



NORTHWAY VOICE

Picnic In The Park

Join us for Picnic in the Park on 1st August. There will be plenty to see and do, including a disco, fairground rides, multi-sports, police bike marking, boxing demonstrations, performances from the GSTG Static Display Corps of Drums, and much more.

Food and refreshments will be available from The Tewkesbury Spud Hub and Mr Whippy Gloucester, or feel free to bring your own picnic. Come along with family and friends and enjoy an afternoon of community fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

PICNIC IN THE PARK
with Disco

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026
2PM – 6PM
NORTHWAY PLAYING FIELD
FREE TO ATTEND

THERE WILL BE: FAIRGROUND RIDES • TEWKESBURY SPUD HUB • MR WHIPPY GLOUCESTER

Sunflowers Suicide Support Training

At the Annual Assembly our guest speaker was from the Sunflowers Suicide Charity. Part of their work is providing bespoke training on helping people to overcome dark thoughts, and keeping people safe in that moment. After recovery, helping those individuals to look after themselves and give guidance for family and friends. This course could be useful for anyone wanting to be there for people they might encounter. Your council has funded this and hopes you will come along and gain some insights. Refreshments will be provided.

Sunflowers
 SUICIDE SUPPORT

SUICIDE SUPPORT TRAINING WORKSHOP
WEDS 29 JULY 2026, 7:15 PM
AT NORTHWAY COMMUNITY HUB

Learn how to spot when someone may be struggling, respond safely and confidently, and gain practical guidance on how to support others.

This FREE session is provided by Sunflowers Suicide Support and is OPEN TO ALL

Free refreshments will be provided.

Funded by Northway Parish Council

This Is Tewkesbury

You may have seen Northway Parish Council at the This is Tewkesbury event at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, 13th June. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table to say hello, take a look at what the Council has been doing, share feedback, and grab a free pen.

The event was a great opportunity to engage with residents and answer questions about the Parish Council's work. It was also nice to see so many other local organisations and community groups represented there.



Warm Space

Exciting news! The Council is making plans for Northway Warm Space to re-open in October 2026 thanks to funding from Gloucestershire County Council's Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund.

Warm Space provides a warm, friendly environment for residents to meet, have a chat, access support and feel less isolated when the weather turns colder.

Over the last four years, with funding from Tewkesbury Borough Council, the help of local residents and volunteers, the Warm Space has been able to offer free massage, seated yoga and digital support. Donations from Woody's Farm Shop has ensured that free food and refreshments were available.

If funding is secured again from Tewkesbury Borough Council, the sessions in January will hopefully run again (watch this space). Residents can drop in and enjoy good company, hot drinks, cakes, a soup and roll lunch, board games, puzzles, daily papers and magazines.

If you would be interested in getting involved as a volunteer or require more information, please get in touch. We hope to see you in October.



Active Week



Northway Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the recent Active Week programme during the Easter holidays.

The week offered a wide range of free activities for all ages, made possible through funding from the Active Communities We Can Move Grant and delivered by Team Rubicon and World Jungle.

While some adult sessions were less well attended than we had hoped, it was wonderful to see so many children and young people taking part in the activities designed for them. From circus skills and African drumming to multi-sports, street dance, and skateboard and scooter coaching, participants enjoyed a fun and active week while developing new skills and making new friends.



Fruit Press

Recently The Parish Council saw an opportunity to apply for a grant to purchase a fruit press and we were successful!

WHY WOULD WE DO THAT YOU ASK? Well we have several fruit trees on parish council owned land which produce a good amount of fruit each year. It usually just falls onto the ground and rots, so we thought that we could have an event where the fruit is made into juice.

The planning of such an event is in the early stages but would naturally be held in the early autumn, so watch out for more information or if you would like to be involved contact the Parish office.

Devolution

Local Government Devolution is coming to Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire will become a Unitary Authority. This will mean that the Local Government, in Gloucestershire, will be reduced to the Parish Councils (they will remain in the current form) and the Unitary body (currently Gloucestershire County Council). Tewkesbury Borough Council will be abolished with ALL of its functions reverting to the Unitary body. The look and scope of the Unitary Authority is still being evaluated by Central Government and should be available in July 2026. The Parish Council will share updates as more information becomes available.

What Does Your Parish Council Actually Do?

When I told friends I had joined the Parish Council, the most common response was: 'What does a Parish Council actually do?'

Eighteen months ago, I joined Northway Parish Council. Before becoming a councillor, I had a general idea of what a parish council did, but I suspect many people in our community are much like I was – aware that the council exists but not entirely sure what it actually does.

