



GREAT & LITTLE GIDDING

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

April 2025

The Parish Council newsletter is available on noticeboards, social media, the Giddings website, and by email or printed copy upon request, and the council welcomes community input for future newsletters.

**The 2025 Annual Parish Meeting of
Great and Little Gidding Parish Council will take
place on Tuesday 20th May 2025 starting at 7.00pm
at Great Gidding Village Hall**

This is not a formal Parish Council meeting. It is an opportunity for residents of Great and Little Gidding to find out more about the work that the Parish Council are doing, to raise any issues they wish regarding the village and comment on plans for the coming year.
All are welcome to come along.

AGENDA:

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2024
3. The Chairman's Annual Report
4. Sarah Marsh, Head of Digital Connectivity
Connecting Cambridgeshire Programme Director,
Place & Sustainability, Cambridgeshire County
Council will speak on gigabit capable broadband
5. Update on current tasks within the Parish and
plans for 2025-26.
6. For members of the public to present, discuss and
resolve any other matters related to the Parish.

The Parish Council meets in the Village Hall on the third Tuesday of each month. The next two Parish Council meetings are on **15th April 2025** and **20th May**, after the AGM. Parishioners are welcome to attend or submit questions in a timely manner prior to the meeting. Agenda and minutes are available to view online at:

<https://www.thegiddings.org.uk/community/parish-council>

The current Parish Councilors are:

~ Jan Maciag (Chair) ~ Andrea Hargrave (Vice)
~ Jack Bolton ~ Paul Hodson
~ Karen Moody

~ Parish Clerk: Julie Trolove

Vacancies on the Parish Council

We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councilor, please email the Clerk: ggparishcouncil@outlook.com. To stand, you need to meet the following criteria:

- i) Be a British or Commonwealth citizen.
- ii) Be at least 18 years old.
- iii) Be registered to vote in the Parish, or have lived, worked, or owned property here for at least 12 months.

ST MICHAEL CHURCHYARD BIO-DIVERSITY

To increase the range of biodiversity of animals, birds, invertebrates and plants in the churchyard, a small working party of local volunteers have been working together. Much of the bramble overgrowth has been removed revealing long lost gravestones, other plants have been cut back exposing dormant plants such as primroses. Bird boxes have been added along with compost and recycling bins. Some of the grass will be left long, with cut pathways through to the graves, to create a more diverse habitat whilst other areas will be planted and the remaining grass cut short as normal. You are very welcome to view progress or if you want to know more, you will often find one or two of us doing a bit of work in the churchyard and we are always happy to talk about the project.

We are having the next meeting on 18th May in the Fox and Hounds pub at 3pm to discuss next steps.

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At the time of publication, there has been only 1:

- Land south of the pumping station and between Alconbury Brook and Winwick Road Great Gidding to create a pond

To view or comment on existing planning applications, please visit the website:

<https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>



LOCAL ROADWORKS

Milking Slade Lane will be closed on 19 June 2025

You may view the latest information on this at:

<https://www.thegiddings.org.uk/milking-slade-lane-will-be-closed-on-19-june-2025/>

More general information can be found at:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/roadwork-and-traffic-information>



LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

On 16 December 2024, the UK Government published the English Devolution White Paper which outlines plans for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and devolution in England.

As a result of LGR, City, District and County Councils across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, are expected to develop proposals for the introduction of unitary authorities across England, which will see the end to all existing two-tier arrangements. This is very much at discussion stage, but the Parish Council believes it is expedient to let you know what is happening. The Parish Council is unlikely to be impacted and will keep you updated as information is disseminated.

GIDDING SCHOOL USE CHANGE

You may be aware that Cambridgeshire County Council have recently attached a notice to the school fence regarding the future of their part of the site (the recreation area and the mobile classrooms), which is adjacent to the main school building. Since the closure of the school, Cambridgeshire County Council have been unable to identify future educational use for the site. As a result, they are now planning to seek permission from the Secretary of State for Education to change the status of the land from educational to residential. Should this be granted, this would enable them to sell the land for residential development.

Cambridgeshire County Council are required to consult with stakeholders on their plans. So, if you had children in the school, attended the public meetings, submitted comments to the County Council, posted on various social media sites, or are concerned about the abandoned site, now is your opportunity to be involved in the next stage. (Please share this with former parents and staff of the school).

All comments are in relation to a Section 77 notice and the deadline for **feedback is Friday 18th April**. Send your comments by email or in writing to: -

1. **Send an email setting out your comments to emu@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or**
2. **Write to: Head of Assets, Property Services, Box No ALC 2644, Cambridgeshire County Council, New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Alconbury Weald, Cambridgeshire, PE28 4YE**

Please include "S77 Great Gidding" in the heading

Please copy your response to the Parish Clerk (ggparishcouncil@outlook.com) so that we are aware of your concerns.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS



Treasures from the Attic
Great Gidding Village Hall
Saturday 12th April 2025 from
11am to 3pm

Beautiful jewellery, ornaments, ceramics, glassware, pictures, picture frames and lots more will be sold on 12th April. What treasures will you find that will be perfect for your home? There will be a café serving tea, coffee and cakes. It is a cash only event



Charity coffee morning
Saturday 10th May
from 10am to 12 noon

Every 3 minutes someone in the UK develops dementia. Today there are over 944,000 people living with it, including over 70,000 who are under 65. Dementia UK is the specialist dementia nursing charity helping families who have to face this awful disease.

Everyone is invited to attend for coffee, tea, cake, raffle, chatter and good cheer. Any donations of cakes and raffle prizes welcomed.

Please contact ggvillagehall@gmail.com

FUTURE EVENTS

5 th & 6 th July	Peterborough Artist Open Studios
19 th July	Gidding Games Night
6 th Sept	Gidding Produce Show
27 th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning
15 th Nov	Quiz and supper night

THE GIDDING PRODUCE SHOW

The provisional thoughts are for 7 classes including vegetables and flowers. Please ask the Show Secretary, Sue Jarvis, at jartrap@aol.com or ring 07724 941886 for more details but get growing



Thank you to everyone who attended the wine tasting night in March. You made it a great success. 😊

If you have suggestions or want to book the hall then please email the village hall committee using ggvillagehall@gmail.com

REGULAR VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Drawing Class

Thursday 10th April and 15th May 10am-12pm

To book, contact Krystyna on 01832 293175 or email krystyna@intamail.com

Yoga

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 6pm-7pm

To book, contact Janice on 01832 293483 or email janice@radiance-yoga.co.uk

NEW Pickle ball comes to Gidding!

Tuesday 11.00am to 12.00 commencing 8th April

Giddings unique version of Pickleball, (we are calling it 'In a Pickle Ball') is coming to the Village Hall.

Fun, friendly and mildly energetic, we have adapted this bat and ball game to suit our village hall space. £3.00 to cover costs. A taster session will be free. For further information and to book your place, please text Margi, 07740 359109

COMMUNICATION

Internet Official website of Great & Little Gidding.

<https://www.thegiddings.org.uk>



Other An independently run Facebook group "The Giddings" (speak to your neighbours to find out how to join).

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/418015279128101>



4 WhatsApp Groups

There are four independently run community WhatsApp groups. Speak to your neighbours to find out how you can join.

"Gidding Community Hub"

"Gidding Environmental"

"GGGG" (Great Gidding Gardening Group)

"Jubilee Wood"