

# GIRTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

Wednesday 17 May 2022

William Collyn Community Centre from 7pm





# Welcome

THANKS FOR JOINING ~~US~~ IN

# Girton Annual Parish Meeting 2023

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

- Approval
- Matters Arising

# Our Speakers for this Evening

**Neil Davies:** HI Friends, a local charity supporting wellbeing, mobility, sport and recreation for those who live in our community.

**GPC Committee & Community Engagement:**

Cllr Alison Giles – Environment  
Cllr Nas Hayat – Sport & Recreation  
Cllr Stuart Marshall – Events

**Andrew Muston:** Girton's Neighbourhood Plan



## Wellbeing Team

The Wellbeing Team roles include supporting older people, those living with dementia, parents with young children and the mental wellbeing of all ages. You can visit the [Wellbeing Team page](#) to see who is who and how to contact them.



Sophie our  
Mental Wellbeing Worker



Sarah our  
Dementia Worker



Paul our  
Older People's Worker



Helen our  
Holiday at Home & Day Centre  
Coordinator



Ren our  
Parental Wellbeing Worker



Jan the Group leader of our  
Dementia/Memory Loss support  
group



Jo our  
End of Life Support Worker



HI Friends is a village charity based in Histon & Impington that aims to help support wellbeing, mobility, sport and recreation for those who live in our community.

- Provide a dedicated Wellbeing Team and activities to help meet the needs of 'life's journey' for all ages. The team supports older people, those living with dementia, mental wellbeing, parental wellbeing and bereavement.
- Operate Histon and Impington Community Minibus and Community Trishaw.
- Promote and develop a range of sporting and exercise activities for people of all ages.
- Help fundraise to improve village recreational and leisure facilities.

Histon & Impington

# Last Night of the Proms

Saturday 15 July  
6.30-9.30pm  
(gates open 5.45pm)  
at Histon Manor, CB24 9EH

A picnic concert with  
Cambridgeshire Youth Orchestra  
Guest Vocal Soloists  
Histon Brass  
We Got That Swing! (Swing Dance Band)

Tickets: £22 adult | £13 under 18s  
Available online: [www.hifriends.org.uk](http://www.hifriends.org.uk)


Licensed bar.






Bringing people together to improve wellbeing

## Annual Report 2022

 [www.hifriends.org.uk](http://www.hifriends.org.uk)  
 FriendsHICommunity  
 hi\_friends\_charity




Registered Charity Number 1185578



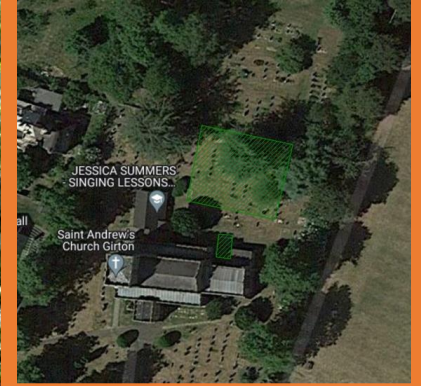




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**WELLBEING CAFÉ**  
A special place for friendship & support
- 
**MENTAL HEALTH**  
Support provided in village schools
- 
**COMMUNITY MINIBUS**  
Mobility & transport for all
- 
**MEMORY LOSS**  
Support for those with memory loss and their carers
- 
**COMMUNITY TRISHAW**  
Enjoy wind in your hair
- 
**SPORT ACTIVITIES**  
For a range of ages and abilities
- 
**FUNDRAISING**  
Helping us to help others & have fun
- 
**DAY CENTRE**  
Hot food, tea & coffee, activities & chat
- 
**FAMILY HUB**  
Wellbeing therapy through creativity
- 
**REC MONDAY CLUB**  
Exercise activities for older people
- 
**MOTHERS' CIRCLE**  
'Me' time for new mothers
- 
**HOLIDAY AT HOME**  
Special activities, special memories
- 
**END OF LIFE & BEREAVEMENT**  
Support when needed
- 
**VOLUNTEERS**  
Helping us support the community

Find out more: [www.hifriends.org.uk](http://www.hifriends.org.uk)



 Girton Local Nature Recovery Plan  
Working for wildlife in our village

## Gardening for wildlife

A free community event hosted by Liesbeth from Purple Flowers Gardening and Mosaics.

