



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Conservation area appraisal – public consultation (see page 2)

A public consultation has commenced on the merging and extension of the village conservation areas.

An extensive Appraisal Document has been prepared that's available on the village website www.cottinghamnews.co.uk

A reference copy is also available to view at the village shop and at The Cube in Corby during normal opening hours.

It's really important that you take the time to review the Appraisal Document and write to the Borough Council to let them know what you think about the conservation area appraisal, because the more support that they have, the more likely it is going to be adopted. As explained on page 2, the extension of the conservation area will have a bearing on planning applications in and around the villages.

The deadline for responses is 5pm on 19 October 2015.



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Planning appeal hearing set for 13 October 2015



A hearing to consider the planning appeal for the housing development on land to the rear of Bury Close will take place in public at **10am on Tuesday 13 October** at Corby Borough Council, Deene House, New Post Office Square, Corby NN17 1GD.

The Borough Council has advised us that the appeal hearing may run over into the following day.

At this stage, we don't know if the appeal will be considered on the basis of the original (refused) planning application for 57

houses, the revised 33 house 'appeal scheme' (pictured above) or both. It is likely that this will remain the case up until the hearing takes place.

Villagers are welcome to attend the hearing and may be allowed to speak at the discretion of the Planning Inspector. The village Action Group and our two parish councils will ensure that, if the opportunity to speak is afforded to us, our villages are adequately represented.

Thank you to everyone who wrote to the Planning Inspectorate in connection with this appeal. In particular, we would like to thank our local MP **Tom Pursglove** who has written to the Planning Inspectorate in support of our parish councils, asking that the appeal should be the subject of a new planning application and that local wishes are respected.

Further information, including copies of Tom's letter and the objections from our two parish councils, are available on the village website at www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/appeal2.htm

Food, ale and B&B at the Royal George



The Royal George pub is now well and truly back up and running under new landlord Steve Picton (pictured).

Alongside quality real ales, the pub is now serving excellent home cooked food from Wednesday to Sunday, prepared by the Travelling Supper Club.

Sky Sports has been installed ready for the Premier League season and the Rugby World Cup, with Burger & Beer specials available during live sports coverage.

There's free wi-fi and the George also offers Bed & Breakfast for visiting family and friends.

For more information, see the pub's [Facebook page](#) (search for 'Royal George Cottingham') or call them on their new number, **660505**.



Valley Voice take on the Eggheads!

After a team of village lads took on the mighty Eggheads last year, a ladies team, all of whom sing with or support the village choir Valley Voice, recently travelled up to Glasgow to do the very same! The question is, did the girls do better than the boys? Well, you'll have to wait until the programme is aired to find out, which should be some time in the next 12 months.

Pictured with the Eggheads and presenter Jeremy Vine are (left to right): Ally Chorlton, Mary Knott, Sue Aspinall, Jane Smith, Debbie Smith and Jo Leaning.

Parish Councils

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
01536 761752, 5 Headlands,
Desborough NN14 2QA

Chair: Owen Davison

Next meetings

Wed 7 October, 7.30pm
Wed 4 November, 7.30pm
www.cottingham.org.uk

Middleton

Clerk: Justina Medwell
01536 771234
Middleton House, Middleton,
LE16 8YU

Chair: Sarah Brant

Next meetings

Tue 6 October, 7.30pm *
Tue 20 October, 7.30pm
Tue 17 November, 7.30pm
www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

All meetings are held at the Village Hall Annex next to the school.

Update on new Village Hall

The new village hall will now be sited entirely on the Village Acre after the Borough and County councils agreed in principle that access and exit could be from Mill Road.

The Village Acre, a piece of land to the north east of the school, has a covenant in its deeds which states that the land can only be used for the building of a village hall. Architects GSS Architecture have now revised the previous design and footprint so the hall, parking and access road are all contained within the Village Acre site.

The next step will be to submit an outline planning application to the Borough Council, which is now being prepared by GSS, Sarah Brant from Middleton Parish Council and village hall trustee Pete Bowman.

Conservation Area (CA) Appraisal

Corby Borough Council has appointed a consultant to review the Cottingham and Middleton conservation areas. This has resulted in proposals to join the two areas and extend it to become one larger conservation area. You can find the Appraisal Document and further information on www.cottinghamnews.co.uk.

Here are answers to some questions you may have.

What changes are proposed and why?

The conservation areas of Cottingham and Middleton were designated in 1975. Historic England now recognises that, across the county, the boundaries of some conservation areas have been drawn too tightly. It is therefore proposed that the two currently separate conservation areas for Cottingham and Middleton are merged together and extended to include a large part of the fields to the south and east of the villages. This will better protect the setting of the two historic villages and the Jurassic Way footpath as it passes through the area.

How will this change impact on planning decisions?

The Appraisal Document concludes that there are very limited or no opportunities for further housing development within the proposed CA. There is one possible area identified for infill development (on the west side of The Hill in Middleton, at its junction with Main Street), and 10 existing empty or derelict buildings have been identified for possible re-use.

