

December 2025 & January 2026

THE TRUMPET

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by St Mary & St Michael Parish Church



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Cover: Pocket Treasures at the 2024 Christmas Tree Festival - why not enter a tree this year - email admin@trumpington.church for a form (photo Sheila Betts)

From your Parish Church . . .

'Christmas is a-coming' or so sings Bing Crosby. Advent is not only the start of the new church year but a four-Sunday penitential period leading up to the big day itself on 25 December. Shops have been presaging Christmas for weeks, but for the church, Advent beginning this year on 30 November (also St Andrews Day) marks the true start of Christian preparations for Christmas. Each of the four Sundays focuses on the biblical figures and events leading up to the birth of Jesus, including the patriarchs, the prophets, John the Baptist, and the Virgin Mary.

Despite being in a Vacancy, we will be observing all these Sundays and holding the usual events leading up to Christmas Day: the annual Christmas Tree Festival where community groups vie to have the most-liked trees (13 and 14 December, with associated activities), our own decorated 10ft Norwegian Spruce, the traditional service of Nine Lessons & Carols at 6.30pm on Sunday 14 December, and our very popular Christingle & Crib service at 3pm on Christmas Eve, where we again promise a gigantic Christingle.

The Christmas period also puts strains on us and our families, as we reflect the season of goodwill without over-indulging and innocently upsetting relationships, sometimes leading to estrangements. When Jesus came into the world all those years ago he would not have wanted his anniversary to be spoiled by such piques.

By Christmas we will have been in a Sabbatical/Vacancy for eight months. With the assistance of many visiting priests, and the support of the congregation, we have more or less maintained a full programme of services, which will continue well into 2026. The PCC is working hard to move the recruitment process forward for a new Vicar as speedily as possible, and there is a good corporate will to ensure the parish we hand into the care of a new Vicar is progressive and vibrant. Please support us where you can.

Remembering the birth over 2000 Years ago of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who came into the world to save us all, we wish all our readers a Happy and Holy Christmas to enjoy with family and friends, and a peaceful New Year.

Edmund Brookes & Sheila Betts, Churchwardens

Our Mothers' Union

Although we do not have a branch meeting in December we will celebrate the MU 'Wave of Prayer' on Thursday 11 December. We meet at 11am and begin our service by praying for our link dioceses. We light a candle each for Lusaka in Zambia, Shyogwe in Rwanda, Sokoto and Ikka in Nigeria, Karimnager in India and Ely in England and praying for the members in each country. A discussion and lunch follows.

We will be taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival in Church, 13 and 14 December. Our entry's theme is 'Our Church'. Come along and enjoy the festival and don't forget to vote.

We meet again on 22 January for our New Year Fish & Chip lunch, 12 for 12.30pm. No doubt there will be a lot to catch up on, two months after the previous meeting.

Wishing you all a very loving and joyful Christmas.

If you would like to find out about joining the Mothers' Union please call me on 01223 510256 or email mothersunion@trumpington.church
Stella Chandler



YOUR PARISH CHURCH IS CHANGING!

We at St Mary & St Michael are looking at how to adapt our beautiful historic building so that it can become a more flexible and welcoming space for the whole Trumpington community.

Our ambition to nurture Christian values and faith in our community remains unchanged. But we think this requires a church building that can accommodate a much wider range of community activities. We have developed detailed plans to remove a significant number of pews and install modern facilities.

As we develop our project and start looking at fundraising activities, we would love to hear comments or questions from anyone in Trumpington, whether or not you consider yourself a Christian, or come to church. We'll use *The Trumpet* and other media to keep you up to date.

