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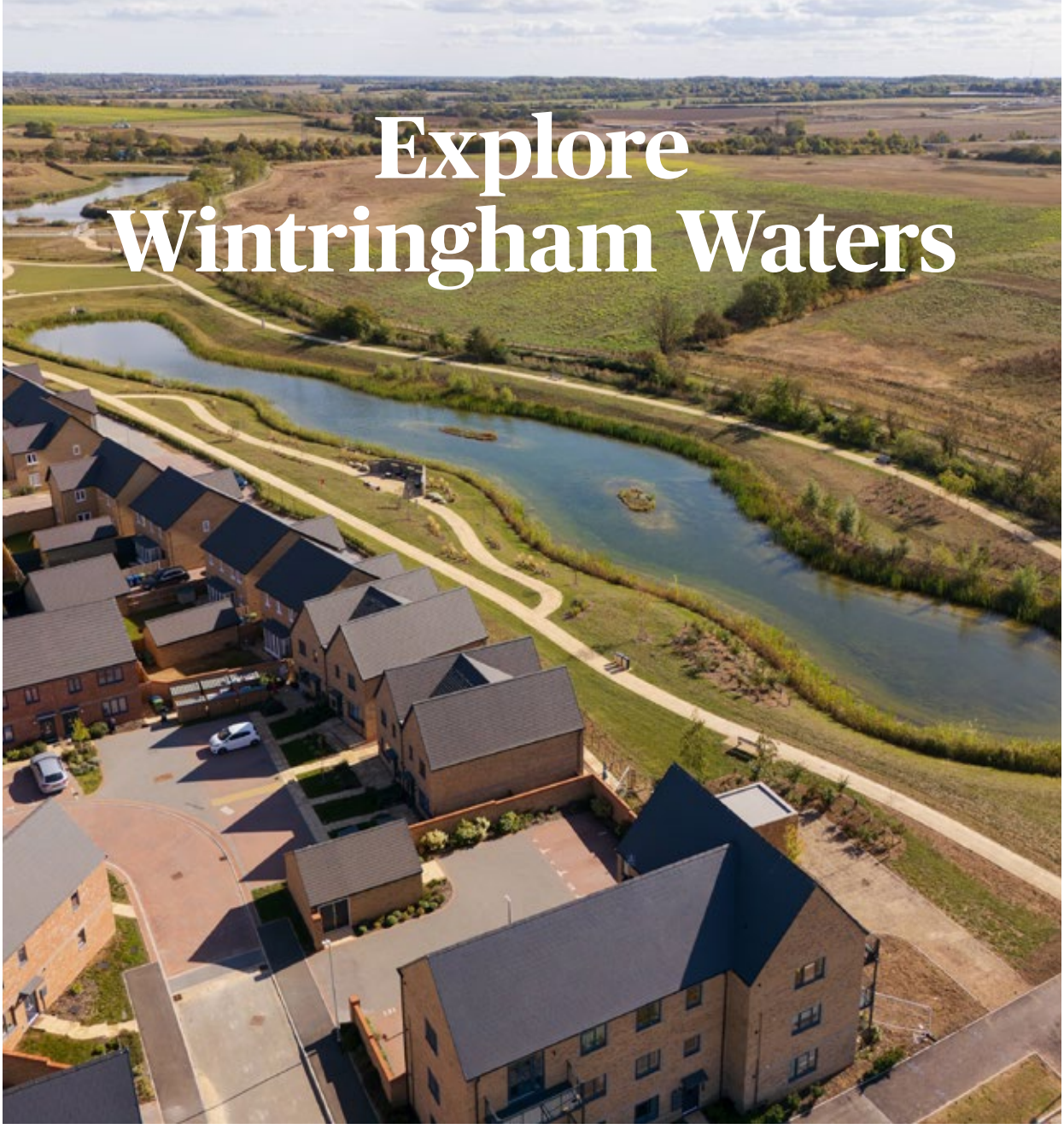

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WINTRINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (WRA)

Following the WRA AGM in February, the new Committee for 2026/27 has been announced. This includes a new Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Meet the new Committee:

Chair	Stephen Ferguson
Vice Chair	Kirsty Waugh
Secretary	Kavya Satish
Treasurer	Judy Tsang
Executive Members	Chris Clifton
	Gary Neale
	Kitija Rulle
	Maria Omena-Neale
	Mark Canterbury
	Regine Banzuela

See page 15 for Stephen's first update as WRA Chair.

The WRA's objectives include:

- Connecting Wintringham's growing community and making sure everyone feels welcome.
- Coordinating community events and sharing community resources.
- Building a safe and inclusive community, which all residents are proud to call home.