**Sunday 21 May 2023 at 11:00 to 15:00**  
72 Girton Road, CB3 0LN.

- Drop in between 11:00 and 15:00 or join a guided tour of the garden at 11:30 or 14:00.
- Inspiration and tips to help you encourage more wildlife into your garden.
- Everyone welcome, including gardening novices.
- Light refreshments available.
- Families very welcome but young children must be closely supervised.

This is a free, informal event provided in partnership with Girton LNRP and supported by Girton Parish Council.

 @GirtonPCouncil  @Wild\_Girton 

# Girton Parish Council Environment Committee

# Sports and Recreation Report

Past



- **Joined Council in May 2022**
- **Feedback from members of public about Parish Council was negative**
  - **Public views did not count**
  - **Public were not listened too**
  - **Council were not approachable**
  - **Pet projects run by councillors**
- **Joined Sports and Rec Committee**
  - **Son plays football for Colts**
  - **Have interest in all Bat and ball sports**
- **Became chair of Sports and Recreation Committee Nov 2022**

# Sports and Recreation Report Present

## Sports and Recreation Committee More Inclusive

- Co-opted all stakeholders
- Organising Open Day to get feedback from Public on Projects
- Given operation responsibility to Clerk with budget to deliver this
- Created a list of capital spend projects which will be online for all to see
- Allow all to work on business cases to be discussed by the Committee before taking to full council
- Created a full list of projects that have been identified by all
- Prioritised the list into high, medium and low project
- Continuous review of list based on feedback from all

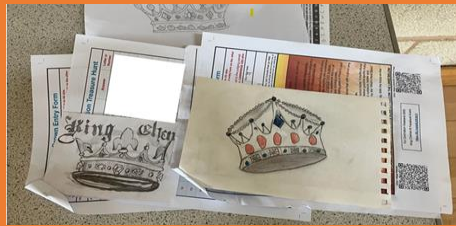
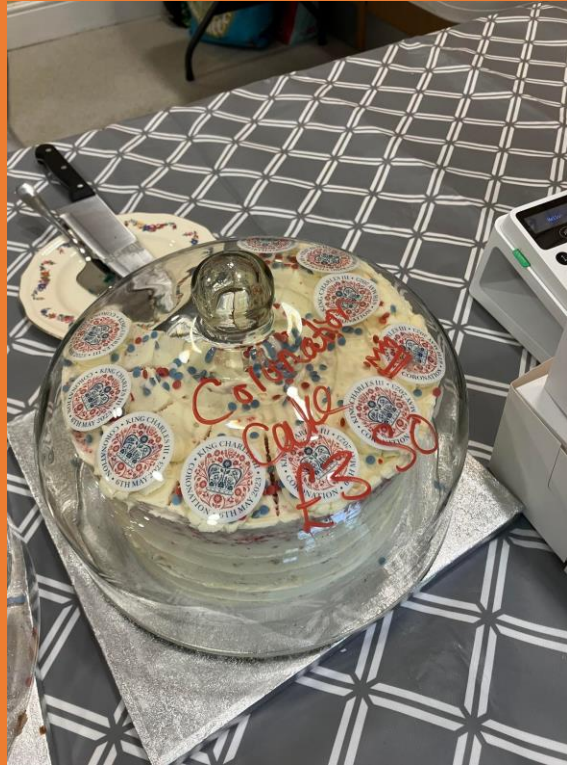


