

CRINGLEFORD PARISH
COUNCIL

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Cringelford Parish Council has monthly meetings (except in 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.

Contact us: clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk or 01603 250198

The Parish Matters

Combined issue. This issue is a combined spring/summer one as we wanted to wait until we heard the news about our pump/cycle track. See below for some good news about our latest facility!

Grants available. The Parish Council has a budget available for grants to local organisations, voluntary groups or charitable organisations. Last year we gave £1250 towards St Peter's Church for grounds maintenance, £1000 to improve the efficiency of the Patteson Room lighting and £250 towards the cost of a second-hand uniform shop at Cringleford CE VA Primary School. If you have a project you feel could be supported by us, a fresh round of funding is now available. To request support, please contact our Clerk (clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk). Our policy for awarding grants can be found on our website under 'Documents'.

Walk in safety. Our bid to the Parish Partnership Scheme with Norfolk County Council was successful, so we are pleased to announce that a trod path from Tesco to the bus interchange will be put in place by the end of this financial year. We hope it will make your walk between these two sites easier and safer.

Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting this year will be held on 10 June 2026 starting at 7pm with drinks and cakes. As well as a Parish Council presentation, your new County Councillor, Daniel Elmer, will be giving a talk on the change from County and District Councils to Unitary Councils. As you may be aware the Government recently made a decision to divide Norfolk into three Unitary Councils – Greater Norwich City (to include Cringleford), West Norfolk and East Norfolk. Daniel is also Leader of South Norfolk Council. Please see our advert at the end of the newsletter for more details. We hope to have additional presentations from local organisations.

Ready to book? The Parish Council has a number of venues that can be hired by individuals, clubs and businesses for sports, exercise and meetings. The newest, The Jubilee Centre, includes a large multi-purpose area with a sprung floor for dance, sports and meetings. We have a helpful leaflet about our hire rates attached to the centre of this newsletter for you to pull out and keep.



The Jubilee Centre hall

Ready for exercise? We are very happy to announce that the cycle/pump

track by The Willow Centre has received approval from South Norfolk Planning. It will be the latest addition to our community facilities. We will be working with them over the next few months to finalise the 'change of use' agreements.

If you don't feel cycling is the exercise for you, South Norfolk Council are also planning to hold some exercise classes this summer on the area next to Roundhouse Park's outside gym. Watch out for notices on our website.

Watching out to help your neighbourhood

We are saddened to report an increase in crime in our area. In the Parish Council's woods behind The Willow Centre we have had several incidents of damage to the animal statues and the woods themselves over the last year. Several young people were even witnessed walking off with the 'owl' in February. More recently, some of the newly replaced flooring at the play area next to The Willow Centre was ripped up. The statues, hand carved locally, and the flooring are expensive and replacing them, especially repeatedly, has an impact on everyone's precept. If you do witness any incidents, please will you contact the local Beat Manager, James Smith (james.smith2@norfolk.police.uk, 07773 597 688) and then let us know. James is always happy to talk over any concerns you may have.

The police also hold regular neighbourhood surgeries at local venues around South Norfolk where you can voice your concerns. The Norfolk Constabulary website advertises the meetings under 'Your Area'. We come under the Hethersett and Mulbarton beat area.

Norfolk Constabulary has provided useful leaflets on home burglary prevention techniques for residents: Shed & Garage; Alarms; CCTV; Home Security. These can be viewed and downloaded from our website – put 'Police' into the search facility and click on 'Police Advice on Burglaries' (18 June 2024). in addition, there is a police presentation on our website under 'Information' with advice on cybercrime – an increasing problem worldwide. The police will also give advice on Neighbourhood Watch Schemes so you can help your community keep safe by forming Neighbourhood Watch



Vandalised flooring at The Willow Centre children's play area

groups (www.ourwatch.org.uk/). You can join Neighbourhood Watch via the police website: www.norfolk.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/neighbourhood-watch/. There are several groups already operating in Cringleford. For example, the St Giles Park group now has around 50 members, all of whom reside on the development. Volunteers from the group also participate in a litter picking event around the development on a seasonal basis. They meet at the Jubilee Centre and each volunteer is assigned an area to cover, returning after an hour. If anyone wishes to join the group just scan the QR code on The Jubilee Centre noticeboard.

There are other litter picking groups in Cringleford and if you wish to join/form one, just let our Clerk know as we can supply the equipment needed if necessary. We are not aware of all the groups operating across Cringleford, so, if you haven't done so already, it would be helpful if you would kindly let our Clerk know about yours.



