

Costessey Contact

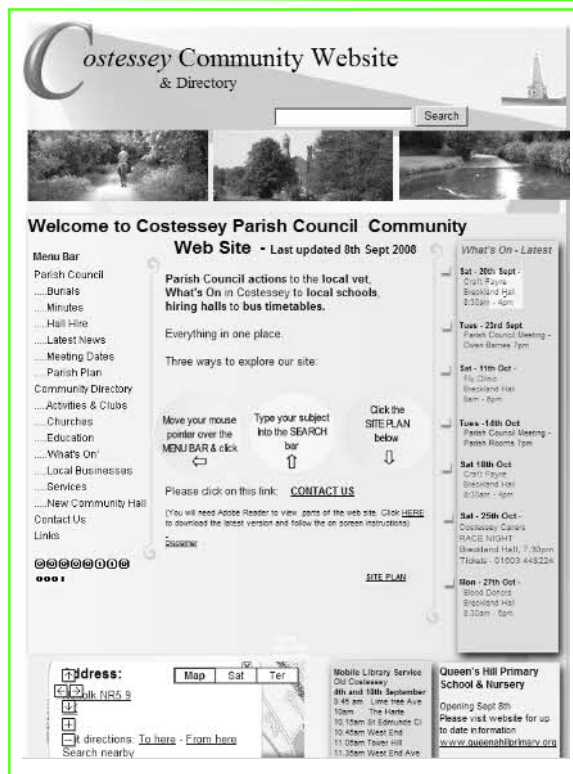


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Contact has had a face lift. Like it? Tell us what you think

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Costessey Community Web Site now on line



Costessey Community Web Site - Home Page

Take a look at:

www.costessey.org.uk

Or just type in Costessey Parish Council in Google. Look for the link:

"Welcome to Costessey Parish Council Community".

This is a community web site. Anyone can send in articles, events, dates and pictures for inclusion. Full instructions are available on the [CONTACT US](#) page

(Please note that the editor reserves the right to alter, edit submissions.)

This is the last edition of Contact before Christmas. Costessey Parish Council wishes all parishioners the very best for the forthcoming festivities.

Surfers can:

- Explore Parish Council business
- Find out what events are happening in the parish, where and when
- Book halls on line
- Find names, telephone numbers and links to groups ranging from bingo to the Scouts
- Look up schools, churches, doctors and dentists
- Find a local plumber, plasterer, builder or vet
- Contact sports organisations, pubs or the WI
- And much, much more.

Everything under one roof!

The Council is keen to encourage full use of the site. Group organisers: send in your events - when, where and at what time.

Don't forget to Bookmark the site!

Comment - From the Editor

It has always been a keen ambition of Costessey Parish Council to improve the way parishioners are informed of matters concerning them in their community.

As well as 'Costessey Contact' which hopefully you are reading with interest now, the council has numerous notice boards around Costessey - see page 4 - and has now launched its community web site. You are encouraged to explore the site, see if it has real value to you and, if you can spare the time, offer ways to improve it.

There is ample opportunity to send us your comments by [CONTACTING US](#) via the web site, emailing us directly (see page 4) or the traditional way of writing on the comments slip again on page 4.

Please identify or sign all correspondence so that issues can be answered promptly.

News from Queens Hills

Final Site for Queens Hills Community Hall Agreed

In July this year, Cofton Land Development submitted plans to build Queens Hills Community Centre. This was positioned to the north of the proposed playing fields adjacent to Ringland Lane.

The result: **complaints**. Residents from Queens Hills and Ringland Lane were up in arms at what they felt was an inappropriate location.

Parishioners rightly made their views heard at a Parish Council meeting and their objections were sympathetically received by councillors.

A meeting with the developers, planners and councillors resulted in a decision to re-site the hall to the south of the playing fields in a more central position.

This may not be perfect for all but the proposed location has distinct advantages:

- it is close to the development
- concerns regarding possible noise are minimised
- the hall is accessible to residents from Queens Hills and the rest of Costessey
- it is affordable and can be built by the developer at no extra cost

We are now waiting for Cofton to re-apply for planning permission so that work can begin. Another good example of the community, parish and district council working in harmony.