# Sports and Recreation Report

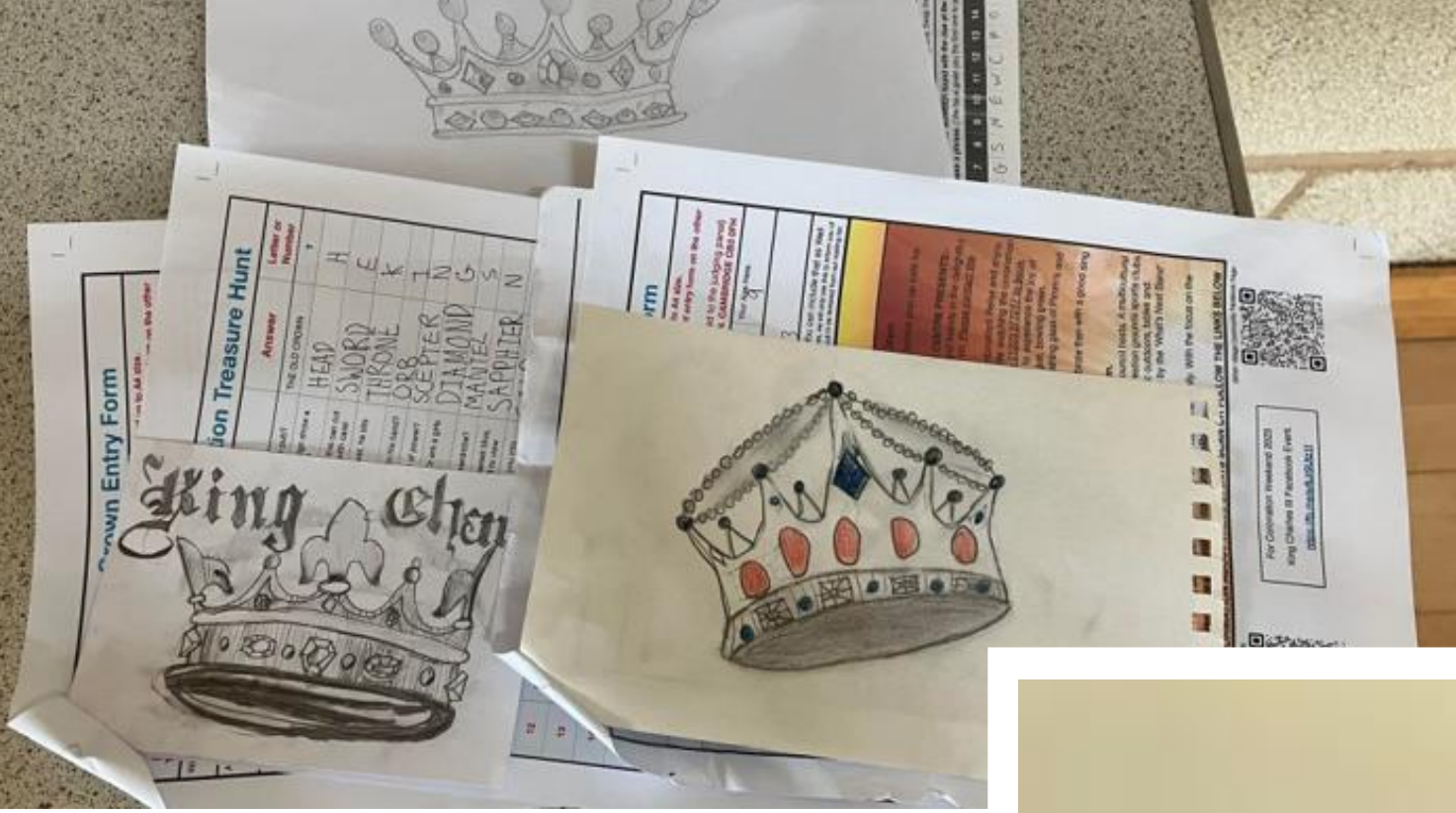
## Future

- **Business Cases**
  - Create business cases for all projects
  - Anyone can get involved in the business case
  - Review the business case and approve
  - Approved business cases taken to full council
  - Continual reviewing of projects list and priorities with input from all
- **Closer Collaboration with the community all stakeholders**
  - Looking at best way to deliver projects
  - Looking for grants that may be available
  - Ensuring that all ages and abilities are catered for
  - Make best use of all the spaces in our village (not just Pavilion)
- **Spending money wisely to offer the best facilities/solution to our community**
- **Working with other facility providers including other parish councils to pool resources so that we can offer more within our budget**