The WRA exists thanks to the support of residents who help out in their spare time. Regardless of whether you have lived in Wintringham for years, or if you have just arrived, if you can spare an hour or more each month and want to help, please get in touch!

The new Committee is working on a programme of events and activities, which is kicking off with the annual Sunflower Competition. Winners will be crowned at the end of the summer, with prizes going to the tallest sunflower and largest flower head. Good luck to all those who have entered!

Find out more and get in touch at https://ourwintringham.org.uk

Welcome

Welcome to the latest issue of our resident newsletter – the Wintringham Wagtail – with all our latest development and community news, as well as insights from our resident association and partners.

Work is progressing on The Hub at Wintringham. In this edition we share an update on the northern zone and David Lloyd Leisure. Plans for the southern zone are in early design, with consultation on initial plans expected in the coming months.

With the warmer weather and lighter evenings, Wintringham Waters provides a relaxing space to immerse yourself in nature. Discover some of the local wildlife with Rock 'n Roll Birder and see what birds you can spot as you take a stroll or run around the Waters, or while away some time at one of the bird hides.

This summer we're launching Wintringham Water Savers to show residents how you can save money and help protect the environment by making small changes to how you use hot water. Sign up and see how much money you can save!

We've enjoyed some great events so far this year, including the Lunar New Year celebrations, Easter crafting fun and a racket taster session for adults. We were also delighted to attend the launch of the 3rd St Neots (Wintringham) Scout Group. All sections are nearly full, and they are looking for volunteers and trustees to support the Group and help increase their capacity.

We're also sponsoring Shakespeare at the Towers again this year, and Wintringham residents can enjoy a 10% discount with code WNTRM26. The production of Comedy of Errors (23 June – 4 July) promises to be a great experience for the whole family.

Finally, we'd like to welcome the new chair and committee of Wintringham Residents' Association and thank Scott and the previous committee for all their hard work over the last few years.

We hope you find this issue of The Wintringham Wagtail interesting and informative. If you have any suggestions for future editions, please let me know.

Christine

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Phase 1

Phase 2

This map shows the planned delivery within the first phase of Wintringham. This includes the areas each housebuilder is working in, the public realm and community spaces, and how it all comes together.

First homes to forever homes

Wintringham will soon celebrate a significant milestone with the occupation of its 1,200th new home!

There are a wide range of stylish houses and apartments available for anyone looking to make Wintringham their home. As well as new homes from a range of housebuilders, Penny Green has energy-efficient houses to rent for families looking to enjoy the benefits of Wintringham without the need to buy.

More information is available from the show homes and online at www.wintringham.org/homes

Green networks

Currington Green is now open with paths installed, grass growing and landscaping starting to flourish.

The haul road running parallel with Currington Avenue and Aspen Avenue is being removed and will be replaced with a landscaped footpath during the summer.

Firethorn Grove

Planted a couple of years ago, this community space is now open and provides places to 'grow your own' fruit and herbs with your neighbours.

Phase 2 of Wintringham

The project team has started work on the infrastructure to prepare for the first new homes coming forward in this phase.

The Hub at Wintringham

An important part of the future of the eastern expansion of St Neots, The Hub at Wintringham will provide the main centre for shops, services and leisure amenities within the development. It will also support the existing and planned growth of Love's Farm.

