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Cringleford Parish Council has monthly meetings (except August). The Planning and Environment Committee is held on the first Wednesday and Full Council on the second Wednesday of each month. Parishioners are welcome to join these meetings (details on website).

There are also additional groups that provide advice to Council—the Recreation and Amenities Advisory Group and the Finance Advisory Group.

## The Parish Matters

*Our long awaited parking scheme.* We are receiving a lot of calls regarding the parking improvements that Norfolk County Council will be implementing on Intwood Road and Colney Lane, and the roads off them. We have chased the County Council repeatedly this year for a date when these works will be carried out and initially they stated that it would be over the summer. They have now advised us that they have instructed a contractor to carry out the job and they "expect" that the works will be completed by the end of the year. We have no additional information at this time, but will continue to press for an exact date.

*Please play safely.* We love to see families using our play areas and open spaces, but please try to do so safely. Several residents have made contact with us recently regarding the Castle playground and open space on The Pines to raise their concerns about some dangerous play in this area. It seems that some children are playing football on the small open space, but the football is frequently kicked into the road and the children are running out to collect the ball without checking first whether any cars are coming. If your children play there regularly, then it may be worth popping along with them and just checking that they are being safe. Or, even better, please encourage them to come and use The Willow Centre field where we have goals set up for use and there are no adjacent roads. We are considering placing a low railing along the side of the green area to make it safer if that would help. Recently, this area has become infested with litter, so we will be installing an additional litter bin there, but in the meantime , please will you use the one inside the playground.

*A Warm Welcome - Community Warm Spaces* (Helpers needed). Cringleford Parish Council is looking to support its community through the winter (excluding the Christmas to New Year break when we are shut) by opening up its buildings as Community Warm Spaces. Parishioners will be welcome to come to our buildings, have a hot drink and a biscuit, and just sit and rest in the warm for a few hours. To do this, however, we will need some volunteers to help



Parish Councillors for a few hours a week. Our initial plans are to hold a month-long trial, on a Monday lunchtime in the Pavilion on Oakfields Road, and then on either a Thursday or Friday lunchtime at The Willow Centre on Willowcroft Way. If the trial is successful then we will carry on until the end of March.

If you would be able to commit three hours at either of these venues to come along and help out then please contact the Parish Clerk and provide your contact information. We will then organise a meeting for volunteers to go through the details with them ([clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk)).

*New picnic tables.* Thinking forward to next summer, Council has decided to purchase some picnic tables to go on the grassed area in front of The Willow Centre. They are being bought with the support of our District Councillors.

*Intwood Road sign.* The new Cringleford village gateway sign has now been put in place on Intwood Road near the railway crossing. We hope it will help to slow down traffic on this stretch of the road and so improve safety for pedestrians.

*Planting for the Queen's Green Canopy.* Autumn is upon us and winter is just around the corner. That is the perfect time for planting trees and we will be doing just that this winter as part of the Queen's Green Canopy ([queensgreencanopy.org](http://queensgreencanopy.org)). Trees will be planted at Newfound Farm on the BDW Homes site, the Jubilee Garden on Lobelia Lane, and on Roundhouse Park along Dragonfly Lane and Willowcroft Way.

Seventy apple, pear and cherry fruit trees will be planted to form part of Newfound Orchard and Allotments that have been named after the area of which they form part using a grant from the John Innes Trustees (see plan overleaf). The orchard, along with the road names, will link the site with its recent history for use as the farmed area for the John Innes Centre in Colney that occupied the site prior to the housing development. Most of the trees were bred at the Centre before it moved to Norwich although the programme lived on into the early 1990s at Colney.

The name Newfound goes back much farther to the 16th century, when a



*Location (inset) and proposed layout of Newfound Orchard and Allotments at Cringleford Heights (modified with permission from BDWH). Trees will be planted using a 5m hexagonal pattern allowing space for people to sit and picnic beneath them.*

‘new-found’ band of clay was discovered there. The land was sold by the Great Hospital to John Balleston. Because of its quality, much of the clay was exported to Holland as ‘Balleston Newfound’. The clay was used locally for making pottery, brick and tiles for many years, probably into the 18th century when the site was turned over to farming. Archaeological investigations undertaken as part of the current development of the site uncovered one old 16th/17th century kiln close to our planned orchard and allotments. From the debris found associated with it, the kiln in the photograph was believed to be for the production of bricks and tiles.

As soon as the trees are established and building is completed on the areas adjacent to the orchard and allotments, an official opening will be held and the area will be opened to the public. The full background to the road



*The entrance to a brick kiln (at the top end of the trench) uncovered prior to the start of building at Newfound Farm (image courtesy Barratt David Wilson Homes).*

names and fruit trees, and the history of the site will be placed on our website and linked to the area via QR codes on plaques by the site. The allotments will become available then and, If you are interested in renting one, please send an expression of interest to [admin@cringlefordpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@cringlefordpc.org.uk).