# Girton Parish Council EVENTS Group





# Girton Parish Neighbourhood Plan to 2041

Annual Parish Meeting 17 May 2023

Andrew Muston (Team Lead)



# 'Girton's own vision for Girton'



# What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

**What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

**Who is it for?**

**Why are we doing one?**

**Does it affect me?**



# What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A document used in Planning decisions

## Who is it for?

Everyone in Girton (the electoral parish)

## Why are we doing one?

So we in Girton have an input in decisions that affect us and give guidance to the Parish Council

## Does it affect me?

Yes – you have an input to the Plan and hence help shape the parish's future



# Who is doing the Neighbourhood Plan?

**Parish Council?**

**The Team**



# Who is doing the Neighbourhood Plan?

## Parish Council?

**Yes and No. GPC is the Qualifying Body and so has oversight but is not itself carrying out the work required to assemble the Plan – the Clerk however acts as a key focal point**

## The Team

**You!**



# What goes into a Neighbourhood Plan?

**What has to be included?**

**What else can be included?**

**What can be attached?**



# What goes into a Neighbourhood Plan?

**What has to be included?**

**Topics that require Planning Permission to be given**

**What else can be included?**

**Topics that can affect Planning decisions**

**What can be attached?**

**Parish aspirations – matters important to us**



# How is a Neighbourhood Plan done? [1]

**Gather information about the parish**

**Consult public about contents**

**Decide what to include and what to attach**

**Consult public about each aspect and policies**

**Prepare Draft Plan**



# How is a Neighbourhood Plan done? [1]

**Gather information about the parish**

**Plan needs to be based on evidence – not opinion**

**Consult public about contents**

**This has started – tonight, all Parish Council public meetings, Girton Feast and other opportunities**

**Decide what to include and what to attach**

**GPC will make final decision based on public consultation**

**Consult public about each aspect and policies**

**Parish survey, public meetings, Parish website, community platforms, GPN and anything informal**

**Prepare Draft Plan**

**The Team but public consulted before being signed off by Parish Council**



# How is a Neighbourhood Plan done? [2]

**Draft Plan submitted to SCDC**

**Independent Assessor approves Plan**

**Parish referendum on the Plan**

**SCDC accepts the Plan formally**

**Reviewed periodically**



# How is a Neighbourhood Plan done? [2]

**Draft Plan submitted to SCDC**

**SCDC needs to ensure our policies fit with theirs – can add to their policies but must remain consistent with them**

**Independent Assessor approve Plan**

**Interaction between us and them to finalise the Plan**

**Parish referendum on the Plan**

**You get a vote to (hopefully) agree to the Plan**

**SCDC accepts the Plan formally**

**It is then 'made' and comes into force**

**Reviewed periodically**

**By Parish Council so as to keep it relevant**



Questions?

# ***Girton's own vision for Girton Parish in its Neighbourhood Plan***





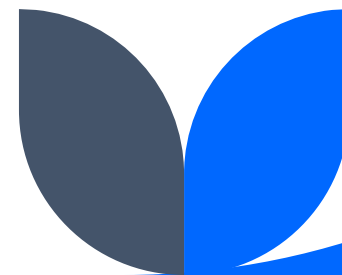
# **Girton Parish Council Chair's Report**

CLlr Daniel Carney



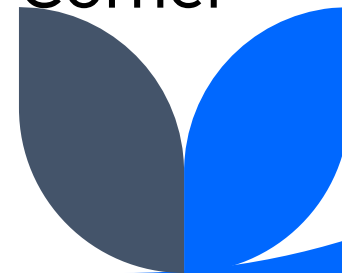
# Council

- Thanks to departing Councillors: Douglas de Lacey, Gill Cockley, Andy Griffin, Julie Dashwood, Angela Blackburn, Marcelo de Lima
- New Councillors: Gary Betts, Patrick Linton
- Still 4 vacancies available for co-option
- Committees all now operational
- Thanks to staff: Yvonne Murray, Angie Vidler, Chris Wilson, Norman Lewell