St Giles Neighbourhood Watch Scheme's litter pickers. Martin Vacher, the group's coordinator told us: "Our Neighbourhood Watch group provides reassurance that we are living in a clean, safe environment. We introduced seasonal litter picking events last year to maintain a high standard for our streets and green spaces. Since their introduction, we've cleared hundreds of litres of waste and debris."

Our second orchard is planted

On a very miserable day in February, Council members and staff, and volunteers from The Conservation Volunteers braved the cold, muddy conditions to plant Cringleford's second orchard. The new orchard is on St Giles Park adjacent to the footpath from Sidell Close to Spenser Rise. It is planted with 50 fruit tree varieties, mainly originating in Norfolk, and supplied by the East of England Apples and Orchard Project at West Raynham Business Park, Norfolk (applesandorchards.org.uk/). The footpath opened shortly after the orchard was planted. It was followed by Big Sky planting native tree species around the same area. The Parish Council will maintain the orchard but the surrounding area is looked after by Big Sky until it is handed over to us, probably next year. We are also grateful for the gift of three fruit trees from a parishioner. See Page 5 for pictures of the

Booking information

Cringleford Parish Council owns three buildings: The Willow Centre, The Pavilion and The Jubilee Centre. All buildings and outdoor spaces are available for hire to the public.

Please email bookings@cringlefordpc.org.uk and ring 01603 515644 for The Pavilion & The Jubilee Centre, or email admin@cringlefordpc.org.uk and ring 01603 457222 for The Willow Centre.

Hire charges for each facility are detailed inside. Fees for the Willow Centre and the Pavilion include VAT at 20%. If you are a sports group or exercise class, please note that the 20% VAT fee is not applicable. The Jubilee Centre hire prices do not include a VAT fee.

In addition to the hire fee, a damage deposit cheque is requested for each booking – the amount of which varies dependant on the type of hire and is detailed on your booking form when a booking request is made.



Addresses:

- The Willow Centre, 1-13 Willowcroft Way, Cringleford, NR4 7JJ
- The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Oakfields Road, NR4 6XF
- The Jubilee Centre, Walpole Crescent, Cringleford, NR4 6TU



The Willow Centre is a large square hall that is split into four quadrants, separated by partition walls. Quadrants can be hired individually, or multiples if more room is required for your event. Each quadrant is 7 by 9 metres. One quadrant can accommodate a maximum of 40 people, two quadrants can hold up to 80 people, and the whole hall can accommodate either 220 standing, or 160 seated.

Hire charges are as below **per hour**:

	Casual Hirer	Regular Hirer**	Regular Hirer Off Peak*
1 quadrant	£19.20	£15.60	£8.40
2 quadrants	£30.00	£24.00	£15.60
3 quadrants	£36.00	£30.00	£22.80
4 quadrants	£43.20*** £55.20**** £58.80*****	£36.00	£30.00

* The off-peak rate runs between 12.00pm – 3.00pm Monday to Friday, for regular hirers only.

** Regular hirer rate is given to anyone who makes a block booking of 6 bookings or more.

*** Business functions hire rate

**** Parties & events hire rate

***** Hire price after 6pm on Fridays/Saturdays

Additional Facilities at the Willow Centre:

Kitchen (including ovens)	£19.20 per session
Projector and Screen	£18.00 per session
Bar Space Hire	£12.00 per hour
Stage Hire (11.25m x 2.25m)	£60.00 per session

The Pavilion



The Pavilion is a multi-purpose building located at the Recreation Ground at the end of Oakfields Road. The building is 14 by 6 metres with a maximum capacity of 60 people.

Hire charges are below:

Casual Hirer	£18.00 per hour
Regular Hirer*	£14.40 per hour

* Regular hirer rate is given to anyone who makes a block booking of 6 bookings or more.



Open Spaces



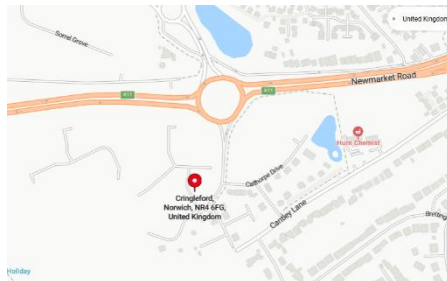
The open spaces in Cringleford are the responsibility of Cringleford Parish Council. Hirer requests are welcome for business use of the spaces, however, please be aware that they are public spaces that are used frequently by parishioners and users of the Council's buildings.

Hirer charges are below:

Pop up food trucks (The Willow Centre car park)	£18.00 per session
Recreation Ground hire (events)	£250.00 per session
Bootcamps / personal trainers	£10.00 per session
Cricket (Recreation Ground)	£120.00 per match

Football pitches at Recreation Ground / The Willow Centre / The Jubilee Centre are currently solely hired out to Cringleford Juniors.