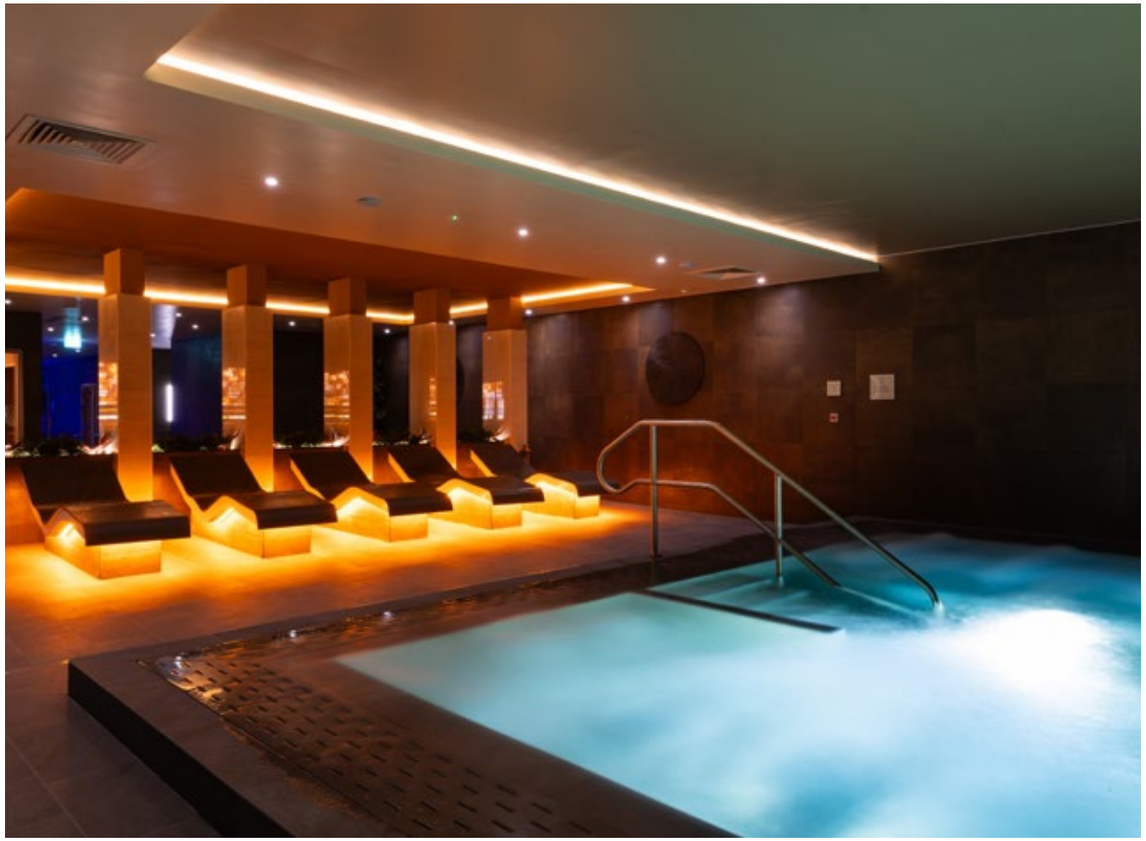
The Hub at Wintringham is divided into three zones:

- **North (A)**: M&S Food, shops, office/co-working space and a café/eatery – in planning.
- **South (B)**: This will include a community building and health facility. Other uses including a nursery are also being explored. In early design, with consultation on initial plans expected in the coming months.
- **David Lloyd Leisure (C)**: David Lloyd Club – in construction.

A **sustainable travel hub** will also be provided, and the design team is currently looking at location options within Zones A and B. The Hub at Wintringham will be delivered in phases over the next 5-6 years.

The Hub zones

Wintringham Primary Academy



Early membership is now available!
Secure your introductory membership today. Join online at davidlloyd.co.uk/stneots

DAVID LLOYD ST NEOTS IS OPENING AUTUMN 2026

David Lloyd St Neots is on track to open in autumn 2026. Good progress is being made on site, with foundations complete, the steel frame in place, swimming pools dug, and roofing, cladding and car park works well underway. Work is now moving towards the indoor facilities, where the Club will really start to come together. Once complete, it will include a state-of-the-art gym, heated indoor and outdoor pools, exercise studios, soft play, racquet sports facilities and spa.

The Club will offer a strong racquets experience, with tennis, Padel, pickleball and badminton available. There will also be a welcoming Clubroom, giving members space to catch up with friends, grab a bite to eat, or simply relax. Plans also include a luxury Spa Retreat with a Spa Garden.

Families will be well catered for too, with a crèche, soft play areas, and spaces for after-school and holiday clubs.

NORTHERN ZONE

Plans for a new M&S Food, shops, offices/co-working space and a café/eatery set around a public square in the northern zone of The Hub at Wintringham have been submitted to Huntingdonshire District Council.

The smaller shops have been designed to enable independent retailers to sit alongside the new M&S Food to give shoppers a variety of choice, whilst the new café/eatery is expected to provide a range of snacks and refreshments as well as a more extensive menu.

Plans for The Hub at Wintringham have been informed by the development's Design Code, shaped by residents and inspired by the earlier archaeological discovery of an Iron Age settlement in the immediate vicinity of the site. The undulating roofline of Iron Age roundhouses is reflected in the design of the three key buildings, creating a striking landmark at the gateway of the development, and echoes of archaeological finds are found in the timber circular seating and public realm materials and design.

The buildings have been designed with an emphasis on energy and carbon efficient materials and systems, with the need for fossil fuels eliminated through the use of fully electric air conditioning and hot water systems as well as mechanical heat recovery ventilation.