The extension of the CA to include the fields behind Cottingham Hall, over the Jurassic Way footpath and up to the old A427, not only adds weight to the argument that no development should take place on this land, but will also serve to provide a buffer zone between the villages and any proposed extensions to the west of Corby (see www.westcorby.com).

Following consultation, the document will be amended as needed and then adopted by the Council's Local Plan Committee as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). An adopted SPD is a material consideration in planning decisions.

Local interest buildings and buildings at risk

As well as the boundary changes, the Appraisal Document includes a detailed evaluation of the individual buildings and landmarks in the village and has designated 64 non-listed buildings as 'local interest buildings'. These are buildings that make a positive contribution to the character of the villages and / or reflect the villages' social and economic history. The Appraisal has also identified several 'buildings at risk' that have fallen into disuse, dereliction or disrepair.

What does living in a conservation area mean to me?

If you live in a conservation area, there are restrictions on external changes that you can make to your property, e.g. satellite dishes, the type and siting of extensions and the materials used in new build and repairs, especially for windows, doors, rainwater goods, roofs and chimneys. This has always been the case for properties in the conservation area, but there are a few additional buildings within the extended conservation area that were not previously included.

If you live in a local interest building, there are no additional restrictions, but any planning decisions that are made will take into account the impact that a change or development may have on local interest buildings, as well as on the listed buildings in the village. Demolition of a local interest building will also be resisted.

What should I do next?

It's really important that you write to the Borough Council to let them know what you think of the proposal, offer your support, identify any errors or ask any questions you may have. Please email localplans.consultation@corby.gov.uk (please copy in your Parish Council Chairs owen.davison@cottingham.org.uk and sarah.e.brant@sky.com) or write to Local Plans, Deene House, Old Post Office Square, Corby NN17 1GD.

All representations must be received before 5pm on Monday 19 October 2015.

* Middleton Parish Council will be discussing the CA Appraisal at their meeting at 7.30pm on Tue 6 October at the Village Hall Annex. Villagers are welcome to attend.



Map showing extended conservation area boundary.
See the village website for a larger map

Summer round-up

It's been a busy Summer in Cottingham and Middleton. Here's a quick round-up.

19 June: Villagers were out in force in both Cottingham and Middleton to cheer on the cyclists in the **Aviva Women's Race** as they came down through the villages.

11 July: Record numbers flocked to the **Cottingham and Middleton Festival** which raised £3,500 for the school and church.

Visitors enjoyed performances from village band *Soundpost*, the Valley Voice choir and the children of Cottingham School, as well as circus skills, Mark Shirley's Northamptonshire Skittles, the West Lodge Farm Park cuddle corner, rides on miniature traction engine 'Buttercup' and the ever popular 'Made in the Villages' stall. On a glorious Summer's day, the festival atmosphere was enhanced by a Warner Edwards Gin Bar, the Travelling Supper Club gourmet BBQ, delicious ice creams from icecycle.co.uk, Ashley Farm Shop marquees and a cake tent.

Organiser Angela Preston-Jones said: "We are all absolutely delighted with the amount raised and want to send a huge thank you to the army of enthusiastic and willing volunteers who gave so much of their valuable time to help make the event such a success."

12 July: Valley Voice and friends gathered on Middleton Orchard Pocket Park for a **Summer Picnic** and a relaxed afternoon of music from the choir and other local musicians including *Summertime Sax*, *Duo Denum* and *Hand Drawn Hearts*.

Pictures show (top to bottom) the Aviva Women's Race, the Cottingham and Middleton Festival and the Valley Voice Summer Picnic. Pictures by Del Robertson and Pete Bowman.



Village broadband

Broadband provider Gigaclear has advised us that they have had to postpone the rollout of pure fibre broadband in Cottingham and Middleton because, unfortunately, they have been unable to generate enough interest to warrant the significant investment needed to install a new fibre network in the villages.

Gigaclear will cancel any orders that have been placed and will let us know if anything changes.

For those wanting to upgrade their broadband speeds, BT Openreach is now available in the villages. Contact your existing service provider for more information, or visit www.superfast-openreach.co.uk

The Lady Gardener



Middleton's Karen Clifford has set up a new gardening business offering general garden maintenance and, for keen gardeners, border planning assistance and advice for low maintenance borders.

Karen is RHS trained and has 10 years' experience.

Find out more on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TheGreenGarden) (search for 'The Green Garden') or contact **Karen** on **07811 109106** to discuss your needs.

Cottingham schoolchildren are good sports!

Cottingham School ended the summer term by regaining the Welland Valley Athletics Championships trophy for the third time in four years. The school's 40 young athletes competed in sprint and long distance races, a throw and a jump to win the competition in both age groups - Year 3/4 (8 and 9 year olds) and Year 5/6 (10 and 11 year olds).

The school also competed in a swimming gala at Corby International Pool, where its A team finished third out of 15 teams, and in the Rutland Games at Corby Triangle where nearly all the children reached the finals and Imogen Dee won the long jump and 800 metres for Year 6.