The simple answer is that we are local people working on behalf of local people.

Unlike national politics, parish councils focus on the things that affect our daily lives and our immediate community. Most of us are not politically aligned, and party politics rarely enters into what we do. We are volunteers who care about Northway and want to make it an even better place to live. My fellow councillors are a friendly bunch with a multitude of backgrounds.

One of our most visible responsibilities is looking after and improving our shared community spaces. This includes parks, play areas, open spaces and community facilities that residents use every day. We work to ensure these areas are safe, attractive and well maintained for everyone to enjoy.

We also play an important role in road safety. Residents often raise concerns about speeding, parking, pedestrian safety and traffic issues. While we do not control the highways network ourselves, we work closely with Gloucestershire County Council and other agencies to represent local concerns and push for improvements where they are needed. Yes, we are still pressing to get the roads fixed!

Planning matters are another significant part of our work. Whenever planning applications are submitted that may affect Northway, the parish council reviews them and provides comments to the planning authority. We cannot make the final decision, but we can ensure that the views and interests of local residents are heard.

However, parish councils are about much more than meetings and planning applications.

At Northway, we are committed to supporting the wider wellbeing of our community. We provide a warm space where people can meet, socialise and seek support. We help facilitate access to food bank services for those experiencing difficult times and signpost residents towards organisations that can offer practical help and advice.

We also work alongside local schools, community groups, charities and volunteers to support initiatives that benefit residents of all ages. Whether it is helping organise community events, supporting local projects or creating opportunities for people to come together, we believe that strong communities are built through connection and participation.

One project that demonstrates this perfectly is the development of our local skatepark. This is an example of what can be achieved when councillors, residents and community partners work together towards a shared goal. It provides a valuable facility for young people and helps create a stronger sense of community ownership and pride.

Being a parish councillor has given me a new appreciation of how much work goes on behind the scenes to keep our community thriving. It has also shown me the value of local people stepping forward to make a difference.

The parish council is always keen to hear from residents about issues, ideas and opportunities to improve Northway. After all, the best ideas often come from the people who live here.

If you would like to find out more about the work of Northway Parish Council, attend a meeting or simply share a suggestion, please get in touch. We are here to serve the community and help make Northway an even better place to live, work and enjoy.

Together, we can continue to build a community that we are all proud to call home. We bring our skills, knowledge and effort for free – if you want to join us, please get in touch.

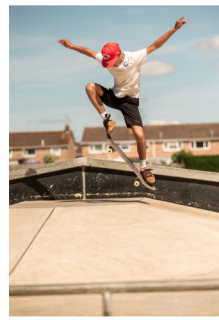
John Llewellyn



2026 Skate Jam!

During the afternoon of the May bank holiday we were treated to another well organised event by Team Rubicon. Ice cream and pizzas were on hand, in lovely sunshine, for both competitors and those watching. It was such a good natured event, exemplified by the 3-year-old who lay on a traditional Skateboard and scooted his way around the Skatepark with his feet, fearlessly crossing the flows of riders, who passed him in front and behind! There was some spectacular cycling from some very talented young men.

All of the photographs from the day can be found on Northway Parish Council's web page (in the news section).



Bus Pass Users!

If your concessionary bus pass is not accepted by the ticket machine, please ask the driver for a printed 'Free Journey' ticket to make sure your journey is recorded,

Accurate passenger numbers help protect local bus services, so it is important that all journeys are properly recorded. Please also report any problems to Stagecoach.

Councillor Vacancy

The Council wishes to thank Emlyn Phennah, who recently stepped down from his role as Parish Councillor, for his contributions to the Parish Council and Northway.

A vacancy has now arisen for a Parish Councillor. The Council is made up of friendly local volunteers who work proactively to support the area and would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining them. Please contact the Clerk for further information.



Tewkesbury Academy Graffiti Mural

The Parish Council agreed it would be a great idea to see if students at Tewkesbury Academy might like to help create and paint a graffiti mural on the small wall at the north end of the skatepark.

After collaboration with the school, a professional graffiti artist was chosen to work with the students, and the artwork is now complete. It was to be based on a Northway theme and, although the end result might not be what all residents associate with Northway, for the young people it seems that the skate park is a big feature of the Northway landscape. It has been great to work as a team with the school and the Council is delighted with the finished result.



