July at 6pm. PCC Festus Akinbusoye and the Chairman of Potton Town Council (PTC), Cllr Jonathan Price Williams were in attendance along with Potton Youth Councillors and the Youth Council's facilitators, Cllrs John Day, PTC Vice-Chairman Vicki Gwilliam and Carol Leggatt.

The funding awarded helped to fund a new youth shelter in Henry Smith Playing Fields and councillors from Potton Youth Council helped with the decision on the design and colour, and where it should be situated. Local business *Gemmaton* (a bespoke metal work fabricator) designed and installed the shelter in May.





# News from the Benefice



We continue with our normal pattern of services, details of which can be found in our weekly, Benefice-wide, free, weekly newsletter - The Link. You can be added to the list of Link readers by contacting [sundaylink@blunham.com](mailto:sundaylink@blunham.com)

St Mary's Open the Book team have visited Potton Federation to read and perform to the children and we are thrilled that our monthly Family and Friends service continues to provide such a wide variety of activities. The Friends and Family team take a break in August but return in September.

Our brilliant Events Team has great plans for the rest of the year and these are posted regularly on our website [pottonparishchurch.org.uk/](http://pottonparishchurch.org.uk/) and Twitter [Twitter@StMarysPotton](https://twitter.com/StMarysPotton)

Always remember, we are here for you. If you need any support, please contact **alex.wheatley.rector@gmail.com** or **01767 764062**.

Please also remember you do not need to be a church goer to ask for any help.

**Please pray for Paulet Brown Wilshire, who was ordained in July and keep the people of Ukraine and others who are persecuted in your prayers.**

**Enjoy the summer!**

# Potton Consolidated Charity

Registered Charity no. 201073

<https://www.potton-consolidated-charity.co.uk/>

Potton Consolidated Charity invites applications for the following education grants from Potton residents.

Education Grants for Travel*	Higher Education Grants
Applicants need to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in full or part-time education</li> <li>aged over 16 and under 19 at the beginning of the academic year</li> </ul>	Applicants need to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in full-time education</li> <li>aged over 18 and under 25 at the beginning of the academic year</li> </ul>
* assistance with travel costs for journeys to and from a school or college of further education for 2023.	
All forms must be authorised by the school or college of further/higher education.	

Application forms are available from Potton Post Office and Potton Library from 1st August and are downloadable at <https://www.potton-consolidated-charity.co.uk/application-process.html?device=desktop>

**Closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.**

# Potton Town Council Hall Hire

The halls at the Community Centre, Brook End and the Pavilion, Mill Lane can be hired by private individuals, community groups and commercial hirers.

You can call the office on **01767 260086** or email us at [pottoncouncilbookings@btconnect.com](mailto:pottoncouncilbookings@btconnect.com) to check availability and make a booking.



**Community Centre**



**The Pavilion, Mill Lane**

# Happy 50th Anniversary Potton Show!

Potton Flower and Vegetable show is celebrating its 50th year with this year's event taking place on **Saturday 9th September**.



Our marquee will host a prize-winning competition between talented local growers, cooks, artists, photographers, crafters and hobbyists, young and not-so young, at St Mary's Hall & Field, Hatley Road, Potton.

The show in its current format first began in 1973 and the committee are extremely proud to carry on with this traditional *Village Show*.

Schedules showing classes open to all are now in the shops, or online: [www.pottonshow.org.uk](http://www.pottonshow.org.uk); why not take a look and have a go!

During show afternoon\* there will be a Fun Dog Show, line dancing and Morris dancers, raptors, model boats, face painting, beer tent, teas and barbecue, ending with an auction of prize-winning donated produce! Gate entry from 2pm costs £2. Our popular Barn Dance is at 8pm.

**Sunday 10th September is our wonderful craft fair. We hope you can join us.**

\*Limited parking – please use Brook End car park or Potton Scout HQ if you are arriving by car.

## Potton Apple Day



Potton's annual Apple Day celebrations are on Sunday 24th September this year. Come along to St Mary's Church field and hall from 12pm to 4pm to enjoy the



fun. There are lots of apple-orientated activities, music, food and drink. Check out the **Potton Apple Day Facebook page** for details closer to the time.

## Four Seasons Market

**POTTON**  
TOWN COUNCIL



**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
9am – 1pm



For more information visit  
[pottontowncouncil.co.uk/four-seasons-market](http://pottontowncouncil.co.uk/four-seasons-market)

## Christmas Lights 2023

Christmas Lights installation will commence on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 10am.

Please be mindful of volunteers who may be in the road and take care when driving through the Market Square. Thank you.



## Join the Potton Autumn Litter Pick



Be part of the pick

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023** from 10am - 2pm  
The Community Centre, Brook End, Potton SG19 2QS



# Potton Youth Council Update

**Hi! I'm Carly I have been on Potton Youth Council since it began in 2021. I can't believe we've been going this long already!**

Each year we choose a charity to raise funds for, this year is Cancer Research. We do this by attending the Four Seasons Markets, the Christmas Light switch on and other events such as the Queen's Jubilee and the King's Coronation.

We help Potton Town Council with making decisions like play equipment for Potton's parks. Most recently we helped them decide on the new Youth Shelter in Henry Smith Playing Fields and even helped them to find a Potton tradesman to build it!



**Carly - Potton Youth Council**



**Milly, Potton Youth Council Chairman, officially opens youth shelter helped by the PCC Festus Akinbusoye**



**(Left to right) Sam, Milly, Bethany, Imogen, Carly and the PCC Festus Akinbusoye**

We have had many visitors attend our meetings including a representative from last year's chosen charity MNDA (Motor Neurone Disease Association), Community Safety and Youth Services Officers from Central Bedfordshire Council and the local Police Safety Officers.

*Carly*

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**We would really like other young people to come and join us at Potton Youth Council!**

For more information and how to apply, visit  
**<https://www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk/potton-youth-council/>**