Ten pleached Holm Oaks will be placed as the centrepiece of our Jubilee Garden on Lobelia Lane. Work has already started to prepare the ground for planting. We have also put some protective fencing around the area whilst we are working on it and until the plants establish. The trees will be arranged in a square for summer shade with climate change in mind. There will also be benches in the square so that residents can sit and chat, or just enjoy looking at the garden. An artistic impression of the garden is shown overleaf). The trees will be planted in December and the garden shrubs and perennials next spring. Again, once established, it will be opened for public use.

Over this winter a dozen native species trees will be planted along Dragonfly Lane and Willowcroft Way opposite The Willow Centre. At the request of parishioners, some of these will be placed to shade the exercise



*An impression of the proposed Jubilee Garden on Lobelia Lane. There will be a central area with benches, enclosed by pleached evergreen Holm Oaks. Around the perimeter will be a short beech hedge. In this image one wall of beech hedging has been faded out to show the inside of the garden.*

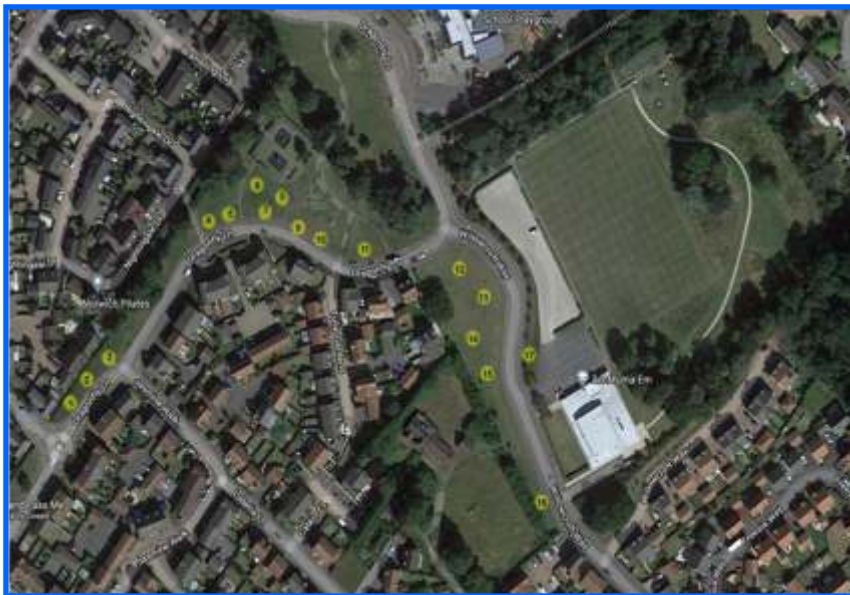
area from the hot summer sun. The aerial image opposite shows the approximate location and the species that we will be planting.

## Update on new developments

**Roundhouse Gate.** Tilia Homes have put in a planning application for 40 more dwellings on their last remaining site north of Roundhouse Way that has not yet received planning permission. This site, opposite Cavell Court, was the reserve site for a primary school should one not be built at Cringleford Heights. Since the school at Cringleford Heights has been announced by Norfolk County Council, the reserve site can now be developed.

**St Giles Park .** Most of the comments have now been received on our planning application (2022/1532) for the Jubilee Centre and in general have been positive. We anticipate that the application will be heard at the November meeting of South Norfolk Council's Development Management Committee in November. If approved, we will be seeking financial support from SNC to cover the cost of the building.

(From Big Sky Living). Construction work continues with approaching 200



*Location of trees to be planted along Dragonfly Lane and Willowcroft Way. Key (from left): 1 and 2, bird cherry; 3, wild service; 4 and 5, rowan; 6, and 7, Holm Oak; 8, hawthorn; 9, and 10, rowan; 11, hawthorn; 12, copper beech; 13, elm; 14 and 15, silver birch; 16, crab apple; 17, bird cherry.*

dwelling now either completed or under construction including nearly 70 affordable homes. As previously reported, we have been working closely with the Parish Council to agree designs for a new sports pavilion building and a planning application has recently been submitted and which is hoped will be determined so building work can start in early 2023. In spite of the very dry summer the associated playing fields are becoming well established although some remedial work to improve some areas is required. UKPN are currently on site diverting underground cabling close to the site boundary with the A47 southern bypass due the impact of the proposed National Highways scheme for the A11/A47/Thickthorn junction (now approved).

The road from St Giles Park connecting to Cantley Lane, close to the junction with Brettingham Avenue, will finally be opened to traffic by the end of October. In addition, works are soon going to be carried out to the section of Cantley Lane closed to traffic by removing the existing gate and installing bollards as well as cutting back some of the overgrown verges.



# Useful Contacts and Information

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Norfolk County Council

## County Councillor

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## Road works information

[one.network/](http://one.network/)

## Highways reporting form (potholes, overhanging trees, etc.)

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem)

## Police

Stuart Barnard, Beat Manager

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## The Willow Centre

- [clothing and shoe bank](#) is in the car park
- [Norwich Foodbank drop-offs](#) to donate non-perishable food, drink or toiletries
- [battery](#) collection point is open
- [book swap](#) in the bistro area is operating

Holding a one-off event, a



regular class or sports match?

Contact us to see if we have space in The Willow Centre or the Pavilion