Jubilee Oak Trees at Platinum Park

The Council is pleased to share an update on the oak trees planted in Platinum Park in 2022 to mark the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. Local schools and preschool children supported the planting and helped care for the young trees as part of their role as "tree guardians"

The oak in the north part of the park is now flourishing and showing excellent growth. The second tree at the south end, which replaced an earlier planting that was vandalised, is also now establishing well.

The Council thanks all those involved for their support in helping these trees grow and thrive for the future.



Emergency Plan

Northway Parish Council is looking for volunteers to be included in its Community Emergency Plan and may be contacted in the event of an emergency. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Clerk.



PLAY
GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S
PLAY RANGERS
SUMMER COMMUNITY PLAY DAYS!

Northway Playing Field,
Northway, GL20 8GL

10am to 4pm
Fridays 24th July & 21st August



With thanks to Northway Parish Council for funding these community play days



Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers.

We welcome disabled children & their families.

Play Gloucestershire
Transforming lives through the power of play
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Look out for news of events on
Northway notice boards and online
(social media and webpage).
Meeting agendas and minutes can
be found on the Parish Council
webpage.

Upcoming Meetings:

Full Council - 8 July 2026

Planning & General Purposes -
15 July 2026

Finance - 22 July 2026

Planning - 19 August 2026

Full Council - 9 September 2026

Planning & General Purposes -
16 September 2026

Road Safety - 30 September 2026

Staffing - 7 October 2026

Full Council - 14 October 2026

Planning & General Purposes -
21 October 2026

**ALL MEETINGS START AT 7PM UNLESS
STATED OTHERWISE**

Circus

The Council is excited to announce that James Richards Circus will be returning to Platinum Park in 2027!

More information, including dates and event details, will be shared in the coming months, please keep an eye out.



Parish Assembly

On 25th March Northway Parish Council held its annual Parish Assembly.

The meeting is a chance to bring together and hear from the local groups within Northway. There were short presentations from St Nicholas Church, Northway Pantry, Charlie's Community Support, Northway Youth Club, the Northway Walking Group, the Headteacher of Northway Infant School and Carrant Brook Junior School, as well as County Councillor Dr Kate Usmar and Borough Councillor Graham Bocking.

There was a presentation from Sunflowers Suicide Support, who spoke about the incredible work they do across Gloucestershire supporting those affected by suicide.

This year's Community Award was presented to Vicki Hawker in recognition of her ongoing dedication and the positive difference she makes in the local area.

The Parish Council made a major change to the Assembly, this year, in that we no longer have each of the Council Chairs present to the Assembly. Instead, their presentations were printed and supplied with the Welcome Pack.

This did mean that the Assembly finished early with everyone quickly moving to the food and drink supplied by the Parish Council



Considerate Parking

A reminder to drivers not to park on pavements, grassed areas or verges. Parking in these locations can block access for people using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs, as well as other pedestrians, and/or cause damage to community spaces.

Please be considerate when parking and take a moment to think about others

Tidy Northway

Residents may have noticed that Northway continues to be kept in a tidy and well-maintained condition. This includes regular grass cutting, vegetation management, and the reintroduction of weed treatment on pavements and dropped kerbs, funded through the Parish Council's own budget.

Recent works have also included bramble clearance at Platinum Park, further improving the appearance of the area.



Exciting News for St Nicholas Church

A new member will be joining the missional team at Northway's Parish church.

We welcome Katie Etherington whose ordination as a Deacon takes place on Sunday 28th June at Gloucester Cathedral. Her role at St Nicholas will be as assistant curate.

Other news The volunteer gardening days continue through the summer scheduled dates can be found on church website www.stnicholasashchurch.org.uk

The church is open from 10am till 4pm during the week if you want time for quiet reflection or just sit in the beautiful graveyard and appreciate the wonders of nature.

Northway Infant & Carrant Brook Junior Schools

On behalf of the Local Academy Board, PTFA and families of Northway Infants & Carrant Brook Juniors, we would like to say a huge thank you to all staff for their continued support and dedication. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new families in September and becoming part of their journey. We would also like to extend our best wishes to Year 2 pupils as they transition to the juniors, and to Year 6 as they move on to their new secondary schools—we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success in the next stage of their education.



NORTHWAY
Chemist

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Your friendly local community pharmacy

Hello, I'm Ash,
the new owner of Northway Chemist.

I am delighted to be serving our wonderful local community.

We look forward to welcoming existing and new patients and supporting the health of our community.



Proud to serve
the people of Tewkesbury
and surrounding areas,
providing convenient access
to healthcare and medicines.

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2:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturday
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Sunday
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