

THE SAWSTONIAN

Information and news from Sawston Parish Council

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

by Kevin Cuffley, Chair, Sawston Parish Council



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Mill Lane Pavilion, Mill Lane, Sawston CB22 3HZ on Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available from 7pm.

This is your opportunity to meet the Parish Councillors, to discuss local issues and hear about plans for next year.

BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Have you thought about becoming a councillor and helping your community? There are exciting projects that are being undertaken by the council as well as the satisfaction of representing your community. Should you wish to apply to become a member of the council please contact our parish clerk.

WELCOMING NEW STAFF AND MEMBERS

The Parish Council are sorry to say goodbye to Councillor Michael Mallows after many years of service as a member of the council and to Aaron Church who left in November 2023. Our Sports Grounds Keeper Will Cook has been promoted to Head Grounds Keeper from January 2024 and the Parish Council welcomed a new member of staff Simon Mayes as Grounds keeper.

PAVILION HIRE

The Parish Council has recently extended and updated the pavilion at Mill Lane Recreation Ground. Mill Lane Pavilion and Spicers Pavilion are available to hire. Please contact facilities@sawstonparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information.

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Parish Council would like to thank Scotsdale's for their kind donation of the Christmas tree and Boswells for erecting the tree in the High Street. Along with the bright street lights, it gave Sawston a nice festive feel. We also offered a recycling service this year which proved popular. The shredded trees were used by our ground staff around the village.

BONFIRE NIGHT, REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Parish Council was very pleased that the village could hold both of these annual events and with the support the community provided. The Bonfire Night raised £1,133.99 for local Charities and community groups within the village. This years Bonfire event will be held on Saturday 2 November 2024.

LOCAL HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT

The Parish Council was successful in attracting funding from Cambridgeshire County Council towards its Local Highways Improvement for speed humps and safety measures for Mill Lane. This has made a difference in reducing speed down Mill Lane, making it safer for all.

NEW MEMORIAL TREE AT THE CEMETERY

We have recently installed a new memorial tree at the Cemetery on Cambridge Road. Families can now purchase a memorial leaf which can be placed on the tree and can be engraved with a personal message. These can be purchased through the Parish Council office.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The Parish Council was able to assist the following Sawston Organisations with grants this year.

- Active with Parkinsons Cambs
- Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative
- Sawston Fun Run and Walk
- Cambridgeshire Search & Rescue
- Sawston Youth Drama
- Sawston Guiding

CURRENT MEMBERS

Cllr Anand Pillai	Cllr Jayne Merrick
Cllr Brian Milnes	Cllr Kieran Cooper
Cllr Colin Groves	Cllr Kevin Cuffley
Cllr David Bard	Cllr Neil Reid
Cllr Deborah Alderwick	Cllr Patrick Thouroude
Cllr Ian Reeves	Cllr Paul Smith

As the Chair of the Parish Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Clerks and staff for their sterling hard work. And thank all members of the Council for their continued commitment and hard work.



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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