Please send any views or questions to our Parish Administrator, Emma Buck, at admin@trumpington.church

Thank you,
The Trumpington Church Fundraising Committee



Services at St Mary & St Michael in December & January

Our 10am Sunday services are in-person and Zoomed; other services are in-person only. You can find the Zoom link here: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2697/>

Sunday 7 December

The Ven. Alex Hughes

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Communion

Sunday 14 December

The Ven. Alex Hughes

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

with Junior Church

The Revd Sarah Atkins

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 21 December

The Ven. Alex Hughes

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Experience & Explore (*local team*)

Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve

The Revd Sarah Atkins

3pm Christingle Service

11pm * Midnight Communion

Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day

The Revd Sarah Atkins

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Communion

Sunday 28 December

9am Morning Prayer (*local team*)

Sunday 4 January

The Revd John Summers

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

The Revd Canon Dr N Thistlethwaite

10am All Age Communion

Sunday 11 January

The Revd Paul Brice

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

The Revd Canon Dr N Thistlethwaite

10am Holy Communion

with Junior Church

Sunday 18 January

The Revd Steve McGregor

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Experience & Explore (*local team*)

The Revd Geoff Dodson

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 25 January

The Revd Julie Gawthorpe

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

with Junior Church

Sunday 1 February

8.30am * BCP Holy Communion

10am * All Age Communion

* Priest not confirmed at the time of going to press.

See the website for up-to-date information: <https://trumpington.church/whats-on>

A guide to our services

8.30am BCP Holy Communion is from the Book of Common Prayer – a quiet, traditional communion service.

10am Holy Communion is a service using liturgy from Common Worship with hymns and music, and with Junior Church on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

10am All Age Communion is a more contemporary communion service specifically for 'all ages'. There is no Junior Church on this Sunday as the children stay for the service.

10am Third Sunday Experience and Explore is an informal service without communion; it includes a talk, a time for personal reflection, activities for all ages and refreshments.

Memory Café

We celebrated our fourth birthday at our September meeting in style with guests – Deputy Mayor Richard Swift, Cambridge Rotary President Gill Coe and children from Fawcett School (pictured below). The children entertained with songs, along with conjurer and ventriloquist, Froggle Flavier who made balloon swords, which the children carried back to school. The four birthday candles were blown out by Richard, Gill, John and Janet and everyone sang ‘Happy Birthday’ and then the Deputy Mayor gave a short talk about his work. Gill Coe thanked us for a great morning. We had a very entertaining birthday meeting and look forward to our fifth birthday.

At our meeting on 15 October, plans changed due to illness so we decided on a morning of games and songs. Members and volunteers were asked to guess the name of a beautiful doll knitted by Beryl. Following refreshments we sang our opening song and two more songs, including the popular ‘Daisy, Daisy’. Our games included old favourites such as Simon Says, a memory game with most members achieving scores of 11 or 12 out of 12 items, a Beetle Drive game and members managed to correctly identify by touch 12 household items hidden in socks.

The Guess the Name of the Doll competition, was won by Robin and he took Lily home with him. Our table quiz was won by Michael and Jackie.

At the time of writing we were looking forward to our November meeting with a visit by Denny Abbey staff who were bringing wartime memorabilia to discuss. Members were also reminded to bring home-crafted Christmas tree decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival at the Church.

If you would like to bring a person with memory loss please call Janet on 01223 840268.



Trumpington Memory Café
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December 2025 & January 2026



MumCo
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 When we come here, my twins are able to enjoy it and I enjoy it too. It's a lovely chance to meet people.
 I really enjoyed all the sessions where we got to try an art or sewing project ... I really loved sewing. I have learnt a new skill doing that.
THE MUMCO
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 MumCo Trumpington meets at 10am on Tuesdays in termtime in the Community Rooms at Trumpington Meadows Primary School.
 The Mum Community with crèche
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 13 & 27 January
 10 February
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 2 December
 6 & 20 January
 3 & 24 February
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 Jo on 07979379731

We are delighted to announce the return of The King's Men for a special concert in church on Sunday 21 June 2026 at 7.30pm.

Look out for booking information about this concert and details of other events around it in the new year.

(photo: Martin Bond)



Save the date!

