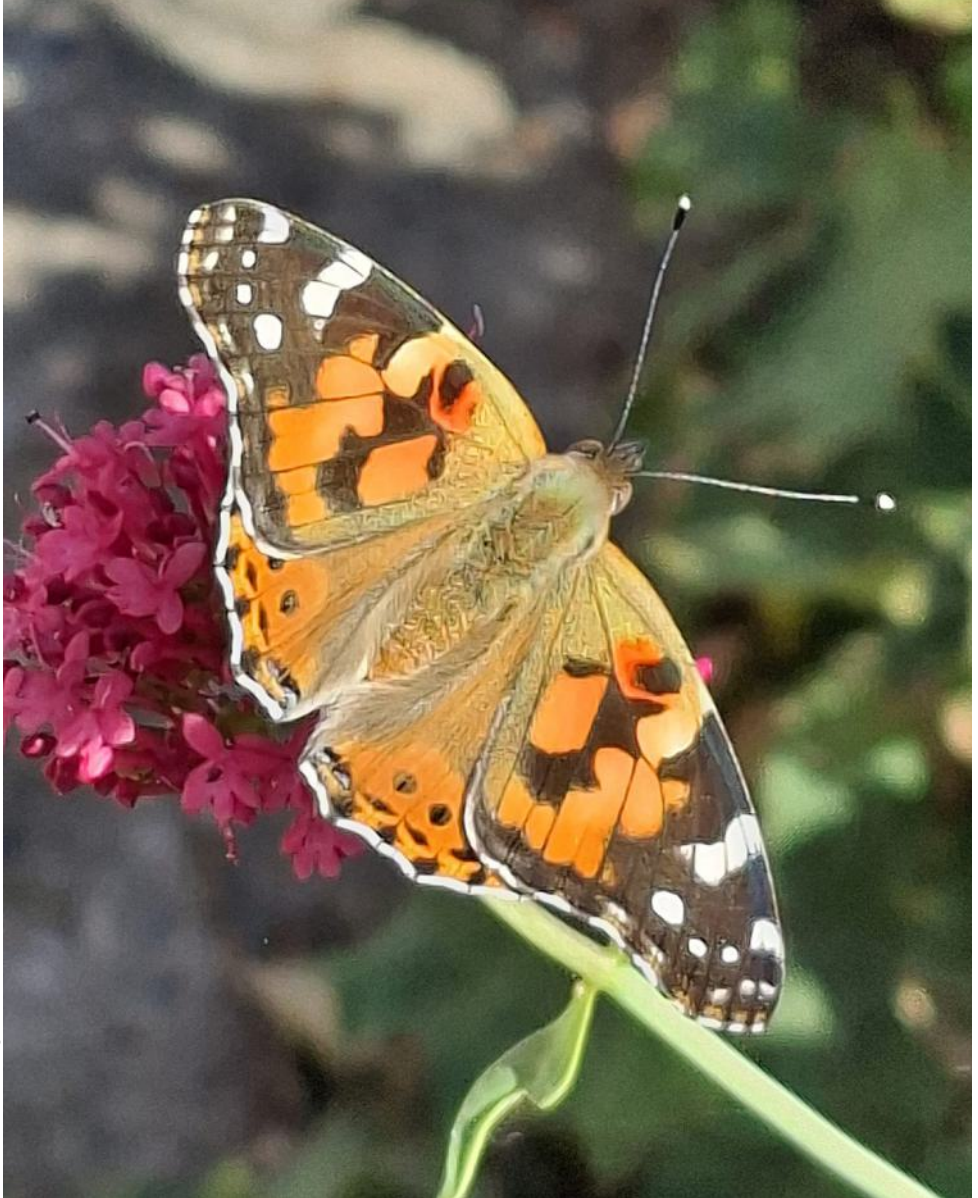
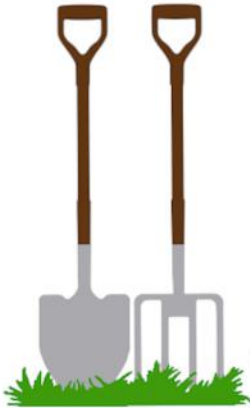