Accessible green spaces and features for people of all ages and abilities have also been designed into The Hub. This will help create a welcoming place that encourages people to explore and feel connected. Informal play opportunities such as boulders, stepping stones and interactive landscape features will engage children and families, while seating will provide opportunities to pause, socialise or simply sit and watch life unfold.

Lighting in the shared spaces has also been designed to provide a welcoming night time experience, while respecting neighbours and nature.

Subject to planning consent, work is due to start onsite this summer, with the new M&S Food expected to be complete by September 2027.

If you are interested in one of the shops, offices or the café/eatery, please email **info@wintringham.org**

Rocking around Wintringham Waters

With warmer days and lighter evenings, now is a great time to explore Wintringham Waters. With accessible footpaths, benches and bird hides, the three lakes along the southern boundary of the first phase of the development offer a relaxing space where you can immerse yourself in nature without disturbing it.

EXPLORE WITH ROCK 'N ROLL BIRDER

In the last edition of The Wagtail, we introduced podcaster and influencer Matt Spracklen – Rock'n Roll Birder – who we invited to explore Wintringham Waters and share some of his highlights.

For his podcast, Matt headed over to Wintringham with his wife Sarah and daughter Baby Birder to explore the Waters and the wildlife that has already started to move in.

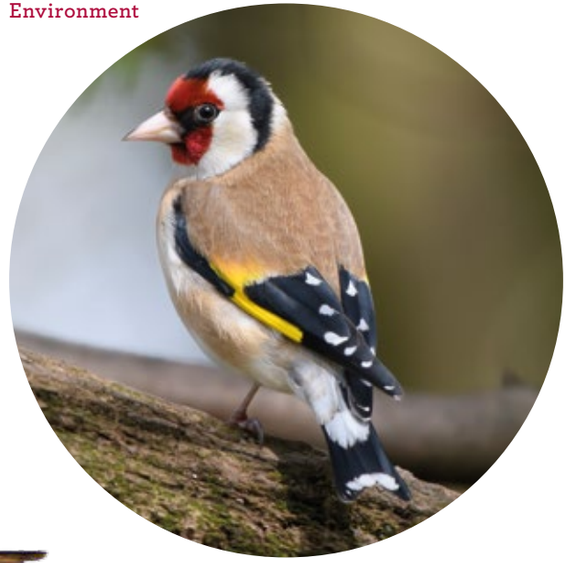
The family of birding enthusiasts took a leisurely stroll around the lakes and across the babbling Wintringham Brook, a historic watercourse adjacent to the lakes that was enhanced for wildlife early in the development.

With bullrushes and teasels around the waters' edge, grassed and gravelled islands in the lakes and perches strategically located for kingfishers, Wintringham Waters has been designed with a mosaic of habitats to cater for a wide variety of bird species.

Amongst the birds seen or heard during their visit was a hovering kestrel, red kites soaring overhead, meadow pipets in the bullrushes, sky larks and house sparrows in the trees, a mini murmuration of starlings and a charm of goldfinches.

Rock 'n Roll Birder was particularly interested in Wintringham as an 'unbirded territory' that might not have been discovered yet, where some interesting birds can be spotted. Matt said: "Wintringham is a fascinating example of how nature can begin to reclaim and adapt to fresh landscapes, and it was fantastic to see some of the birds that are finding a home among the new habitats being created. From farmland species and garden birds to early signs of wetland and scrub species moving in, it's a brilliant look at how biodiversity can build from the ground up."

As well as the podcast, there's also a full YouTube episode from their trip if you want to see the birds for yourself too. Visit www.rocknrollbirder.com



BIRD HIDES AND FEEDERS

Bird hides at the central and eastern lakes enable residents and visitors to immerse themselves in nature without disturbing it. Information panels will be installed shortly to help identify some of the different species visiting Wintringham, with QR codes that link to more information on the RSPB website.

Unfortunately, bird feeders put up by the lakeside have been vandalised, however we are looking to reinstall them now the evenings are getting lighter.

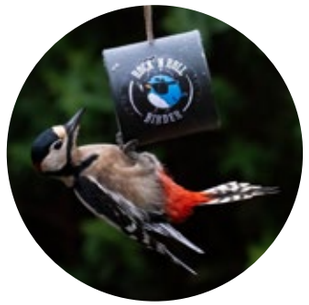
SUPPORTING GARDEN BIRDS

To celebrate Rock 'n Roll Birder's visit to Wintringham, we ran a giveaway on our Instagram channel earlier this year to help residents attract birds to their back garden and support local wildlife.