# Highways

- Commitment to safety
- LHI application for 30mph on Oakington Rd
  - joint with Oakington & Westwick PC
- 20mph zone application for Girton Rd and all side roads
- Raising safety at Huntingdon Rd/Eddington Av junction
- Cutback at Oakington Rd cycleway
- Footways still in poor state – repairs assured
- Proposed crossing of Girton Rd at Girton Corner



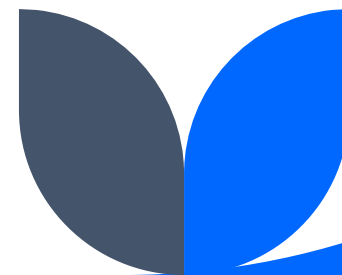
# Sports & Recreation

- Co-opting sports clubs onto committee
- Pitch inspections from FA and ECB
- Use of Girton Glebe parking for weekend fixtures
- Working group on provision of club facilities at bowls green
  - with Girton Bowls Club and Girton Town Charity
- Pavilion refurbishment project stopped for re-scoping
  - Majority view that existing scheme could no longer deliver value for money



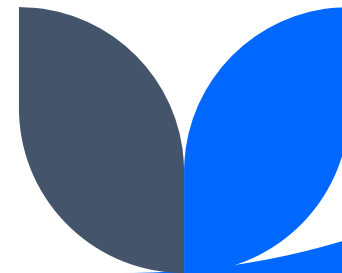
# Finance

- End of year accounts in excellent shape
- Tidying up outstanding bills and payments almost finished
- Precept increase of 7%
  - Projected increase in households means 92p increase per Band D house
- 10% increase in hire fees following 2-year freeze
- Plan to reduce unassigned reserves as currently higher than recommended



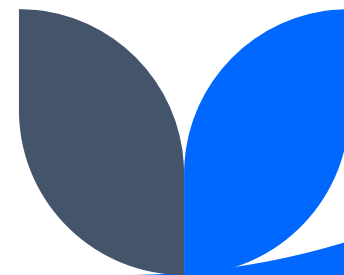
# Environment

- First actions from LNRP – including “No Mow May”
- Establishment of Neighbourhood Plan group
- Community volunteers to make Girton Corner phone box a children’s book exchange
- Litter picking equipment being well used
- Bench replacements – thanks to Neighbourhood Watch
- Kebab van licence breach
- Bus cutbacks – can the Mayoral Precept help Girton?