Community News and Events

Royal British Legion

As ever I write this note during the Poppy Appeal and can again report that everybody is being very generous when donating at our Waitrose stall. This is doubly encouraging as the younger generation are also very keen to donate their coins in return for some of the poppy-branded items available. These they will use or possibly wear long after 11 November, and I see more Poppy pins being worn throughout the year. This helps to emphasise that while the Appeal lasts for just 18 days, the money raised is used throughout the year to support veterans and their dependants. We will know the final total raised reasonably accurately by the time you read this article, as donations made electronically will than have been added to the cash given. The final total raised by the Poppy Appeal will be included in my February article. As usual all the partners at Waitrose without exception have been extremely helpful, cups of coffee being very welcome. In thanking Waitrose, we must not forget that our area stretches from Cambridge Rugby Club via Harston to parts of the Biomedical Campus, and sums collected at all these points are not insignificant.

I expect that there will again have been a large turnout at our beautiful war memorial on 9 November when a variety of wreaths will have been laid, some handmade which is very touching. The increasing numbers present clearly demonstrate that we remember the sacrifices of previous generations to allow us the freedom we sometimes take for granted. It is sad that these days traffic just passes by as we observe two minutes of silence. It seems a small price to pay for the supreme sacrifice of the fallen.

Again, thank you all for your generosity.

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The Clay Farm Centre

After a very busy October half term with our Hallowe'en discos and holiday lunch (one of our busiest yet with over 130 people attending) we're now ready for winter.

On Saturday 13 December it's our Christmas Event. See page 11 for a flyer with all the details.

The Clay Farm Centre will be closed from 1pm on Wednesday 24 December until Saturday 3 January. However, the library will be open 11am-1pm on Monday 29 December with hot drinks and mince pies in the café area and some activities in the hall for children.

For more information about the Centre and our regular events visit our social media pages. You can find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/clayfarmcentre or on our City Council website: www.cambridge.gov.uk/clay-farm-centre. Clay Farm is a great venue to hire if you're looking to host an event or party, for more information email ClayFarmCentre@cambridge.gov.uk.



Trumpington Local History Group

Our next meeting is on Thursday 19 February 2026, 7pm at the Clay Farm Centre, when we will consider two farming-related topics. Jo Sear will talk about the late 19th-century / early 20th-century boom in the mining of coprolites with particular reference to coprolite mining in Trumpington. This will be followed by a talk by David Knott, farm manager of the Trumpington Estate, who will talk about how farming practices in Trumpington have changed over the past 50 years. Admission £2.50.

Our website trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org has lots of information about all kinds of aspects of the history of the parish – just search from the home page.

If you would like to be on our email mailing list, or get involved in researching our local history, then please get in touch: Jo Sear, Chairman, tlhglst@gmail.com



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The Clay Farm Centre
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Join us with your friends and family for a festive cuppa and mince pie Monday 29th December.
There will be soft play and Lego for the children in the main hall.
The Clay Farm Centre is managed and operated by Cambridge City Council in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council.
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WREATHMAKING WORKSHOP
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Feel Good Fridays at Trumpington Meadows Community Hub (Fridays, 10am-12pm, term time) at Trumpington Meadows Primary School. All ages are welcome to enjoy brunch, crafts, stay and play and friendly chat, plus support for wellbeing, finances, housing, and food bank referrals. Christmas hampers will be available at our party on 12 December so come and join in the fun.

Baby Clothes Connections Find quality pre-loved clothes for 0-2s, available every other Friday at Trumpington Meadows Primary School. See our Facebook page for dates.

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Fairbite Food Club Trumpington

Christmas and New year openings: all members can shop on Friday 19 December and again on the Tuesday 23 December and we will then be closed until 5 January. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and volunteers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our very successful Fairbite Food Club Social Supermarket is now open on Tuesdays from 4.30-6pm at Trumpington Pavilion and as on the Friday sessions there is a free café that opens at 4pm. Membership is free and is open to people and families in the Trumpington area who are struggling to cover the costs of essentials. Members pay either £5 or £3 to shop – for a £5 shop members get shopping with a value well over £20 including fresh fruit and vegetables, and pick from a range of food and household essentials. We also try to provide access to Citizens Advice and other support agencies.

