

# Normanton & Featherstone

## Your Community, Your Newsletter



### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the third **Normanton and Featherstone, Your Community, Your Newsletter**.

This newsletter will be produced on a quarterly basis and aims to update you on the actions of the Wakefield Together Partnership including Wakefield Council, Police, Fire Service and WDH in your local area.

These actions link to the Normanton and Featherstone Local Area Plan and help to contribute to achieving the priorities within the Plan.

We also want to hear from you about the positive activities of local groups and residents and any forthcoming events as well as how we can work together to support you to improve the local area.

If you have any suggestions about the type of information you would like to see included in future issues of this newsletter, please let us know by contacting us at [areaworking@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:areaworking@wakefield.gov.uk)

For more information about the Normanton and Featherstone Local Area Plan along with information about community meetings and events please visit [www.wakefield.gov.uk/communities](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/communities).

### Normanton Gala Weekend

This year's September Normanton Gala weekend was a huge success despite inclement weather. A great parade took place from Altofts to Normanton.

A big thank you to Normanton Town Council for their time and effort in arranging a fabulous community event.



### Shared Lives

#### **'Shared Lives supports people to live to the full in their community'**

In Shared Lives, an adult who needs long term support is matched with a carefully approved Shared Lives Carer. Together they share family and community life. Some people using Shared Lives live with their Shared Lives Carer, sometimes for many years. Others may only stay for day support or overnight breaks. This gives family carers short breaks and time off to rest.

The service is used by adults of all ages with a wide range of support needs, disabilities and illness. Shared Lives Carers are given full training and on-going support.

For more information Tel no- 01977 722254 or visit - [www.wakefield.gov.uk/sharedlives](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/sharedlives).

## Holiday Breakfast Club – NIF Funding Approval

The Well Project in Normanton (in partnership with the 'Meet n Eats Diner') received Neighbourhood Improvement Funds which supported the provision of a 'Breakfast Club' during the school summer holidays.

Funds were used to purchase essential equipment to run the service i.e. industrial toaster, cutlery and bowls etc.

The Club opened every Wednesday on alternate weeks at The Well Project, Haw Hill Park and the Woodhouse Community Centre within Normanton.

As some families rely on food supplied by schools during term time it was noted that they can then struggle to cover the costs of this themselves during school holidays. Therefore the club aims to help alleviate stress on parents at this time by providing a healthy breakfast to children 'free of charge'.

In order to get the whole family involved the Club also provides activities e.g. crafts and sports etc. for all the family with a view to improving social cohesion by bringing people together.

Due to its success in the summer holidays the Club will open its doors again on the following dates:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Woodhouse Community Centre – 11am – 1pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> October – The Well at Haw Hill Park – 11am – 1pm

Please note children are required to be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

## Installation of Community Defibrillator

The long awaited installation of an external community Defibrillator at Featherstone Library and Community Centre has now taken place.

Funding for this was secured last year from the Council's Neighbourhood Improvement Fund to cover the purchase of the machine and casing as well as installation costs by Engie.



## Dates for Your Diary

**27.10.17– Spooky Walk through the Haunted Town Hall - 10.30 – 11.50am**

**27.10.17 - Normanton Halloween Parade** from the top of High Street at 12.00pm and a Fancy Dress Competition at 12.15pm in the Market area.

**4.11.17 - WF - Youth Event – 6-9pm** at Haw Hill Park - Age 13 -19 – free Hotdog for all attendees!

**22.11.17 – Featherstone Christmas Light Switch on** 5.30 – 6.30 pm

**24.11.17 - Normanton Christmas Lights Switch on** 6.00pm

**Look out for dates for your Local Ward Events**

**For more information check out our Facebook page – NormantonFeatherstoneWhereILive**

**Please let us know your future event dates too!**

### The Well Project Youth Clubs are looking for Volunteers!

**By volunteering you will: -**

- learn new skills
- support your local community
- improve your mental wellbeing

**The Youth Clubs open:**

- Monday at Woodhouse – 6pm-7.45pm - Age 8+
- Tuesday at Kirkthorpe – 5.30pm -7pm- Age 8-11 and 7.15pm – 8.45pm – Age 12+
- Thursday at Haw Hill Park – 5.30pm – 7pm – Age 8+

**If you are interested please call Michelle on 07872551640**

### Fly Tipping

#### Important Information for all householders

Residents are advised to make sure they understand the rules around fly tipping in order to avoid receiving a fine or being prosecuted by Wakefield Council.

Unless a builder, carpet fitter, scrap man or other tradesperson is a registered waste carrier, there is a risk they may take away an item and dump it illegally.

If they do this, the householder who owned the items is at risk of a £5,000 fine, as they are responsible for their items being disposed of properly.

To dispose of your waste correctly you can: -

- Take it to one of the Council's household waste recycling centres
- Book a bulky waste collection
- Use a registered waste carrier to dispose of your waste.

If you have any queries regarding Waste Services you can telephone the Contact Centre on **0345 8 506 506**.  
Mini Com: Type talk calls welcome

**Calling all Community Groups if you follow our Facebook page we will follow you!**

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### Local Capital Grants Funding

The Local Capital Grants Programme has been established to enable District Councillors to enhance the improvement and regeneration of the Wakefield District by developing valuable small-scale capital projects that will bring additional benefits to our communities. In consultation with residents the programme helps to support local community clubs and facilities, play areas, parks and open spaces and infrastructure. Each of the 21 wards has been allocated funding during 2016-18 and it is intended for elected member supported applications. Community organisations that have been approached by their elected member(s) and/or encouraged to speak to their elected member(s) about potential projects will need to consider the long term sustainability of any changes this money will bring as there is no expectation that future grants of this type will be made available.

### Featherstone Allotments - Capital Grant Successful Bid

Following the replacement of fencing around Featherstone Allotments on Wakefield Road using Capital Grant Funding, additional monies has been sought and secured from the fund to complete the project.

This will support the installation of a double gate and fence panels to both sides of the access drive.

By maintaining the Allotment this supports local residents to continue to use the facility and in doing so provides them with a valuable activity which promotes not only a means of exercise but also healthy eating having access to a source of fresh fruit and veg!

In addition to this the continued upkeep of the allotment area will also help to prevent possible Fly Tipping.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

We want to hear about the issues that affect you in your local area and how we can work together to resolve these issues.

Please help us by completing our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NQB77PF> your feedback will be analysed and will help to inform the delivery of local services.

Are you interested in volunteering and getting more involved in your local community? If so, please let us know at [areaworking@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:areaworking@wakefield.gov.uk)

### Neighbourhood Improvement Fund and Community Development Fund.

Both funding streams are available for community groups to enable them to develop their group.

The funding pots offer a maximum of £500

If you would like a copy of the criteria and a funding form then please don't hesitate to contact the Funding Team.

If you require any help completing the form or checking you have the correct governance, let the team know and they will be able to direct you to the support that you need.

The Funding Team can be contacted on Tel: 01924 305891 or Mob: 07717 807142 - Email: [neighbourhoodimprovementfund@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodimprovementfund@wakefield.gov.uk).