Welcome to our new rural Police team

Welcome to our new Rural PCSO, Anita Hambly and Acting Rural PC Mark Walker.

You can contact Anita and Mark on the Northants Police non-emergency number **101**, email anita.hambly@northants.pnn.police.uk and mark.walker@northants.pnn.police.uk

We'd also like to wish our former PCSO Mark Tooley well. Mark, who has served our community well for a number of years, has now moved on to become a PCSO in Daventry.



What's on

See www.cottinghamnews.co.uk
for latest events

Fri 25 and Mon 28 Sep

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

Fri 25 Sep: Come along to the Village Store and Cafe for a great cause and enjoy some gorgeous homemade cakes in good company at this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Mon 28 Sep: Another chance to support Macmillan with the Spread Eagle's extended Macmillan Coffee Morning from **11am to 3pm**. All proceeds from the tea, coffee and cakes sold will go to Macmillan, and please feel free to bring your own cakes to sell.



Sat 10 Oct, 6pm

Harvest Festival

St Mary Magdalene Church



All are invited to the St Mary Magdalene Church Harvest Supper and Auction.

The 6pm service will be followed by a hot supper and a

glass of wine or soft drink. There'll be entertainment from the Valley Voice choir and other local musicians, and an auction of donated produce.

Please bring an item of home produce or a homemade item for the auction.

Tickets are £7 for adults, £4 for under 12s and under 4s go free. Please contact **Pam Harrison** on **771555** or **Angela Preston Jones** on **772297** for tickets.

All proceeds will be split between Water Aid and Corby Food Bank.

Sat 24 Oct, 6.30pm

Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex

Come along to Ant Licquorish's 47th Village Charity Quiz in aid of Northamptonshire Search and Rescue.

Food will be provided if you wish – either fish (or chicken) and chips or a vegetarian option.

The cost is £7 per person including food, or £3 if you want to bring your own. There is no bar so please bring your own drinks. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Call **Ant** on **771062** or email quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk with your food order as soon as possible.

Wed 4 Nov, 7.30pm

WI, Ashley Village Hall



Pickled Village founder Camille Ortega McLean will be explaining how her one woman business venture has now become a Midlands Waitrose hit. The highs and lows of the journey, followed by tastings with wine and cheese. Contact **Wendy Martin** on **0780 119 4560** or email wendy10ecp@gmail.com

Sun 8 Nov, 10.45am

Remembrance Sunday



A joint remembrance service between St Mary Magdalene and the Methodist Church is being held at the war memorial outside the school to honour the men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tue 10 Nov, 7.30pm

Valley Voice open evening

Methodist Hall



The Valley Voice Choir is holding the second of two free taster session for potential new members.

The choir meets weekly on Tuesday evenings and everyone aged 18 or over is welcome. You don't need to be able to read music or even have a musical background. Choir leader Debbie Smith and the rest of the choir will give you all the help and encouragement you need. If you'd like to join in, or find out more, call **Jo Leaning** on **01536 770913**.

Come along, have a sing, join in!

Sat 14 Nov, 7.30pm for 8pm

Del's Souper Quiz Village Hall Annex



Come along to Del Robertson's 'souper' general knowledge quiz. You can have up to six people on your team and the cost is £2.50 per person. Bring your own drinks (including alcohol) and nibbles. There will be homemade soup and a roll available for £2 at half time, plus a wine prize for the winning team. All proceeds go to the Village Hall Annex.

Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**

Neighbourhood Management Team (Suzanne Preston) **463177**, email suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk

Street Doctor (Northants CC) www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

Cllr Bob Rutt, Corby Borough Council, 07801 945948 robert.rutt@btconnect.com

Down Your Way correspondent for Northants Telegraph, Del Robertson, **07927 179921**, delboy639@gmail.com

Village Store and Café, **770097** facebook.com/cottinghamshop

Village Hall Annex
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Methodist Hall
Lynette Muir, **770094**

St Mary Magdalene Church
Ruth Colby, **770178**, ruthcolby2@gmail.com or Rev Sian Reading, **770237**, sjmr216@btinternet.com

Clubs and Groups

Over 60s Club
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Cubs and Scouts
Gary Chisholm, **772331**

Valley Voice, village choir
Pete Smith, psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk

Wesley Guild
Cyril Liquorish, **771401**

Rockingham Forest Wheelers
Norman Needham, **771356**

New Cottingham FC
Neil Jarman, **07708 323077**

Royal George Golf Society
Norman Golding, **771081**

East Carlton Cricket Club
Sally Hitches, **01536 771733**

East Carlton Health Walking Group
Noel Rogers, **771837**

Sat 26 Sep

Strictly Sixties, The Cube

Middleton's own **Mr Bip** will be appearing at the Core Theatre with The Tornados, along with Billy Fury tribute Adam Whitme and, top of the bill, The Foundations.

See www.thecorecorby.com for more information