



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North Curry Parish Council

**A BIG THANK YOU!** – Our continued thanks to everybody for keeping to the requirements during the Coronavirus. Thank you to all the community and the volunteers at this time and to Noel and Alison our valuable shop and post office keepers. Keep safe everyone.

**PLAYING FIELDS:** The Parish council are pleased to see that The Playing Fields and Pavilion have been able to reopen.

**FOOTPATHS:** Following completion of the less able walking route to Knapp by replacing high stiles with kissing gates, the Parish Council have now decided to focus on improving the footpaths to the south of the village near the orchid field. Three new gates have already been installed here to replace the stiles and further work is planned to make the well-used footpaths here more easily accessible. Footpaths are getting a much higher level of use since more people are working from home or spending more time around the Parish. Removal of high stiles near the village is a priority to enable those walkers with certain mobility problems to be able to use the paths.

Some residents are sad to see some of the wooden stiles go but the steel replacements are easier to use and will last for a very long time.

Thanks go to the landowners who have agreed to the changes and to volunteers installing the gates.

**BREAK-INS:** The Parish Council have been informed that there has been a continued number of break-ins in North Curry and surrounding villages recently, especially within the farming community. Please take all necessary precautions to ensure that your house, farm and outbuildings are secure at all times and report any suspicious activity to the Police.

**SPEEDWATCH:** We are pleased to inform you that Speedwatch, led by Andrew Meeham, is now in operation again with his band of volunteers in North Curry and Wrantage, so no more breaking the speed limits. Please drive carefully for the safety of others.

**NEW CLERK:** We are pleased to welcome Maria Perry as our new Clerk. We look forward to working with her.

**PROPOSED NEW SPEED LIMIT:** The road through North Curry has been resurfaced recently and many parishioners were hoping that the new 20mph roundels, would replace the 30mph. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 virus, even though it has been supported and approved by the Parish Council, it is still work in progress with SCC Highways. We have to be patient.

**The Parish Council Office is closed so please contact the Clerk by email.**

**Parish Council diary for August – Please see the website and parish notice board for any updates.**

**Contact the Parish Council:** 01823 490136 or [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)



In view of the uncertainty about future regulations for public assembly, your Committee has reluctantly decided to cancel our speakers and Village Hall bookings for the remainder of this year. We feel we cannot meet the necessary distancing and hygiene requirements. The Hall has been booked for Wednesdays in 2021, when more normal social distancing may be possible without the need to control numbers: the second Wednesday in February and the third Wednesday in other months except for July (when we hope to meet outdoors) and August (no meeting).

We do hope to welcome you back in the New Year to resume our lively programme of meetings reviewing our natural and built heritage and the fascinating life experiences of North Curry residents. We hope to announce speakers and arrangements for the AGM in the next edition of this Newsletter. Membership fees paid for 2019-20 will include 2021; we'll collect £5 from new members (or £1 from visitors) at our first meeting. We're looking forward to seeing you all again.

Alan Billingham, NCS Chairman

## Services at the Parish Church

Churches across the Benefice are starting to re-open for private prayer and quiet reflection: daily 9am to 5pm at North Curry, but restricted to the chancel. The toilet will not be available.

Public worship started in the nave at North Curry for Sundays in July with Evensong at 6pm following the Book of Common Prayer but no singing, and we expect will continue during August. Holy Communion (also BCP as previously) will return to North Curry at 8:00am on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August. Risk assessments are being kept under review regarding restoration of other services. We are grateful for the Revd John Tyler and the Revd Martin Mudie agreeing to preside at these and other services until an appointment can be made to fill the Vacancy.

The Parish Church monthly magazine can include more information than there is room for in this newsletter. As regulations change and restrictions are lifted, updates will be published on the Parish and Benefice websites, where you can also read the magazine:

<http://www.northcurrychurch.co.uk/>



## North Curry Sport White Street Grounds

### Big Bash 2020

Reminder: we have had to cancel "The Big Bash" this year due to the restrictions placed on us by the COVID 19 virus. I'm sure it will come as no surprise to you given the current circumstances but rest assured that we will be back bigger and better in 2021.

### Covid-19 Restrictions

During the Covid-19 restrictions, you are welcome to walk around the border of the site and through the Community Woodland. But all pitches and facilities remain off-limits. You may see workers maintaining the pitches or doing other jobs, but please respect their space and safety. We have been able to improve access by installing a new footpath (for when we can use the pavilion again) and driveway to access the garage. Further work includes paths, fencing and hedge-work in the junior football field and, subject to planning permission, putting in a storage container to house equipment we have accumulated due to increased participation. All of this work has been funded by a West Somerset & Taunton Council Section 106 grant.

### Cricket Activities and Facilities

Following revised guidelines from the England Cricket Board, North Curry Cricket Club is making limited use of facilities during organised sessions. All equipment remains out-of-bounds for casual use.

### Opportunity to be our Treasurer – Still Available

We still need a Treasurer: please consider helping us manage our fantastic 14-acre site. All you need to do is commit a few hours a month and are reasonably well-organised. You don't need to be an accountant; we'll train you. If you're new to the village, this would be a great way to get to know people. If you might be interested, please give Laurence Leader a ring on 490474.

## 200 Club

Congratulation to this month's winners:

Youth Football Club	£25
Geoff Golder	£15
Malcolm Tennant	£10

## North Curry Village Hall

To hire the hall go to

[www.hallbookings.northcurry.com](http://www.hallbookings.northcurry.com)

no internet? then phone 07967 139636

For issues other than hiring  
[villagehall@northcurry.com](mailto:villagehall@northcurry.com)



### Grow, Explore, Discover: 'Together Everyone Achieves More.'

We are really excited to tell you that Little Herons (formerly Little Acorns) Pre-School is now the Nursery Class of North Curry Primary School and is open to all children in the area.

We have a fully qualified, experienced staff who provide a stimulating and vibrant learning experience with every child's needs being met, ensuring exciting and rewarding activities.

Being on-site allows regular collaborative play with the Reception Class and enables a smooth transition to formal education.

We have extensive school grounds and an adjacent playing field to explore so that outdoor education is a major part of our daily routine.

- Teacher and Early Years Professional led Early Years Foundation Stage unit
- Uniform (1 free polo shirt)
- Forest School
- Qualified PE teacher
- Hot school lunches available (extra cost)
- Ofsted 'Outstanding' school
- Early Years Funding - 15 hours/30 hours/2 year old: see Childcare Choices website
- Childcare Vouchers/Tax Free Childcare accepted
- Heron Club wrap around care (7:30am-8:45am/3:15pm-6:00pm)

For more information please call 01823 490423, or visit North Curry School/Little Herons pre-school website.

**NORTH CURRY PAVILION**



& PLAYING FIELD

Available to hire as a venue for parties (children's and adults), meetings and celebrations. With a large outdoor area ideal for bouncy castles and games, in addition a multi-use games area (MUGA) for children and young people to have fun and let off steam.

To book see calendar and booking form at [www.ncpavilion.co.uk](http://www.ncpavilion.co.uk) or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)

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