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3rd Trumpington Brownies

This autumn we welcomed new Brownies and an 'old' Brownie gained her Gold Award. This is a fabulous achievement and the highest award a Brownie can receive.

We've been following the *Know Myself* theme from Girlguiding's programme. As well as lots of games, we had a wonderful noisy, messy session all about asking questions. The Brownies explored things like bubbles, mirrors and ooblek (cornflour and water) and asked all the questions they could think of – there were lots! We also thought about Remembrance Day and decorated stone discs with poppies. We're looking forward to a campfire with singing and s'mores and to taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary & St Michael's Church.

We have a few spaces for girls aged 7-10 years. Please get in touch at: browniestrumpington@gmail.com for more information. Lisa MacGregor



Trumpington Stitchers

More of our popular workshops are planned for December and January and you can see the flyer here. If a workshop is full, we will put on extra dates so do put your name on the waiting list. If you would like to be on the mailing list to be first to know about our events and workshops (we book up quickly), contact us on the email below. Something you would like to learn? Let us know and we will see if we can run a workshop.

As ever, we look forward to seeing stitchers of all levels of experience and interest at our general Monday evening meetings at the Pavilion 7-9pm and our Tuesday morning Stitching for Charity group at Clay Farm library, 10.30am-12 noon.

Lots more information, photos and our contact details are on our website:

www.trumpingtonstitchers.net

or contact us by email:

trumpingtonstitchers@gmail.com

**TRUMPINGTON
STITCHERS** Booking essential

December 2025 to January 2026

Monday evening workshops

7-9pm at the Trumpington Pavilion CB2 9JT • Cost £7.50 each

- **1 December**
Christmas decoration
Machine experience needed
- **8 December**
Peg bag Basic sewing
machine experience needed
- **5 January**
Lip balm cover Sewing
machine experience needed
- **19 January**
Transformation Challenge!
Using a pile of unwanted items we will be challenged to turn them into something new – like the Sewing Bee!

● **Booking essential for all workshops**
Contact Jackie Covill: jackie.covill@gmail.com
£7.50 charge can be reduced or waived for those on low income – please speak to Jackie
www.trumpingtonstitchers.net

Plan of Trumpington Parish

This map has been created especially for *The Trumpet* and is updated regularly, but please contact the Editor if you can help improve it as new roads become occupied.
Email: trumpet@trumpington.church

As the map becomes more complicated you may like to consult the regularly updated www.openstreetmap.org

- 1 Sole & Duck Restaurant
- 2 The Green Man
- 3 Hudson's Ale House
- 4 The Lord Byron
- 5 Farthings Trumpington Dry Cleaners, Rumbles Fish Bar, Rulo's Barber, Radhika Florist, The Bun Shop (post office/Londis convenience store)
- 6 Shell Petrol Station, Bidwells Estate Agent, Autograph Dental
- 7 Waitrose
- 8 Trumpington Food & Wine
- 9 Trumpington Village Hall
- 10 Wildlife Trust Office
- 11 Trumpington Pavilion
- 12 St Mary & St Michael Parish Church & Bakehouse (church office)
- 13 Anstey Hall
- 14 Rainbow Nursery
- 15 Trumpington Meadows Primary School
- 16 Fawcett Primary School
- 17 Trumpington Community College
- 18 Fawcett House (Cambridgeshire County Council)
- 19 Hobson Square area including Clay Farm Centre with RVS café, GP Surgery & Library, Welfare Pharmacy, NISA Local, Sainsbury's Local, Dentistry & More, Dao Cafe, O'Vesuvio Pizza
- 20 Clay Farm Allotments
- 21 Clay Farm Community Garden
- 22 Foster Road Allotments
- 23 Trumpington Community Orchard
- 24 Trumpington Park Primary School
- 25 Perse Prep School
- 26 St Faith's School
- 27 Cambridge Football Stadium & Kingsway Cambridge (formerly Cambridge Lakes) Golf course
- 28 Trumpington Park & Ride
- 29 John Lewis Distribution Centre
- 30 Nuffield Hospital
- 31 Trumpington Meadows Allotments
- 32 Christ Church Trumpington Church Centre
- 33 Cambridgeshire Care Home
- 34 Trumpington Bowls Club
- 35 Sainsbury's Local, Frankie's Hair Salon, La Reina Cafe
- 36 Glebe Farm Allotments
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Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub

