

The Mardler

The Newsletter of Swanton Morley Parish Council
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Neighbourhood Plan Update

Our last newsletter invited parishioners to a public consultation to give their opinion on the Neighbourhood Plan and how it should progress. Many individuals, businesses and other local authorities took part in this consultation (known as the regulation 14 consultation) which enabled the Steering Group to understand which were popular planning policies for the village, and what should be amended. Since then a further consultation has been run by Breckland Council (known as the regulation 16 consultation) and the document presently sits with an independent planning inspector in a process known as 'Examination'. Once this process has been completed, there will be a date set for the referendum for the plan. Every registered elector in the village will then be invited to vote on this question: "Do you want Breckland Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Swanton Morley to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?" We hope for the referendum to be held before the end of year. Progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and the most up to date documents can be found on our website.

Village Improvements

There has been much work in the village since our last newsletter. September saw a new edition to the Gooseberry Hill Play area. The last piece of equipment installed in this play area was back in 2011 when the nest swing was installed, so when the opportunity arose to apply for funding for play equipment, we jumped at it. We successfully applied for £1,200 which had been collected by Breckland District Council from developer contributions in the local area, and used this as a contribution towards a see saw, the one item of equipment that we thought this area was lacking. We also successfully applied for £5,120 for outdoor sport provision. To this extent, we decided to remove the BMX track, which had proven to be underused, and put together a project to install some outdoor gym equipment. As this newsletter is being put together, the land is in process of being prepared and we expect the cardio equipment, which will consist of a Rower, an Air Walker, an Air Skier, a Ski Stepper, Beam Jumps, a Dip Station, a Trinity Cycle, a Leg Stretch and a Step Up Machine to be installed in November. These will be based at the Village Hall and be free to use. Yet more funding has been received, this time from Breckland District Council's 'Pride Fund'. £1,000 has been received to refurbish the phone box outside Swanton Morley Stores to create a public information point. A further contribution of £1,500 was received from the village based Barrett's Charity to attach a defibrillator to the phone box. We have also received a total of £7,838.15 to improve the highways in the village. This was used to kerb an area of Rectory Road and to purchase some SAM2 signs. The SAM2 signs not only inform drivers of their speed and if they should slow down, they also record data which enables us to inform the police of any speeding hot spots within the village. The police can then use this information when deciding on the location of their speed cameras.

CAROLS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

After last year's successful event, Carols on the Village Green will be running again on Saturday 2nd December. The Parish Council sends its thanks to the Dereham Band which will be providing the accompanying music, Dereham Road Table and to all the local businesses and volunteers who make this event possible. It is expected that Father Christmas will make an appearance at 5.30pm, with the carols starting at 6pm. Keep an eye on the Swanton Morley Parish Council facebook page for updated information

Community Car Appeal

The Community Car Scheme has been running successfully now for 10 years. It is a group of volunteer drivers who take people who live in the village to their medical appointments. This ranges from hospitals through to opticians and dentists. It is exclusively for those who have no other means of transport so is a valuable service for those who need it.

We are in need of two more volunteer drivers to assist us in the scheme. You will be compensated 45p per mile driven for the scheme and you only do the journeys that you want to. You do not have to be medically trained, as all patients needing this level of care will be transported by the appropriate medical authority.

We are also in need of a deputy co-ordinator for the scheme. Our co-ordinator Anne works tirelessly for the scheme, but very occasional takes a well-deserved break. If you have good organisational skills and a polite telephone manner, you could be the person to help.

For either position, please call Anne on 01362 638588 for more information.

Free Daffodils

After the success of last year's planting scheme, we are running our 'free daffodil' project this year. Daffodils are available to collect at the office at Swanton Morley Village Hall, on the provision that they are planted on highway verges or in other areas of public open space, so that everyone can enjoy them.



Dates for Your Diary

4th November – Firework night
Probably the best village firework display in Norfolk. Children's disco & entertainer, BBQ, hog roast, fairground rides and other great stalls. Gates at 5pm, fireworks at 7pm.

25th November – Falling Starr Wrestling. The ever-popular show returns to the hall for more crazy wrestling stunts. Doors 7pm & the mayhem starts 7.30pm

3rd December – Xmas Market
Do all your Xmas shopping at Swanton Morley Village Hall 10am – 4pm

Changes to Swanton

Morley Parish Council

We would like to welcome **Geoffrey Curran to Swanton Morley Parish Council.** Mr Curran brings to the council significant experience of the public sector and is involved with several other community groups in the village. He joins after the resignation of Damon Harris. We would like to thank Damon for his time and service to the council.

Warning About Dog

Fouling

We have had an increased number of complaints about **dog fouling, particularly in the Woodgate Lane/Woodgate Road area.** A person in charge of a dog must remove the faeces straight away if the dog has fouled, otherwise they are breaking the law and could be fined up to £1000. Parishioners are encouraged to contact Breckland Council on 01362 656870 with evidence of persons not cleaning up after their dog. A new dog bin has been installed by the Parish Council in Woodgate to assist in this matter.

Ask the Council

Q. Has the new Rectory Road Development Been Completed?

A. Almost! The developers are putting the finishing touches to the infrastructure such as the roads and green open space. The Parish Council is keen to ensure the green open space is up to standard before it takes the land on and is pressing the developer to ensure this is done as quickly as possible.

Do you have a question you would like to ask the Council? If so, write to the Mardler via the clerk and we will publish the best questions and answers.

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