The prize included a Rock 'n Roll Birder starter pack with three suet tubes, 12 suet cakes and 2kg of Rock 'n Roll Birder Mix. Three winners were selected at random, and we are delighted that one of the winners was a Wintringham resident.

GET INVOLVED!

- Learn more about Rock 'n Roll Birder: Follow him on Instagram (@RocknRollBirder) and YouTube (@RocknRollBirderTV).
- Stay up to date with Wintringham: Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at @WeAreWintringham for future giveaways, events, and community news. You can also sign up for our e-news at wintringham.org/contact
- Share your sightings: We would love to hear which birds you have spotted around Wintringham and in your gardens. Please tag us in photos of your sightings (@WeAreWintringham), so we can celebrate the wonderful wildlife in our community.



The RSPB is advising bird lovers to "feed seasonally, feed safely" from May to October by removing seeds and nuts from bird feeders – and only offering small amounts of protein like mealworms, fatballs or suet. They hope this will help reduce the spread of trichomonosis and support garden birds to thrive.

rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/feeding-birds-near-you

Find out more about Wintringham Waters at wintringham.org/nature-at-wintringham/

Making journeys count

Wintringham has been designed to encourage a healthy, sustainable lifestyle with the right infrastructure and services being put in place for people to lead low carbon lives as the development rolls out.

smart journeys, the Sustainable Travel Planning Team hosted by Cambridgeshire County Council, is supporting Wintringham residents to choose cycling, walking and catching the bus over using their car: improving their health and decreasing their carbon footprint.

STEP AWAY

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

To encourage parents and carers to use active or sustainable modes of travel for the school run, Wintringham families with children at Wintringham Primary Academy are being encouraged to take part in Living Streets' Walk to School Week (18-22 May) and walk, cycle or scoot to school each day. With fun challenges each day, pupils can discover the benefits of walking or wheeling to school, learn about road safety and connect with family and friends. Find out more at www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/walk-to-school-week-2026/

NORDIC WALKING

To encourage residents to explore the leisure route, Wintringham Waters and the wider area this summer, *smart journeys* has organised Nordic walking sessions at 10am and 11am on Saturday, 13 June.

Nordic walking uses poles to strengthen muscles, burn calories and improve balance and the session will be a great way to meet neighbours and explore the local area.

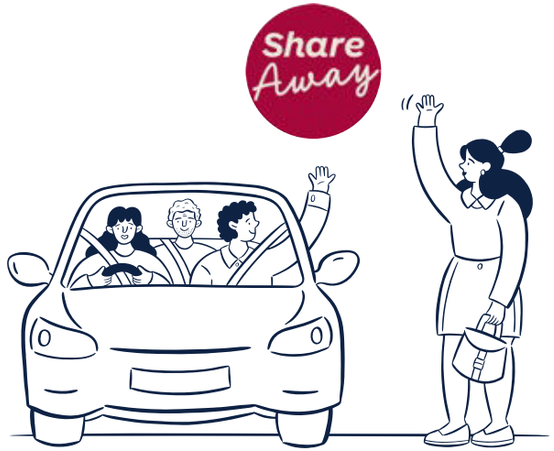
Spaces are limited, so please email wintringham@smartjourneys.co.uk to check availability and book a place.

To find out more about the sustainable and active travel initiatives and incentives at Wintringham, visit *smart journeys*' Facebook page or email wintringham@smartjourneys.co.uk

RIDE AWAY

Wintringham has an extensive network of cycle paths throughout the development that link into St Neots and the surrounding area. To encourage residents to get out and about on their bikes, *smart journeys* offered free bicycle services and security marking during the Easter holidays.

May is Love To Ride's Bike Month Challenge, which is designed to encourage, motivate and reward cyclists of all levels. Whether you are a new rider, occasional rider or regular rider – cycling for fun or commuting – it's a great way to stay active and reduce your carbon footprint. You can ride solo or as a team, win prizes and unlock great rewards. Find out more and sign up at www.lovetoride.net/uk



mobilityways

SHARE AWAY

To help reduce the number of car journeys at Wintringham the lift sharing App – MobilityWays – has been introduced to Wintringham.

MobilityWays supports new and existing residents in the area to car share by finding matches with other people living locally and travelling to/from similar destinations – as a driver, passenger or both. As more members join, there will be more potential matches!

If you haven't already joined, simply follow the steps below:

1. Download the Mobilityways App
2. Open the App and 'Search for a community to join'
3. Search for 'Urban&Civic' and click to join 'Wintringham Liftshare'
4. Join with your email or sign in with Apple or Facebook
5. Add in your details, i.e. your journey, if you are a driver or passenger (or both)
6. Let the App do the rest and find potential matches!