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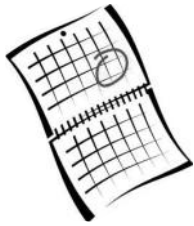
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Hepworth Art Group	Every Mon @1000-1300 » Hepworth Pavilion
Village Voices	Every Mon @1900 » Hepworth Pavilion
Hepworth Coffee Morning	1st & 3rd Thu @1030 » Hep. Pavilion. p18
Harvest Service & Communion	5th October@0930 » St Peters. See p20
Suffolk Mobile Library	9th October@1545 - 1600 » See p4
Parish Council Meeting	16th October@1930 » Hepworth Pavilion
Autumn Fair	26th October@1300 » Hep. Pav. See p7&8
Suffolk Mobile Library	6th November@1545 - 1600 » See p4
Jane Beaumont Exhibition	8th&9th November@1000 - 1700 » See p24
Village Service	9th November@0930 » St Peters
Parish Council Meeting	20th November@1930 » Hepworth Pavilion
Hepworth Charities Close Date	21st November » See p15
Wreath Making Workshop	29th November » Hep. Pav. - See p18
Christmas Lunch	2nd December@1230 - 1530 » See p21

Events in Hepworth?

Many village events are supported by **Hepworth2Enjoy**. This is an engaged, friendly collective of Hepworth villagers who come together to put on village events and to help others put on village events, providing people-power, experience, and bags of enthusiasm! We now have a small budget to help. Please contact Clare (250 660)



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- 6th November

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From the Rectory

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

A Harvest of Generosity

I love the beauty of the countryside around us at this time of year. This autumn I've especially noticed how many blackberries and sloes there are in the hedgerows, and the amazing colours of the trees as they begin to glow with wonderful autumn golds, reds, oranges and browns. It's such a great reminder of the wonder of God's creation right on our doorstep.



As we leave summer behind and move into autumn, our churches and schools traditionally hold Harvest Festival services and this year the theme I'm reflecting on is a Harvest is **Generosity**.

For me Harvest is the perfect time to pause and give thanks for God's amazing generosity to us... not only in the crops gathered in and the food on our tables, but in the beauty of creation all around us, and in the daily blessings we often take for granted. When we pause and take time to be thankful for what we have, even if it's not very much, we often find our hearts become more generous in nature... and we're able to be more generous to others in all kinds of ways.

Harvest is also a great time for generosity and sharing. Adults and children around the Benefice are really generous in bringing food of all kinds to our church harvest services. The food goes to the local foodbanks and to help those in need in our communities. This too is a way of sharing God's generosity to us with others.

In the Bible we're told, "*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*" (2 Corinthians 9:11). That's what harvest is all about ...being thankful for all that God has given us, and letting that thankfulness overflow into generosity to others.

I love it that God blesses us, so that we can bless others. Whenever we give generously ...whether it's food, time, friendship, or practical help ...we are reflecting something of God's heart.

So, this harvest, let's take time to be thankful, and let's be generous in turn, sharing God's love with those around us... and celebrate God's blessings to us.

Have a generous Autumn and Harvest.

God Bless ... Rev Cathy x



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Autumn Fair Pumpkin Competition

Hepworth Pavilion

Sunday 26th October

1.00pm—4.00pm

Entry 50p

Bring your own completed pumpkin by
12.00-12.30 on the day to be judged.

Your pumpkin can be:

Carved/sculpted

Painted

BUT must be family friendly (nothing inappropriate)

If using lighting—battery operated only



JUDGING CRITERIA

APPEARANCE—visual impact/design

TECHNICAL SKILL/CRAFTING—well constructed carving, sculpting or decorating

ORIGINALITY— creative idea/artistic interpretation—e.g scariest, cutest, funniest, silliest, most ambitious, most elaborate, most memorable shape or design theme

WARNING: Always take care when using sharp implements and those used should be age appropriate and supervised where necessary by an adult.