There's a definite chill in the air, so we've been busy changing over our boxes of donated clothes, to make sure we have lots of warm and cosy items to pass on to new owners. Our motto, at this time of year is 'No cold kids'!

Our willing band of volunteers got together recently, to sort and label our stock of Christmas jumpers, ready for the festive season – we might even have sung a Christmas carol, or two, to help us along. There are lots of lovely items, just waiting to be re-homed and enjoyed by new families. Visitors to Clay Farm Library will find a rail full of warm winter coats, for local families to help themselves. A big thank you to the library staff – their ongoing support is very much appreciated. Our grateful thanks also to everyone who supports us, including local businesses and schools and all the families who take the time to donate clothes for us to pass on to others who can use them. You all make a huge difference.

In January 2026, we will be holding a pop-up stall at Trumpington Sports, Trumpington Community College. This is an exciting new venue, so come along and join us, if you can. We hope to have pop-up stalls on a monthly basis, throughout the year: Keep an eye on our social media, for details of when and where you can find us.

If you would like to sponsor one of our events, please do get in touch; we would be delighted to hear from you. Remember, if you can't make it to a pop-up, we will gladly pack a box of clothes for you to collect. Just fill in a form online at www.trumpingtonkidsclotheshub.co.uk



Clay Farm Community Garden

Our AGM took place in October and highlighted, yet again, the lack of progress in the process for the Council to adopt the garden from Countryside/Vistry. This delay, now several years long, has led to maintenance issues to which Countryside/Vistry have failed to respond without time-consuming reminders.

Volunteers are a rare resource. We are very grateful to those few who are devoting so much effort to keeping the garden blooming and productive, by watering during the long dry periods this summer, weeding, planting, mowing and litter picking. The organisational tasks involved in co-ordinating these tasks is time-consuming. We'd really love to have more volunteers to help with watering during dry spells, to take a turn at mowing or just as importantly, organise the rotas for those volunteering for these tasks.

A big thank you to our two generous donors of wisteria plants, which we hope will start to grow over the feasting table to provide summer shade.

Our popular Christmas event takes place on 11 December - see the flyer on page 10. Do come along and celebrate with us. On 11 January, the Orchard Wassail will again process down to the Garden from the Orchard. For details keep an eye on the events page on our website – <https://clayfarmgarden.org> – and posts from the Orchard.

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Trumpington Community Orchard

The return of rain after the hot and dry summer means that the orchard regained some greenery that has now developed into the beautiful colours of autumn. The wildflower meadow has now been scythed and the orchard is ready for the winter.



The fruit trees have been mulched in preparation for next year and the quince tree is still fruiting after the late rains. Over the winter we plan to tidy the hedgerow and lay the section adjoining the hazel platt to deter the resident delinquent squirrel from gaining access to the swift tower.

Thanks to some funding from Trumpington Parochial Charity, we now have some splendid new signage that we hope will continue to encourage enjoyment of the Community Orchard as a peaceful green space.

Our annual Wassail is on Sunday 11 January 2026 starting at 2.30pm prompt. Initial libations will be followed by wassailing the trees in the orchard and then processing to Clay Farm Community Garden to wassail the trees there. The event concludes with the Wassail dance, accompanied by folk musicians and partaking of warm mulled apple juice. Come warmly dressed in festive finery and bring your musical and percussion instruments.