Once you've found someone suitable, introduce yourself and arrange how and when to meet. Please do not share your home address; meet at the end of a road or at a local landmark.

For more information, visit: liftshare.com/uk/community/Wintringham

LOCALGO

Wintringham residents have exclusive access to a range of discounts and initiatives through a scheme called LocalGO. Delivered as part of Wintringham's commitment to supporting active travel and low carbon lifestyles, residents can use LocalGO discounts to get about more healthily and sustainably.

RESIDENTS CAN ACCESS THE FOLLOWING OFFERS:

- **CYCLE SOLUTIONS DISCOUNT**
  LocalGO members can access 8% off gift vouchers at Cycle Solutions.
- **MONEY EBIKE SAVINGS**
  Save £5 on monthly subscription costs with Hurrecane eBikes.
- **HALFORDS DISCOUNT**
  Enjoy 7% members discount in store and online.
- **RAILCARDS**
  Save on selected Railcards and get up to 1/3 off fares.
- **RENT-A-CAR DISCOUNT**
  Save up to 10% on car and van hire.

Create your **FREE** account and access the above offers at localgo.co.uk/wintringham/

Your scheme password is: **Wintringham@localgo.co.uk**

Need help? Email: info@localgo.co.uk

An update from our local partners

Councillor Richard Slade
Mayor of St Neots and Councillor for St Neots Priory Park & Little Paxton

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My time as Mayor of St Neots will end in May, so this will be my last update in The Wagtail before handing over to my successor. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve two consecutive terms, and I have attended an array of fantastic events, taken part in a wide range of activities and met some amazing people doing great things within our community.

During this time, I have watched the Wintringham community grow and flourish and thought I'd take a moment to look back at some of the events I've attended and share a few highlights.

Back in 2024, I came along to the Sports and Wellbeing Day and had great fun trying my hand at a number of activities including the paddle rowing machine, which proved helpful in honing my technique for St Neots Dragon Boat races.

The following year, I was delighted to attend the launch of the Mobile Library service at Wintringham. I understand it is still a popular amenity, with people of all ages dropping in to rediscover the classics, enjoy the latest literary masterpieces or topics that spark their interests.

I also had the opportunity to attend Wintringham Community Day on a sunny summer afternoon. I tried my hand at some of the carnival games, sampled some tasty treats from the food trucks and spent time chatting with residents as everyone relaxed and enjoyed the fantastic atmosphere.

More recently, I was invited to the launch of 3rd St Neots (Wintringham) Scouts. It was a wonderful evening filled with fun, activities and cake to celebrate the occasion. A real highlight was seeing the young people and volunteers make their Scouting promise. As part of this, Squirrels and Beavers promise to do their best to be kind and helpful and love our world, whilst Cubs and Scouts pledge to uphold Scout values, help other people and keep the Cub/Scout Law.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone I've met over the past two years for making my time as Mayor so special, and the Mayoress for joining me in this adventure. I will continue to play an active role in St Neots as it grows and evolves, and wish my successor the very best as he/she takes on the role.

Tracy Bryden
Headteacher of Wintringham Primary Academy

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As the weather finally begins to warm up there is a real sense of energy around the school. The teachers are busy planning trips for the children in the Summer Term and we already have planned residential visits for Year 4 and Year 6.

This term we have had lots of visitors to school. We were fortunate to host a visit from the Breck Foundation, who delivered age-appropriate workshops on online safety. Their message about staying safe, making wise choices, and speaking up if something feels wrong resonated strongly with pupils and staff alike.

We also welcomed several parents into school to lead hands-on workshops celebrating both Lunar New Year and Ramadan. Pupils loved exploring traditions, crafts, stories, and the meaning behind these important cultural celebrations. A huge thank-you to the families who gave their time and enthusiasm to make these sessions so special.

World Book Day brought a burst of colour and imagination to the school. Pupils and staff arrived dressed as their favourite characters, and the day was filled with storytelling, book swaps, and activities designed to spark a lifelong love of reading.

We continue to welcome new children to the school and currently have 361 children within the school, Pre-school and our SEMH Department. We also welcomed some more children after the Easter Holidays. Details of how to apply for a place in school can be found on our website www.wintringhamprimary.co.uk

Stephen Ferguson
Chair of Wintringham Residents' Association

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Wintringham is a wonderful and growing community, and I'm delighted to have recently taken on the role of Chair of the Wintringham Residents' Association (WRA). Having lived on Love's Farm for more than a decade before moving across Cambridge Road last October, I feel very proud to now be part of this neighbourhood.