ENTRY FORM (Please bring this with your pumpkin on the day)

NAME

AGE

CONTACT DETAILS

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Hepworth 2 Enjoy present

An Autumn Fair

Sunday 26th October

1 – 4pm in the Pavilion

Pumpkin carving competition

Games and stalls

Raffle and Cake Tombola

Afternoon Tea

Funds raised will be shared between the Village
Christmas Lunch and the Church Roof Fund

Entrance free



Speed Indicator Devices



Device No. 1 at A143 end of The Street

62 days from 01/07/2025 to 01/09/2025.

Vehicles **arriving** into village from the A143:

Total number of vehicles:- **23946**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **28.4mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **6136 (25.62%)**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **202** 50mph and above:- **6**

Highest speed recorded:- **64mph**

Vehicles **leaving** the village toward the A143:

Total number of vehicles:- **17563**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **29.6mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **7121 (40.55%)**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **408** 50mph and above:- **14**

Highest speed recorded:- **64mph**

Device No. 2 at Barningham end of The Street

62 days from 01/07/2025 to 01/09/2025.

Vehicles **arriving** into village from Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- **26470**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **25.6mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **3405 (12.87%)**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **87** 50mph and above:- **5**

Highest speed recorded:- **61mph**

Vehicles **leaving** the village toward Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- **27097**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **26.1mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **4486 (16.62%)**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **152** 50mph and above:- **5**

Highest speed recorded:- **93mph**

Speedwatch Along The Street:



For more information about Speedwatch, or
to get involved, call Richard on 07979745990

July 2025: 2 sessions 5 vehicles logged

max speed = 38 mph

Aug. 2025: 3 sessions 6 vehicles logged

max speed = 39 mph

**HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 17 JULY 2025@1930**

PRESENT: Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chair), Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM), Councillor Perry Penn (PP), Councillor Louise Robinson (LR), Councillor Hollie Williams (HW),

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), District Cllr Carol Bull (CB), Nine members of the public

25/74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

25/75 APOLOGIES: Councillor Nick Bennett sent apologies which were accepted. County Cllr Joanna Spicer (JS) arrived at 7.45pm

25/76 SHEPHERDS GROVE DRAFT MASTERPLAN: Jaynic (site developer), Community Communications Partnership (Jaynic's public engagement consultants) and Jaynic's planning consultant attended the meeting to answer questions on the draft Masterplan. GB highlighted that the draft Masterplan had been developed by Jaynic to outline how the policy requirements of the West Suffolk Council local plan for the identified development site at Shepherds Grove might be delivered prior to any detailed planning application. The draft Masterplan would ultimately be considered by West Suffolk Council for approval whereupon it would become supplementary planning guidance. It was confirmed by Jaynic that Copart are not part of any future site development. The meeting highlighted several areas that were not fully thought through or realistic in relation to potential number of jobs, bio diversity net gain, indicative development by the proposed new roundabout and the overall scale of development in relation to existing open space.

25/77 PUBLIC FORUM: 'Stables' Field. The owners of this site indicated that a planning application for a change in use of the land had been submitted to West Suffolk Council.

25/78 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS: County Cllr Spicer reported the following:

- Ditch Flooding. JS had received confirmation from County Farms that remediation works: were planned to take place over the coming months. [Clerks Note: An email covering planned works was shared with Parish Council on 18 July].

- Bus Shelter Bid. The meeting noted the progress of the bus shelter bid that had been previously circulated, including the next step being undertaken by Suffolk County Council to determine the ownership of the land for the proposed new shelter. During further discussion on Shepards Grove, the status of DC/23/1154/OUT, the original Equation planning application, was queried. CB agreed to clarify the West Suffolk Council intent for determining this application.

District Cllr Bull reported the following:

- DC/24/1622/FUL. CB confirmed that West Suffolk Council had requested further information from the owner on this application which had been declined. Hence it was likely that the application would be refused.