The next orchard maintenance session is from 11am-1pm on Sunday 14 December. Come dressed in weatherproof clothing and footwear and we will provide gloves and necessary tools. We would again particularly welcome volunteers willing to play a more active role in the organisation and maintenance of the Orchard to ensure its long-term future.

Contact us by email – trumpingtonorchard@yahoo.co.uk or call Susanna on 07722 568020 or visit trumpingtonorchard.org

Trumpington Pavilion

Trumpington Pavilion has a varied programme of events and activities each week. There's something for everyone with various exercise classes, Memory Café, Balkan Dance, parent and baby groups, Singing Mamas, Trumpington Stitchers, youth club and many more.



Since BPHA have been running the VIPs (Very Important Persons' group); it's gone from strength to strength. It's a real community hub for people of all ages to meet new people and learn new things over a cup of tea. Why don't you pop in? See the flyer on page 28.

Look online or on our noticeboard outside the Pavilion to see what's happening throughout the month. You can find us at www.cambridge.gov.uk/trumpington-pavilion or on Facebook. The Pavilion is a lovely space to hire for parties or other private events.

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Find other chatty cafés: thechattycafescheme.co.uk



Trumpington Residents' Association

We hope you like our new logo! It reflects the new phase in the evolution of the TRA, having ceased to manage the Trumpington Pavilion in April 2024.



We will be living up to our new strapline, 'Supporting Trumpington's community', by helping at the Clay Farm Centre's Christmas event on Saturday 13 December.

Our next formal meeting will be on Wednesday 28 January at 7.30pm in the Clay Farm Centre (in the Byron and Chaplen Rooms, upstairs on the first floor). Our planned guest speakers are from Network Rail, speaking to us about the new Cambridge South station, which is now expected to open in June 2026.

Anyone thinking about joining the TRA is welcome to attend a meeting to see what it's like. If you're not already a member but would like to attend a meeting to hear a particular guest speaker, please get in touch to check it would be okay.

Jenny Blackhurst, Chair, 2025–26, finance@trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org

Seedy Sunday – 25 January 2026

A date for your diary! Our annual **Seedy Sunday**, a seed swap event, hosted by the Trumpington Allotment Society takes place each January:

Where Trumpington Village Hall, 75 High Street, CB2 9HZ

When 1.30-4pm, Sunday 25 January 2026

Admission £2 for adults, children are free.



Please bring your clearly labelled, unused seed to swap, or you can make a small donation in exchange for the seed you take. Come along even if you don't have seeds to swap.

In January we are thinking ahead and planning for the coming growing season. All gardeners are welcome, from experienced to novice. Choose some of your favourite seeds or find something new to try this year. If you have growing space, an allotment, a home garden, or terrace or balcony with a few pots, there will be something for you.

There will be stalls from seed suppliers, community groups and local artisans. Delicious homemade cakes, tea and coffee will be on sale in aid of the Trumpington Memory Café.

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Trumpington Repair Café

In February 2023 several Trumpington residents met on a Cambridge Carbon Footprint training course learning how to run a Repair Café, and decided that they could get together and run one in their village. This group included a very experienced repairer, several enthusiastic re-users, and Dave Fox, who created an online booking system for us.

The recipe is simple – put together people with things that need mending, with people who love fixing things – add some homemade cake and a friendly atmosphere. Putting it together properly was a bit more complicated, of course!

With the help of a grant from the City Council, and support from the Trumpington Residents' Association, the Trumpington Repair Café group now holds three events a year, saving hundreds of broken items from being thrown away. Many people have been able to save family heirlooms, keep wearing favourite clothes or just been able to save a lot of money on replacing household equipment.

The September repairs included 7 table lamps and 3 sewing machines and as usual there were items which could not be fixed in the 45-minute slots available, but contacts were made with local repairers who could help.



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Seven lamps were repaired at the September café



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The next Repair Café will be on 18 January - see flyer above for details.