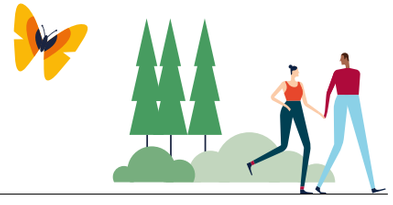
These are big boots to step into. Scott Jenner and the previous committee set a very high standard and did a tremendous amount to establish a strong and active residents' association. I'm grateful for the work they have done and hope we can continue to build on those foundations.

Many residents may already know me through my work in the community. I have represented St Neots East as both a Town and County Councillor and twice had the honour of serving as Mayor of St Neots. I currently serve as a District Councillor and Cabinet Member at Huntingdonshire District Council.

This is a genuinely exciting moment for the WRA. Love's Farm has long shown what a strong and active community can look like, and many of us have deep roots there. Thanks to the work of the WRA, Urban&Civic and, above all, our fantastic residents, Wintringham is now beginning to establish its own distinctive community identity.

Community is not a spectator sport, and communities thrive when people step forward, share ideas and give a little of their time to the place they live. Over the next few weeks, I'll be knocking on as many doors as possible to say hello and have a chat, so I can get a genuine feel for what residents want from the WRA as our community continues to grow.

After all, the best communities are the ones we build together.

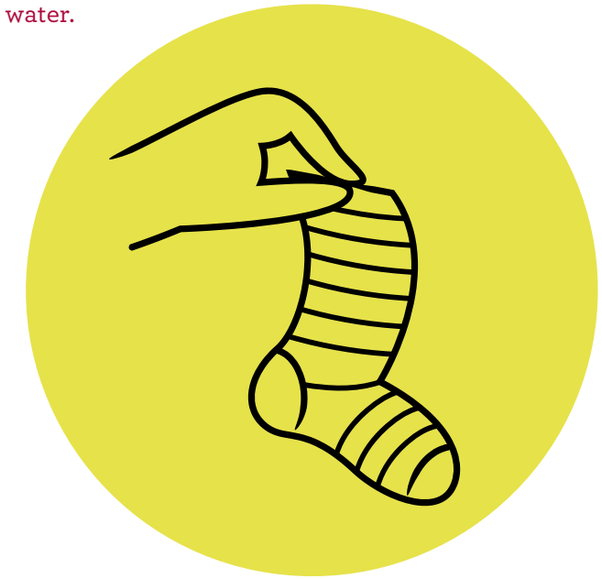


Wintringham Water Savers

Save water, save money

Launching this summer

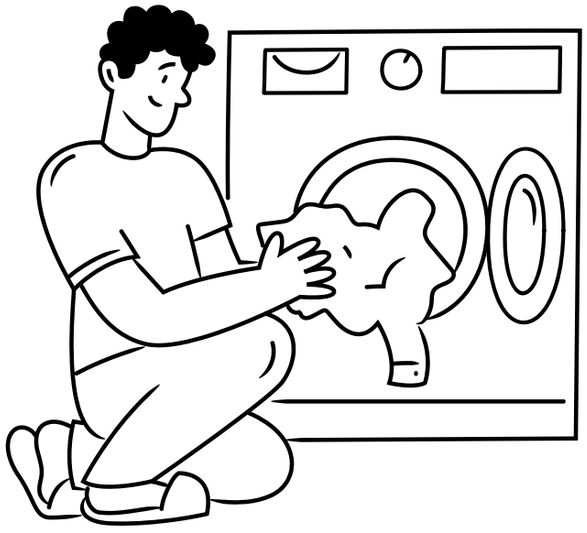
As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability at Wintringham, we've been looking at water-saving and how it could benefit residents. There are easy ways to save money every month – and help protect the environment – just by making some small changes to how you use hot water.



SAVE £££ EVERY MONTH WITH JUST A FEW SMALL CHANGES

Taking showers. Doing the laundry. Washing the dishes. They all use lots of water — hot water. The more water you use, the more you pay to heat it. That's a double cost. So, by using more than you need, you're not just wasting water but money too.

But there's good news. It's really easy to save £££ every month. By making a few small changes to how you use hot water, you can save water and money. It's as simple as that!



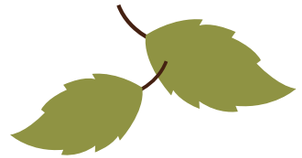
CUT YOUR BILLS WITH OUR SIMPLE CALCULATOR

We're creating a simple Water Savers calculator to show how much you could save by using a little less hot water around the home. It works by asking a few simple questions and combining your answers with some behind-the-scenes data*, such as the average litres used per minute by a power shower.