- 'Stables' Field. The meeting noted that West Suffolk Council had served a Planning Contravention Notice on the owners of this site on 16 July. CB agreed to

clarify the position of the indicated planning application (Minute 25/77 refers).

- Clarkes Sign. CB agreed to follow up with planning why the Clarkes sign is still present after it had been refused retrospective planning permission on 22 May 25.

County Cllr Spicer left the meeting at 9pm.

25/79 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2025 had been previously circulated and it was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.

25/80 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Flood Investigation Template. The meeting reviewed the draft Storm Babet flood investigation template prepared by the Clerk which had included previously shared photos and information. It was agreed that any additional photos and information should be sent to the Clerk to allow a final document to be sent to Suffolk County Council by 31 July.

25/81 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current account balance £7,867.37, savings account balance £7,000.00 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £3,200 current account and £7,000 savings account). No payments required authorisation.

25/82 PLANNING MATTERS: a. 'Stables' field. Further to discussion at Minute 25/78, the meeting agreed to await the outcome of any enforcement activity before considering any further steps on this issue.

25/83 HIGHWAYS MATTERS: No matters discussed.

25/84 CORRESPONDENCE: None

25/85 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: Old Jaynic Sign. The Chair highlighted the old Jaynic Sign at the A143/Sumner Rd crossroads and CB agreed to follow up why this was still there with West Suffolk Council.

25/86 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The meeting agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on Thursday 7 August 2025 at 7.30pm to resolve the Parish Council's response to the draft Shepherds Grove Masterplan. It was agreed that the next full Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 25 September 2025 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Andy Osman Parish Clerk

25 July 2025

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - DRAFT MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 2025@1930

PRESENT: Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chair), Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB) (Vice Chair), Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM), Councillor Perry Penn (PP), Councillor Louise Robinson (LR), Councillor Hollie Williams (HW)

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO), District Cllr Carol Bull (CB), 20 members of the public

25/87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

25/88 APOLOGIES: None.

25/89 PUBLIC FORUM: a. DC/25/1075/FUL. CB clarified that West Suffolk Council

enforcement action had been paused while this application was determined. Members of the public commented that the agent's description of the proposal was better than the West Suffolk Council description, it seemed contrary to Local Plan SP19 as it was a new site and the Environmental Report referred to Autumn Cottage.

District Cllr Carol Bull left the meeting at 7.40pm

b. Draft Shepherds Grove Masterplan. Members of the public reinforced community concerns relating to increased flood risk, increased transport movements and fit with the recently approved West Suffolk Local Plan.

25/90 PLANNING MATTERS: a. DC/25/1075/FUL. The meeting agreed not to object to the application.

b. Draft Shepherds Grove Masterplan. The Chair read out a draft response by section that had been previously circulated. Each section was agreed together with some minor changes. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate an updated final draft for out of meeting online confirmation by midday 11 August whereupon the final version of the Parish Council's comments would be sent to West Suffolk Council and Jaynic (via the Community Communications Partnership). The Clerk was also to arrange for the final version of the comments to be published on the village website.

25/91 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was noted that the date of the next Parish Council meeting had been set for Thursday 25 September 2025 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.21 pm.

Andy Osman Parish Clerk

14 August 2025

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – COMMENTS ON DRAFT SHEPHERDS GROVE MASTERPLAN DATED APRIL 2025

The following comments and observations were agreed at an Extraordinary Meeting of Hepworth Parish Council on 7 August 2025.

LOCATION:

1. The introduction to the Masterplan, refers to the rural nature of the existing land – especially in relation to the northern edge of the site i.e. adjacent to the A143. The photographs included at Section 3 of the Masterplan illustrate the rural nature of the existing landscape perfectly.

2. Assertions within the plan that the site offers convenient access to the A14 are questionable. Access to the A14 (at least 12 miles away in any direction) passes through several “pinch points”, most notably Ixworth, Great Barton, but also Norton & Fornham St. Genevieve.

3. The existing built environment on the site uses a significant number of former aerodrome buildings, the proposed development seeks to significantly increase the number and size of buildings on the site.