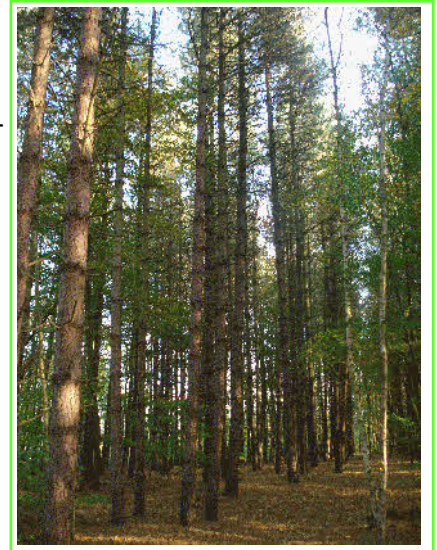
Early Warning !! Improvements to Greenhills Wood

Some years ago the Forestry Commission owned Greenhills Wood and planted a number of conifers on a plateau in the centre. These have now reached maturity and need to be removed.

This will entail substantial tree felling and this area of the wood will be visually unattractive until naturally regenerated trees begin to grow.

Parishioners who regularly use the woods are asked to be patient while nature takes its course and the wood restores itself.

The Parish Council is looking for grant aid from the Forestry Commission to begin the work. Even without a grant, the work will still need to be completed in the not too distant future.



Greenhills Wood - Conifers to be felled

Gunton Lane Recreation Ground Improvements

Tud River Bank

Regular users of Gunton Lane Recreation Ground will have seen work along the Tud river bank. Posts and boards have been driven into the bank to minimise the erosion which threatens the footpath. Any gaps between the old bank and boards have been filled. Some of these will be sown with wild flower seeds and some allowed to grow naturally.

Ponds

The Parish Council has agreed to remove the starweed suffocating the pond to the north of the River Tud. However, the water lilies will not be touched.

A path large enough for a 16 ton digger will have to be cut to the ponds.

This will require the river bank to be supported near Red Bridge and the loss of some low value trees and bushes.



Groundsman Barry Barber up to his waist in starweed

COMMUNITY ACTION SUCCESS

New Costessey Post Office to stay open - A hearty pat on the back to the residents of Costessey who convincingly persuaded Post Office Counters Ltd to reverse the decision to close Norwich Rd Post Office. A persuasive post mistress, two well attended public meetings, two canvassing sessions outside the Cop and on Oval Rd, a petition, numerous letters, leaflet campaigns, representations from the Parish Council, Norfolk Rural Community Council, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council, cross party political support, great support from the local media and most of all your support have achieved a fantastic result.

Burning Issues

Costessey Contact believes it has a duty to remind parishioners that any kind of un-neighbourly behaviour is basically.. well... un-neighbourly.

Autumn is a popular time for garden bonfires.

However, when you fire up, please consider what direction the wind is blowing and how the smoke, falling smuts and the smell will affect those around you.

Please be aware that anyone who has regular bonfires could be charged with statutory nuisance.

A knock on the door and a quiet word can help diffuse potential problems.

And There's More: Wheelie Bins

Whatever your feelings about the pros and cons of wheelie bins, one thing that is really un-neighbourly is leaving them out on the pavements and footways far too early or way after they have been emptied.



They look untidy and cause problems to passers by particularly the elderly, the disabled and those with prams.

Wheelie bins can be left out for up to 24 hours to allow collections. Longer than that could result in letters from South Norfolk Council and possible fines.

Grave Concerns

A reminder to those who have family members buried in St Edmund's Churchyard and Costessey Parish Cemetery.

The annual Health & Safety check of memorials will take place in November. This is to ensure that memorials are secure.

In the interests of public safety, any memorials that are unsafe will be secured to a post, labelled and the families notified where possible and asked to undertake suitable repairs.

Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel

The next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel - SNAP takes place at **Costessey High School** on 18th November beginning at 7 pm

Come along and have your say.

All Welcome

Dog Owners - Be Aware



On the 11th August South Norfolk Council

'adopted under Section 57 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, a **Dog Control Order** in respect of any land, which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access.

It is an offence punishable by prosecution, if a dog defecates on land and the person in charge of the dog fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith.'

South Norfolk Council's **Environmental Crime Team** will be patrolling public open land such as roads, recreation grounds, footways, woodlands, etc and can issue a fixed penalty fine of £50 to offenders.

Members of the public can report offenders to South Norfolk's Environmental Team who will initially give them a warning. However, persistent offenders will be prosecuted **but this means that those reporting must be prepared to give a formal witness statement if required.**

SO: PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

FOR SALE: Doggy Poo bags can be bought from the Parish Office - 65p for 50 bags.

Order a Garden Waste Bin Now and Get 3 Months Free!!!

For £40 per year South Norfolk Council will supply you with a Garden Waste bin which will take your grass cuttings, hedge trimmings, small branches, fallen leaves and plant prunings.

Order before 31st December 2008, get 3 extra months free and get the garden ready for the Spring!