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Trumpington Meadows shows the power of local voices

Residents of Trumpington Meadows were given a rare opportunity to speak candidly with Peter Freeman, Chair of the Cambridge Growth Company during a two-hour meeting held recently at La Reina Café. Freeman, appointed by Michael Gove and recently re-confirmed by the incoming Labour government, was invited by the Trumpington Meadows Delivery & Action Group (TMDAG) to discuss the real-world challenges of new housing developments. Earlier this year, he had publicly cited Trumpington Meadows as an example of 'good development' during a FeCRA event at Great St Mary's Church prompting local residents to invite him for a more grounded, first-hand look at the realities behind the glossy brochure images.

Joining the conversation were community stakeholders. Together with residents, they highlighted a range of persistent issues including bad build quality, unconnected solar panels, delay in core infrastructure delivery as well as the importance of initiatives to encourage a sense of community which included the provision of food trucks, children's clothes hubs and events that help to foster a strong sense of community.

Residents were also keen to ensure that future developments had consistent build quality and effective remediation as often poor workmanship and lack of accountability have caused lasting problems and that where defects are identified, new home owners need a transparent, timely and effective remediation process so that issues are fully resolved rather than left to persist.

One especially shocking revelation was that no additional policing budget is currently allocated for new developments, something confirmed by Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston at a meeting held the previous day. Residents argued that developers should be required to fund additional policing, proportional to the size of their projects. Based on national averages, Trumpington's growing population would justify at least 21 additional officers.

Despite the concerns, residents remain proud of what they've built. A spokesperson said 'Trumpington Meadows is a great place to live, with wonderful green spaces and a growing, vibrant community'.

Peter Freeman echoed the sentiment, praising the 'strength of community spirit' and acknowledging that the real-world experiences of residents offer valuable lessons for future planning. He told the meeting that 'building new communities is never straightforward, and your insights highlight important lessons for how we can do better'.

The tone of this meeting stands in stark contrast to national newspaper headlines recently portraying nearby Northstowe as a warning tale of poor planning, where some residents now fear for their safety and wish to leave.

The Trumpington Meadows story, by contrast, shows what's possible when community voices are heard – but also makes clear that there's still much to fix if future developments are to truly serve their residents. Peter has offered a follow up meeting with interested residents regarding covenants, resident management companies and other issues, with himself and Anthea Harries, from Related Argent, who have dealt with these types of matters at the pioneering King's Cross development, which he was also involved with.



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Coppicing is an ancient technique that was used in the past to create useful wood products like broom handles and charcoal. It involves cutting down trees, often hazel, in sections, on rotation. They are cut in such a way that the tree grows back with multiple stems. Conservationists now use the same techniques to create areas in our ancient woodlands with different light levels and density of vegetation. Coppicing mimics the action of large herbivores under which our woodlands evolved, and create areas of diverse 'edge' habitat.

Path maintenance: Our volunteer work party in Cambourne has been improving an area of the perimeter path in the SE of the nature reserve. Last year they raised the level of the path using limestone chips, and dug a drainage trench. This year they have dug a bigger trench to help reduce the amount of water on the path. On some of our woodland nature reserves, paths, or even whole sites, are closed to avoid damage to the sensitive path edges when they become muddy. To reduce damage, please consider visiting sites you've not been to before, or sticking to areas which are less muddy. Wearing appropriate shoes for muddy conditions means you can walk through the mud, rather than spreading the erosion around the outside. If you are interested in volunteering on our practical work parties, please get in contact.

December event (booking is essential wildlifebcn.org/events)

Trumpington Meadows, 18 December: 1.30-2.45pm: Seasonal stroll for adults

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- COVID-19 vaccine – for anyone aged 75+, those aged between six months and 74 years and have a weakened immune system because of a health condition or treatment; and people who live in a care home for older adults.

For some people who have got used to having their COVID-19 and flu vaccine together in winter, this might mean a change for them as the COVID-19 vaccine age criteria has changed from people over 65 to people over 75.

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