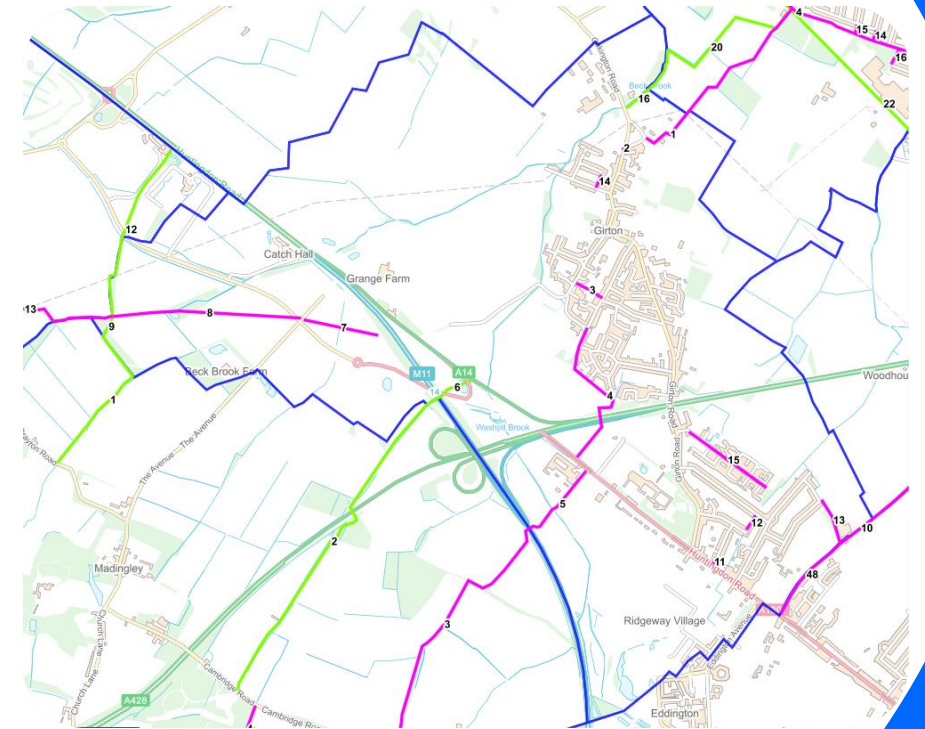
# Planning

- Awaiting outcome of Hotel Felix public enquiry
- 2 Duck End appeal partly upheld
- Chasing up Sloe Fen Farm barn
- Significant developments planned for Eddington and Girton College
- Greater Cambridge Planning portal unreliable



# Rights Of Way

- **Girton on the Move** - Active Travel workshop, with help from Camcycle
  - British Horse Society also in attendance
- Possible progress on improving footpath #4
- Pursuing stopping up of Bridleway #6
- Lights finally on at Footpath #13
- Equestrian link to Bridleway #16 now scheduled



# Finance Report

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 17th May 2023**

**INTERIM END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2022-2023 - Figures are provisional and subject to audit**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
General	453.69	Precept	139,648.00
Environment	25,722.85	Interest Income	2,853.33
Sport & Recreation	90,565.01	General	624.46
Human Resource	35,206.90	Environment	3,017.26
Finance & Resources	12,076.03	Sport & Recreation	24,757.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>164,024.48</b>		<b>170,900.86</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for year</b>			<b>6,876.38</b>

**Notes:**

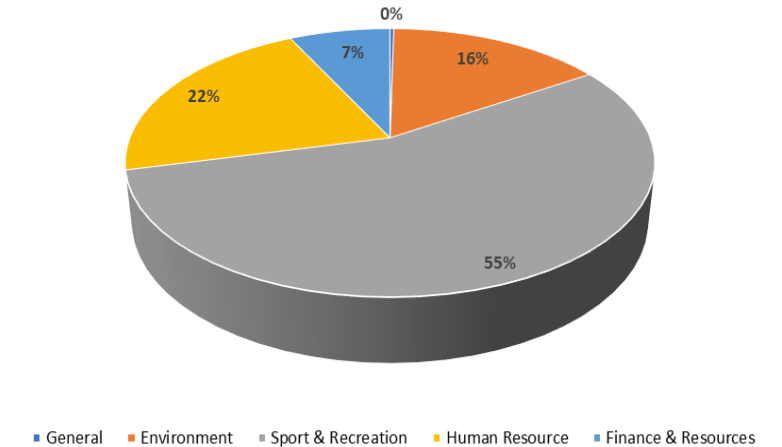
Includes allocation of £1,700 for Street Lighting still to be invoiced by SCDC