4. Para. 2.2 refers to creating “an attractive principal entrance” into the development area, yet proposed development heights for Plots A, B and C allow for development up to 14 metres in height. The draft Masterplan (Paras 2.4 and

3.4) acknowledges that the rural landscape will be “urbanised”. Para 4 also identifies that the northern boundary is the “most sensitive” and highlights its “prominence”.

5. See section 3.2, headed “Topography”. The document states that the A143 sits at approximately 56 metres above Ordnance Datum (AOD) and the land rises in the centre of the development area to 60 metres AOD. The plan proposes that development up to 20 metres in height, will be situated on the highest part of the site - adding to its visual impact.

6. The developers’ intention to “urbanise the rural environment” at the northern boundary is unacceptable and inconsistent with their stated intention of creating “an attractive principal entrance”. As stated above, this would result in a profound and irreversible change to the rural landscape on the northern boundary, especially as there are residential properties within 100 metres of Plots A, B and C.

TRANSPORT

1. Any restrictions on vehicles travelling through local villages, could only apply to commercial trips. Given the number of jobs to be created and the low unemployment rates in West Suffolk it’s not unreasonable to assume that commutes to and from the site by employees will increase traffic through Hepworth and surrounding villages.

BUILDING HEIGHTS

1. As indicated above, the draft Masterplan proposes buildings up to 14 metres in height for plots A-C and up to 20 metres in height on higher ground within. The highest warehouse currently on the industrial estate is just below 14 metres in height and even this can be seen from the local villages, so 20 metre warehouses would affect many more residents in the local area.

2. On 10 January 2025, West Suffolk Council approved DC/1073/FUL with conditions that restricted height of storage to 5m with 10m in some visible areas. The reason for this condition was to safeguard the character and appearance of the area, in accordance with policy DM2 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015, Chapter 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework and all relevant Core Strategy Policies.

3. A similar approach to building heights should be reflected within the draft Masterplan.

PROPOSED LAND USES

1. Retail and hospitality use have been explicitly excluded from the draft Masterplan, but it’s hard to envisage what sort of businesses would be attracted to Plots A – C, the areas immediately around the proposed roundabout on the A143. Vehicle workshops for example, would not be considered as “retail” premises and could be situated here.

2. See comments above re the “urbanisation” of the rural landscape and building heights – development on plots A – C, especially with buildings up to 14 metres high would result in profound and irreversible change to the rural landscape adjacent to the A143.

FLOODING

1. The draft Masterplan discussion of flooding is almost entirely confined to the potential of flooding within the development area.

2. Understandably, the document indicates that several mechanisms will be implemented to divert rain fall away from buildings on site, whilst there are provisions to capture excess rainfall via swales and basins for example, if these should overflow, the water will find its' way into existing water courses.

3. The draft Masterplan relies upon Lead Local Flood Authority approval from their 2023 hybrid application (DC/22/2190/HYB) for the flood prevention measures on site. Since that application of course, many homes in Hepworth were flooded during Storm Babet. The full extent of Hepworth Street was flooded to such a level that it was impassable by car so that the stricken flooded residents could not make their way to access the Emergency Rest Centre in higher ground at the Pavilion. A 4x4 vehicle had to be tracked down to take them and even that had great difficulty in getting through the flooded Street. The main residential part of the village is located 12m to 17m below the height of the Shepherds Grove industrial estate and the water runoff from this area feeds directly into the water course, ditches and culverts that run into a local fishing lake and into the centre of Hepworth; this impacted Hepworth significantly during storm Babet. Given the pace of climate change, relying upon data and models from even just 2/3 years ago is perhaps flawed.

4. A more up to date opinion should be sought from the Lead Local Flood Authority considering the recent flooding events in Hepworth and that the Masterplan is considered by them, in terms of its wider geographic context – not just in relation to the potential for on-site flooding

CONSULTATION

1. The draft Masterplan (Para 6) references consultation events in relation to the previous, expired Masterplan. Those events are irrelevant to this document and to any subsequent development application/s. Hence, all references to the previous Master Plan and applications should be removed.