Call: 01603 819991

Email: ketteringham@s-norfolk.gov.uk

Visit: www.south-norfolk.gov.uk

Quote ref: MC1 to claim the 3 free months



Costessey Directory Out Soon

The finishing touches are being made to the new Costessey Directory which was last published in 2005.

This contains up to date information on local activities, services and groups as well as helpful contacts outside the parish. Exact details of final publication have yet to be finalised.

CONTACT US

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled for:

25 November*
16 December
6 & 27 January

All meetings begin at 7pm. All are held in the Parish Rooms except those marked * which are held in the Owen Barnes Room at Breckland Hall.

The agendas for these and any other meetings arranged will be advertised on the Parish notice boards a few days before the meeting takes place.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Usually, parish officers can be contacted by telephone between 9am and 5pm.

Parish Office opening hours are:

Monday 1.30pm to 4.00pm
Tuesday 9.30am to 4.00pm
Wednesday Closed all day
Thursday 9.30am to 1.30pm
Friday 9.30pm to 1.30pm

The Parish Clerk is available at other times. Please ring the Parish Office to make an appointment.

PLEASE NOTE: As from the 5th Jan 09 office hours will change to:

Mon - Thurs 10am - 4pm (except the 3rd Wednesday of each month when the office closes at 1pm)

Fri 10am - 1pm

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BREAK

The Parish Office will closed from:

22nd Dec - 26th Dec inclusive and on
31st Dec 2008 and 1st Jan 2009.

PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

Parish Notice boards can be found at the following locations:

- St Augustine's School
- Opposite cafe in Longwater Lane
- Breckland Hall
- Costessey Infants School - Beaumont Rd
- Opposite Crown Public House - Norwich Rd
- Olive Rd - near Valley Rd junction
- The Bakery - Oval Rd
- Corner of Bawburgh Lane & Dereham Rd
- Outside Parish Rooms - Townhouse Rd

New Board at Queens Hills soon

Costessey Parish Council is here to serve YOU



The Parish Council owns and manages the Parish Rooms, Breckland Hall, the Owen Barnes Room, the Youth Centre, the Pavilion on Longwater Lane, Breckland Recreation Ground, Longwater Recreation Ground, Gunton Lane Recreation Ground, Bunkers Hill Woodland, Greenhills Wood, the Parish Cemetery and the Roundwell Monument. It shares the High School flood-lit hard-surface play area which offers facilities for 5-x-side football, tennis, & netball; maintains St Edmund's Churchyard and various other smaller areas such as the green on which the Village sign stands and it manages the allotments.

It is also the Trustee of the Old Cricket Ground. In addition it considers every planning application submitted in Costessey; is consulted on a huge range of local and national issues; lobbies and liaises; and much, much more.

Why not come to a meeting—you might find it interesting!

COUNCILLORS FOR COSTESSEY

John Amis	96 Olive Road Costessey NR5 0AW	746665
	(Parish Council Vice-Chairman)	
Diana Bates	55 Longwater Lane, Costessey, NR5 0TE	746757
Allan Bedford	2 Valley View Crescent, Costessey, NR5 0HU	743380
Vivienne Bell	8 Parklands, Costessey, NR8 5AL	744952
	(Also District Councillor)	
Paul Cockaday	33 Wheeler Crescent, Easton, NR9 5FF	741287
John Denby	11 Hillvue Close, Costessey, NR5 0NQ	744276
	(Also District Councillor)	
Bill Dinneen	108 West End, Costessey, NR8 5AJ	742324
	(Parish Council Chairman)	
Michelle Doggett	High Oaks, Folgate Lane, Costessey, NR8 5DP	594932
Tim East	7 St Walstans Close, Costessey, NR5 0TW	743241
	(Also District & County Councillor)	
Libby Glover	78 Middleton Crescent, Costessey, NR5 0PX	748374
Brian Mackie	290 Dereham Road, Costessey, NR5 0SL	745179
Reg Piesse	1 Longwater Lane, Costessey, NR8 5AH	744233
Dick Smith	64 The Street, Costessey, NR8 5DD	740006
Alex Todd	Sarum Hall, Hinshalwood Way, Costessey, NR8 5BN	748400
Gerard Watt	Busy Bee Cottage, Folgate Lane, Costessey, NR8 5DH	749590
	(Also District Councillor)	
Simon Watt	79 Haverscroft Close, Taverham, NR8 6LT	865555
	Parish Clerk - Mrs Rachel Jackson Assistant Clerk - Miss Amy Starkings	
	Clerk's Assistants - Phil Leach & Richard Rymarz	

FOR YOUR COMMENTS

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