Excludes pay increases to be made in May 2023

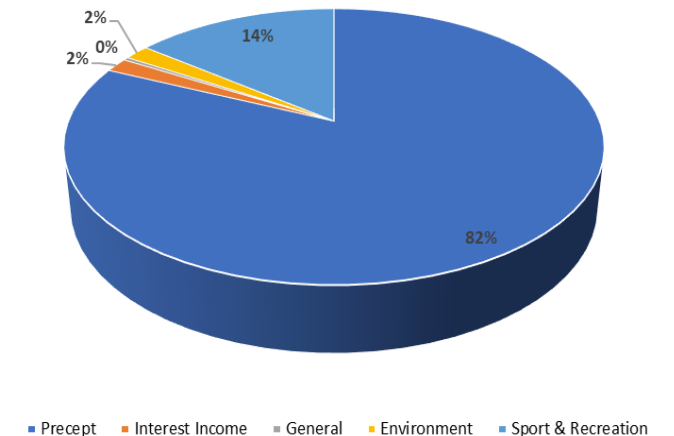
## Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	6,876.38
Reserves:Capital Reserve	762,449.65
Reserves:Games Surface Reserves	21,604.41
Reserves:General Reserves	260,529.00
Reserves:Pavillion Fabric Reserves	275,972.00
Reserves:Play Equipment Reserve	10,952.00
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>1,338,383.44</b>

**Girton Parish Council Expenditure 2022/2023**



**Girton Parish Council Income 2022/2023**





# Reports from our County and District Councillors

Edna Murphy

Corinne Garvie

Richard Stobart



## DOVEHOUSE COURT

Girton residents are invited for an open visit to view Dovehouse Court

on Saturday 29th April  
12.00 midday - 2.00pm

22 High Street, Girton CB3 0PU

**Girton**  
TownCharity

Girton Town Charity Registered Charity No: 1130272



Report from Girton Town Charity

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**Questions**



**Comments**



**Feedback**



# Questions and Comments from Annual Parish Meeting 2022: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Can Electric Charging points be positioned in the village?

A lot of money and effort is suggested to spend to support horses, is this worthwhile?

Will it be possible to implement 20mph throughout Girton?

What can be done to resolve the parking and traffic in Thornton Road area?

Traffic and Parking at the Language School still needs to be resolved

Is there any plans to resolve the Anti-Social parking in Girton by Girton Glebe playground?

Does Girton Town Charity make any provision for children who do not attend Girton Glebe School?

What is being done to support residents who are struggling with the current economic climate?

How well is the process going to house Ukrainian Refugees? There seems to be a delay in housing them.

Could Girton house a Community Fridge?

Could the Pavilion be made a centre/a community hub in Girton which is a growing village?

A lot of positive comments have been received by Lexi's Café e.g. the café brought a lot of people together. One customer spoke of how attending the café had meant she was not on her own all week.

# MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

## What is a councillor?

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or - parish. Currently Girton Parish Council has 4 vacancies.

## What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

- 1. Decision making** - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
- 2. Monitoring** - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
- 3. Getting involved locally** - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:
  - Going to meetings of local organisations
  - Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community
  - Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

## How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about an hour a week. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

## We need you

Girton Parish Council has many exciting opportunities across all our Committees. Residents of all ages and with all different interests are needed to ensure that we have a balance of different view points when making decisions for the village. We also need people who will work with our residents and local groups to make sure that our decisions are based upon the needs of our village.

**Co-option can take place from our next AGM on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.  
Please contact our Clerk, Yvonne Murray on [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk)**



# LOVE GIRTON?

## Show us in a logo design!

**Enter our exciting competition, where the winning logo design will represent Girton Parish Council for many years to come.**

### HOW

Enter your logo design by sending a photo or file to [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk) by **1 June 2023**. Include your age as there are three categories – ages 0-10 / 11-17 / 18 & older.

### THE WINNER

The logo entries will be judged by the Girton Parish Council and Chris Gooch, Creative Director of Cambridge-based Open Design Agency. One logo from each age category shall be chosen for the final judging. The winning logo concept shall be announced on 8th July at the Girton Feast – and subsequently professionally recreated and used for the Girton Parish Council! The winner will also receive an £50 Amazon voucher (runners up £10).

**GOOD LUCK!**

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PARISH  
COUNCIL AND WHAT WE DO >





## Girton Litter Pickers



**Please join us to Keep our village Clean  
Litter pick any time that works for you  
Adopt a Street near you**

Please complete our survey at or scan QR Code:  
<https://forms.gle/8r89Y6ApD4ntMm12A>

OR email [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk)  
OR call us on 01223 618619 to volunteer