2. Whilst it is true to say that Jaynics' representative, the Community Communications Partnership, attended Hepworth Parish Council in July 2024, the Parish Council were not informed of any of the specific details contained within the proposed Masterplan. Nor can it be said that any feedback from the Parish Council has informed any of the proposals within the document. It can therefore be concluded that Hepworth Parish Council have not been consulted in any meaningful way about the proposed new Masterplan.

3. Whilst the draft Masterplan claims that it is important to seek the views of local stakeholders and communities, the flyer distributed to local households appears to dismiss residents' concerns about traffic flows which arose during the refused application DC/22/2190/HYB related to Copart.

ALIGNMENT WITH LOCAL PLANNING POLICY AND MASTERPLAN PROTOCOL

1. The recently adopted West Suffolk Local Plan recognises the utility of Masterplans and requires these to be prepared with regards to the West Suffolk Masterplan Protocol (LP10).

2. Now that the Local Plan has been adopted, transitional arrangements

included in the March 2025 Masterplan Protocol have ceased.

3. Accordingly, the draft Masterplan should be produced using the March 2025 Masterplan Protocol, including the analysis of the consultation responses by West Suffolk Council (Protocol Stage 6).

4. The notion that a commercial entity can propose a Masterplan to be accepted by elected members, which ultimately serves the commercial interests of that commercial entity and not the local community, could cast doubt upon the probity of the planning and decision making process and West Suffolk Council should consider ensuring that future development master plans are drafted by West Suffolk Council, with full regard to local and national planning policy guidance. Hepworth Parish Council are concerned that, the ‘urbanisation of the rural landscape’ on the northern boundary of Shepherds Grove is inconsistent with local and national planning policy.

5. Given the complexity of the Masterplan, the potential impact of the development of the Shepherds Grove site on communities within the West Suffolk and Mid Suffolk District Council areas and the strength of community concerns, Hepworth Parish Council consider that the final endorsement of this draft Masterplan should be at Cabinet level.

Planning Matters Discussed Above

DC/23/1154/OUT- Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate, East Sumner Road
DC/24/1622/FUL - North Hall Farm, Market Weston Road
DC/25/1075/FUL - Land Adjacent To Duke Of Marlborough Bury Road
Hepworth Suffolk

HEPWORTH CHARITIES

Any pensioner who has lived in Hepworth for 2 years or more are eligible to apply for the annual grant, which is available from the Charities Trust and distributed during December in time for Christmas. Where a married couple is both of pensionable age only one payment can be made.

Please be aware that we have to comply with GDPR regulations therefore we will require a standard form to be completed with brief contact details by applicants.

Closing date : Friday, 21st November 2025

Linda Walsh

Tel : 01359 250014

Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

July 2025:	Max. Temp:	34.0°C	1st
	Min. Temp:	8.3°C	3rd
	Total Rainfall:	55.1mm	
	Wettest Day:	13.1mm	22nd
August 2025:	Max. Temp:	32.4°C	12th
	Min Temp:	8.3°C	22nd
	Total Precipitation:	20.9mm	
	Wettest Day:	11.8mm	29th

July 2025: A warm but less sunny month than June with rainfall slightly above average. Mean temperature of 19.4°C ranked as third warmest July in my records, with 2022 second with 20.1°C and 2018 first with 20.8°C. Daily maximum temperatures never fell below 20.8°C for the month, ranking it second in my July records (2009) after 2022 with 21.8°C.

August 2025: A warm, very dry month where 75% of the months total rainfall fell in the last 4 days. 8th to 15th: Daily maxima were above 27.0°C

Kindly provided by Richard Hinton. See the latest weather and historical Hepworth weather data at <http://j.mp/HepworthWS>

HEPWORTH'S RESPONSE TO H2E QUESTIONNAIRE

A big thank you to all those Hepworth residents who responded to the Questionnaire. And here are the events that you have shown an interest in:

- Quiz Evenings
- Summer/Autumn/Spring Fair
- Food Evenings
- Bingo
- Talks eg History, Gardening
- Race Night
- Village Christmas Lunch
- Monthly Social to include mobile bar and food
- Scarecrow Competition
- Sale Trail
- Celebrating big events like VE Day, VJ Day
- Avoid events in School Summer Holidays.

