

Autumn 2025



Collingtree Parish Newsletter

Covering Collingtree Park and Collingtree Village

SAVE THE DATE

Collingtree Parish Council
Summer Fete
Saturday 20th June 2026
Collingtree Sports Pavilion,
Watering Lane, Collingtree



Welcome to the Collingtree Parish Council newsletter.

Since our last Newsletter the Parish Council have been very busy, with an uncontested election in May the Council retained five of its councillors, Cllr Penny Steel, Cllr Sharon Collins, Cllr Ikram Hussain, Cllr Andrea Mcfadyen and Cllr Chris Willson were all successfully re elected. This left two vacancies within the council which we have since successfully filled through co-option . We have welcomed Cllr Doug Hudson and Cllr Alison Minney to our team, we would like to congratulate and welcome them. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Richard White, who decided not to re-stand for election, for his time, effort and contribution to the parish.

In June we held our second Parish Fete, this was a huge success, and it was so lovely to see so many of you enjoying the event and the warm weather we were blessed with. **We have set the date for next year as Saturday 20th June 2026.**

In August we carried out some remedial works on Black Walk, with extensive cutting back of the trees and vegetation, a really good weed and clean, I think everyone will agree it was money well spent and makes the walk to Collingtree Park much more pleasant. The remaining part of Black Walk will see footpath and lighting improvements from WNC on completion of the development.

The dog waste bin on Ash Lane was replaced, we have plans to replace two further dog bins in the parish. Dog waste is one of the most talked about issue for most parish councils, we have placed polite reminders around the village and appreciate that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs, thank you to those that do.

The council were also very lucky to be invited to parliament in September to meet with Mike Reader MP and his team. It was an amazing day and great to meet Mike and discuss local issues and learn some of the fascinating history of the Houses of Parliament. Thanks to Mike and his team for this opportunity.

The Coffee Mornings have becoming increasingly popular which is lovely. Every second Thursday in the Village Room, there seem to be more people each week. We held extra coffee mornings for VE Day and a Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising £205 for the Macmillan Charity.

We are busy planning for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 29th November, in partnership with Collingtree School. There are some amazing stalls booked and our special guest (ho ho ho) will be there again.



Parish Life

St Columba's, Collingtree

A true survivor of change, St Columba's remains Collingtree's oldest landmark and spiritual heart. Construction of the stone church started in the 1100's although prior to that it's thought a Saxon timber structure stood on the site and Saxon rubble stonework still survives.

Over the centuries, the church has been extensively renewed & restored although medieval treasures like the 13th century font & Sedalia can still be seen in the chancel.

Throughout its history local people have played their part in maintaining & enhancing the church including stained glass windows to memorials honouring generations of Collingtree families.

Now with increasing population planned in the parish, it is proposed to extend the church building to include a toilet and meeting room on the North side of church. The church clock and the flood lighting are both not working but they are being attended to. Work necessary due to the five yearly inspection is due to start early November.

The church run a monthly coffee morning to help top up funds Normally the third Saturday of the Month.



News from our Friends at Collingtree CE Primary School

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year, and we were delighted to welcome everyone back to school — especially the many new families who have joined our school this term. The children have settled in beautifully across all classes, showing great enthusiasm and a love of learning right from the beginning.

We have been particularly excited about the development of our new **outdoor area for Acorns Class**, located on the main school site following their move from the separate building on Sargeants Lane. This new space provides fantastic opportunities for outdoor learning, exploration, and play — a wonderful addition to our facilities that will benefit our youngest learners for years to come.

Our recent **Harvest Festival** at St. Columba's Church was a great success and a true celebration of community spirit.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously — we received an abundance of donations for the **Larder of Love**, which supports families within our school and the wider community. The kindness and generosity of our community makes a real difference. Please contact the school on 01604 761469 if we can help you or someone you know with a food parcel.

If you would like to be a volunteer reader at our school, please contact our school office on office@collingtree.pdet.org.uk to arrange a school visit.

As we move through the term, we look forward to continuing to see our children thrive, grow, and enjoy all the exciting opportunities ahead.



Rebecca Osborne – Head Teacher

Community Engagement



Community News

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies from the Vistry Development have been paid to the Parish Council. We have a few ideas of areas this could be spent in the Parish however we would like to hear from you, the community on what you would like to see the money spent on. We plan to do several consultations both electronically and in person very soon.

Collingtree Visits Castle Ashby



In July we went on our first community excursion, keen to grow our community engagement off the back of our Coffee Mornings we decided to take a trip out.

As it was our first one, we stayed local and visited the wonderful Northamptonshire landmark Castle Ashby Gardens.

We set off at 10am in two minibuses, chatter and cheer filled the air, and we were soon at our destination.

In two groups we had a wonderful tour of the gardens and grounds, before enjoying a lovely lunch in their tea rooms. Blessed with glorious weather it was a great day out and we are keen to repeat further a field.

Coffee Morning Success

Our coffee morning continues to grow and thrive, always lively and full of chatter. There seem to be new faces every week as well as the regulars. We are thrilled to have secured dates for the next year

2026 – 8/1, 22/1, 5/2, 19/2, 5/3, 19/3, 2/4, 16/4, 30/4, 14/5, 28/5, 11/6, 25/6, 9/7, 23/7, 6/8, 20/8, 3/9, 17/9, 1/10, 15/10, 29/10, 12/11, 26/11, 10/12.



Our van will next be at:
 Monday 3rd November 2025
 10am to 4pm
 Collingtree Sports Pavilion
 Watering Lane
 Collingtree
 NN4 0NJ



GET STRONG. GET VACCINATED

Visit our mobile van to get vaccinated for flu and COVID-19 vaccines.



Scan the QR code for alternative locations and to find out if you are eligible




You can contact our Parish Clerk Mrs Amy Holt here:
clerk@collingtreeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Useful Info, Important Numbers & Websites

Defibrillator

There are three defibrillators in the parish in the following locations:

- The Village Room, Collingtree High Street
- Collingtree Park Golf Club, 90 Windingbrook Lane
- Sports Pavilion at the Recreation Ground, Watering Lane

All are fully operational, are voice activated, and talk the user through the instructions. In an emergency, please phone 999 to be advised of the nearest defibrillator and access code.

Silverline Helpline

A free confidential telephone service for older people available 24 hours a day. Phone: 0800 4 70 80 90 Website: www.thesilverline.org.uk

Social Media

The Collingtree Parish Council Facebook page, together with the CPC website www.collingtreeparishcouncil.gov.uk is used by the Parish Council to publicise news and actions. Residents are encouraged to access these sites to keep abreast of current local news and activities.

Community Bus Services for Collingtree – brought to you by ABILITY

The service operates on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and goes to Hunsbury, Tesco Mereway, Sainsbury's, M&S Sixfields, Dunelm, Northampton Town Centre, Waitrose and Dobbies. Member day trips are also available. Contact ABILITY by email at admin@abilitycic.org.uk or www.abilitycic.org.uk

Maintenance, repairs, potholes, road signs and streetlighting

Any issues regarding the above can be reported through www.fixmystreet.com

Segro Logistics Park

Details of the project together details of road closures can be accessed at www.slp-northampton.com

Planning Applications


Residents can view any Collingtree Planning Applications and others on the West Northants Council Planning Portal, www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-enforcement

Police

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www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk

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