THE JUBILEE CENTRE



Newly opened in November 2024, The Jubilee Centre is a state-of-the-art community venue incorporating a nursery. It is a fantastic space that can accommodate equipment for badminton, netball, volleyball, pickle ball and 5-a-side football. We welcome bookings for sports, exercise and meetings from public and private organisations, clubs or individuals.

Our introductory hire rates are per hour, as follows:

	Peak	Off Peak*	Regular** / Resident***
Badminton court	£10.00	£7.00	£8.00
Whole hall hire (e.g. 5-a side football, netball and meetings)	£25.00	£14.00	£16.00

*Off peak times are 12:00pm-3:00pm and 8:00pm -11:00pm

** Regular hirer rate is given to anyone who makes a block booking of 6 bookings or more.

***Proof of address required upon booking.





St Giles orchard. Top left and right: volunteers planting the fruit trees in appalling conditions after the winter's heavy rainfall. Centre left and right, and bottom left: the orchard in the spring - all the trees in leaf. The Willow Centre mini forest in leaf - bottom right.

planting and the orchard this spring.

Our mini forests are doing well too. They have been fed, mulched and are regularly watered. They have come into leaf well and one by The Willow Centre can be seen above (bottom right).

Wildlife corner: high-flyers and prickly visitors

Now we are well on the way to Summer, we welcome back some high-flying birds – swifts, swallows and house martins – coming to breed after their long journey from Africa, as well as other seasonal visitors. Swifts have one of the longest migration journeys in the world and fly about 14,000 miles every year! Sadly, they are in decline but there is plenty we can do to help numbers increase.



Approved 'hedgehogs crossing' sign

It is also the time of year when hedgehogs are active in our gardens. You may have seen our hedgehog road signs around Cringleford. More will follow. Please do not put up your own signs — just let us know and we will look into suitable locations for you. We have already placed bat and bird boxes around the Recreation Ground off Oakfields Road.

Hedgehogs eat around 100 insects a night, from beetles, grubs and worms to caterpillars. Like swifts, hedgehog numbers are declining.

To help our swifts and hedgehogs you can install swift bricks and boxes when you make changes to your house, grow insect friendly wildflowers and create log piles to boost the local insect population, and create a 'bog garden' or wildlife shallow pond which provides a valuable habitat and drinking water for hedgehogs and birds. You can also avoid garden chemicals that are toxic to wildlife, even lawn treatments can reduce worm populations which are a valuable food source.

Hedgehogs can travel an average distance of 2 km a night so make sure they can pass through your garden via fence gaps (at least 13cmx13cm) or tunnels under fencing. Finally, please check your garden, especially long grass, before mowing or strimming, and check your bonfires before lighting, in case hedgehogs might be having a cosy nap inside.



*Top: a swift in flight.
Centre: a swift brick/
box. Bottom: a swift in
residence in a box..*

More advice can be found here: www.hedgehogstreet.org; Norwich Swift Network (nswiftnetwork@gmail.com; 07887517060); Rspb.org.uk.

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
INVITES YOU TO
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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Wednesday 10 June 2026



7.30pm (Welcome drinks from 7pm)



THE WILLOW CENTRE

Join the council for an evening celebrating the achievements of Cringleford's local groups, including presentations from the Yare Valley Society and your new County Councillor, Daniel Elmer, on the new Unitary Councils

Welcome drinks and cakes on arrival

Preferred RSVP to the Assistant Clerk by
1 June 2026, but all welcome on the night!
admin@cringlefordpc.org.uk/01603 457222



USEFUL CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

District Councillors

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Deborah.sacks@
southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

Church Hall bookings

01603 259138

Patteson Room bookings

01508 218732

County Councillor

Daniel.Elmer.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

Highways

Roadworks Info: one. Network

Report a problem: www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem

Police

James Smith Beat Manager

James.smith2@norfolk.police.uk

Cringleford Parish Council facilities available for hire



The Jubilee Centre community hall is available to hire for sport, exercise, meetings or other activities. It has nets and markings for badminton,

pickleball, volleyball and 5-a-side football.



The Willow Centre

The Willow Centre, a multi-purpose space with numerous rooms, perfect for

parties, meetings, exercise classes and children's groups.



The Pavilion. A flexible space used by the football club, the tennis club and the cricket club, as well as residents running classes and having private parties.



For all booking enquiries please email bookings@cringlefordpc.org.uk, or ring the following numbers for further information:

01603 457222 (The Willow Centre), 01603

515644 (The Jubilee Centre & The Pavilion). Hire prices and further information can be found on the Parish Council's website at www.cringlefordpc.org.uk.