We already put on some of these events but we would certainly like to put on more!
So watch out for event posters around the village!



BONFIRE NIGHT PLANS?

If you have plans to let off any fireworks on or around bonfire night (or any other time of year), many residents would greatly appreciate knowing ahead of time so that they can look after themselves, their families or their pets and livestock in advance of any displays (small or otherwise).

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St Peter's, Hepworth

Church Roof Fund

A small team are meeting to look at funding applications to raise the necessary funds to retile the roof of this historic building. Hepworth 2 Enjoy are also joining the effort, so please support the events which they arrange. There will be an Autumn Fair on October 26th and a Seasonal Wreath making event in the Pavilion on Saturday 29th November. These will both help to make a start on the fund.

Churchyard Action Squad

A big thank you goes out to those who have worked so hard to improve the churchyard, the walls and the gravel strips. There haven't been any sessions for the last couple of months as it has been so hot, but there will be one final tidy on Saturday 11th October, before we hang up our gloves for the Winter.

Jane Duffield

Coming soon...



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

On Saturday 29th November



At The Hepworth Pavilion
Half day

Refreshments included

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LITTER ALLEY



I have been the occasional litter-picker in North Common for almost ten years and perhaps it is a good time to write an account of my experience doing it. At this point I should say, despite the implication in the title of this article, that I am sure North Common is no different to any other country lane and probably better than some and perhaps worse than some others!

Equipped with a high-visibility waistcoat, a bin-liner and support ring and a litter-picker tool I venture out when traffic is likely to be light and walk the distance from the junction with The Street to the junction with the B1111. I do not have a regular schedule of doing a pick, but try to do one every two months all year round. I find it easier to walk along one side going one way and the other coming back, so constantly looking to my right and in so doing also listening for vehicles creeping up behind me!

Most of what I collect can be described as food or drink containers and add to that a wide variety of other, mainly small items, which this month included a single sock! Cans and plastic drink bottles predominate and of course take up the most room. Occasionally I come across an empty gin bottle which is both space-consuming and relatively heavy. Crisp packets, empty blister packs from various comestibles, sweet packet wrappers, wipes, complete sets from fast food outlets, empty drinks containers complete with lids and drinking straws etc. etc.

Dirty rags, sections of polythene sheeting, binder twine and strange objects whose purpose I cannot imagine all find their way into my sack.

I have to say, and I expect that you won't be surprised to read it, that I am constantly disappointed at the volume of rubbish I collect along just a one mile country lane. It's unsightly, pollutant in some cases, hazardous to wildlife, un environmental and completely unnecessary. Such, mainly small, items which have been brought and transported principally by vehicle should therefore be taken back in the same vehicle and disposed of properly.

KEEP SUFFOLK TIDY!

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Harvest Festival

**St Peter's Church,
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Sunday October 5th, 9.30am

**You are invited to join us
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Village Christmas lunch

Tuesday 2nd December

12.30-3.30



Hepworth2Enjoy has organised another seniors' Christmas lunch



for the over 65s at the Hepworth Pavilion. We do hope that you can make it.

As in previous years, outside caterers have been booked at a cost of £20.00 per head.

This year our fund raising has enabled us to subsidise this to £10.00 per head.

*Sadly, limited funds raised do not enable us to offer this totally free of charge. **This is a ticket entry only event** and these will be available to purchase from Christine Harvey during October and November.*

Email :harvey_christine@hotmail.com Mobile 07808150130

The closing date is Monday 17th November.

Seating in the Pavilion is limited to 40 so book early to avoid any disappointment and to secure your place.

MENU: Full turkey Christmas roast

Christmas pudding or trifle

Mince pies, tea and coffee

A vegetarian option can be ordered when booking tickets.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

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