You can then see how much water, money and energy you could save by making up to three small changes to your everyday habits.

MAXIMISE YOUR SAVINGS TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE

You will be able to answer questions and see the results in your personalised savings panel. Then you can try playing around with the calculator to explore how you can maximise your savings. The more small changes you make, and the more often everyone in your household does the same, the more money you'll save.



HELP PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Every drop saved makes a difference, not only to your water and electricity bills, but also to our beautiful local environment. All the water you use is taken from local sources, including groundwater reserves, reservoirs and rivers, such as the River Great Ouse. So, the less you use, the smaller the impact on our natural habitats.

You are also helping reduce your own and your community's carbon footprint by reducing the emissions from cleaning, transporting and heating the water in your home.

SAVING WATER AND MONEY TOGETHER!

Residents will be able to sign up to Wintringham Water Savers and an average household could save up to £55.04 a month on their water and electricity bills — adding up to £660.51 a year!

I used to do a quick thirty-minute load in the washing machine. I had no idea the eco mode was so much more efficient! It uses much less water and energy. Now I've switched to eco mode, I could be saving as much as £25 a month. Plus, I'm saving more by switching to the dishwasher instead of washing up by hand and having shorter showers. Jan, Alconbury Weald resident

As a single-person household, Jan's usage, and therefore savings, are a little lower than the average. But it's still estimated to be adding up to over £35 a month — more than £420 a year.

Wintringham Water Savers *continued*

MORE WAYS TO SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

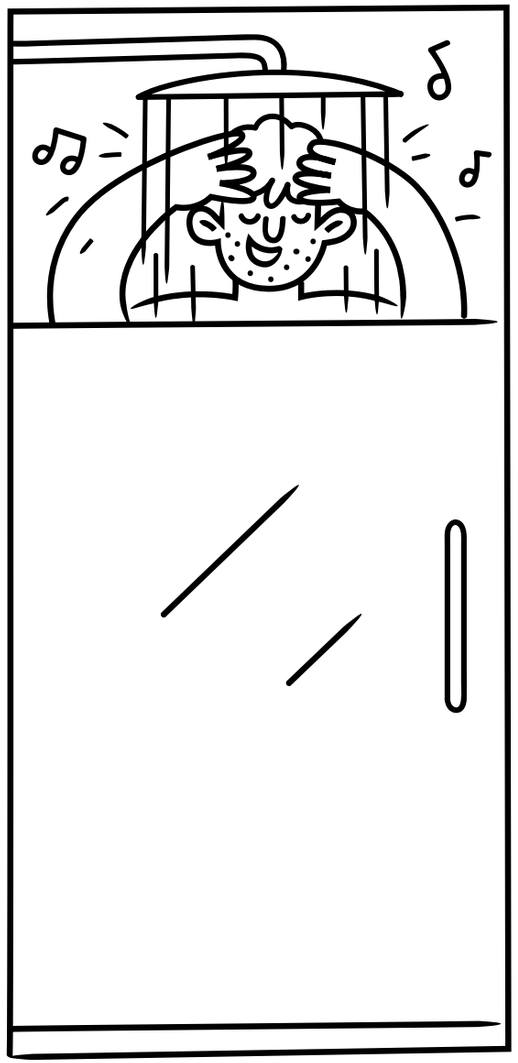
- Running the tap as you wait for water to heat up? *Collect the cold water in a container and use it to water plants.*
- Running the tap as you wait for water to get nice and cold? *Keep a jug of water in the fridge instead so you always have some ready!*

START SAVING

The campaign is launching in Wintringham this summer as part of Urban&Civic's commitment to creating a sustainable community, but we hope and encourage anyone interested in saving water to find out more and see what changes you can make.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Keep an eye on social media and our website for updates:
@wearewintringham
www.wintringham.org



* *The Water Savers calculator will use figures based on the average family home in Wintringham. Electricity and water bill calculations use averaged data from Uswitch and Anglian Water respectively.*

Wintringham Community App

We're in the process of finalising the new Community App for Wintringham residents, which will give you everything you need to know about the local area when you move into your new home.

It will provide the following information:

- **About Wintringham:** what's here now, coming soon and once the development is complete.
- **On your doorstep:** find out more about community spaces, facilities, schools and waste collections at Wintringham and in the local area.
- **What's on:** find out about activities and events at Wintringham and in the local area.
- **Community groups:** see what groups are available near you.
- **Feel connected:** explore active and sustainable travel choices.

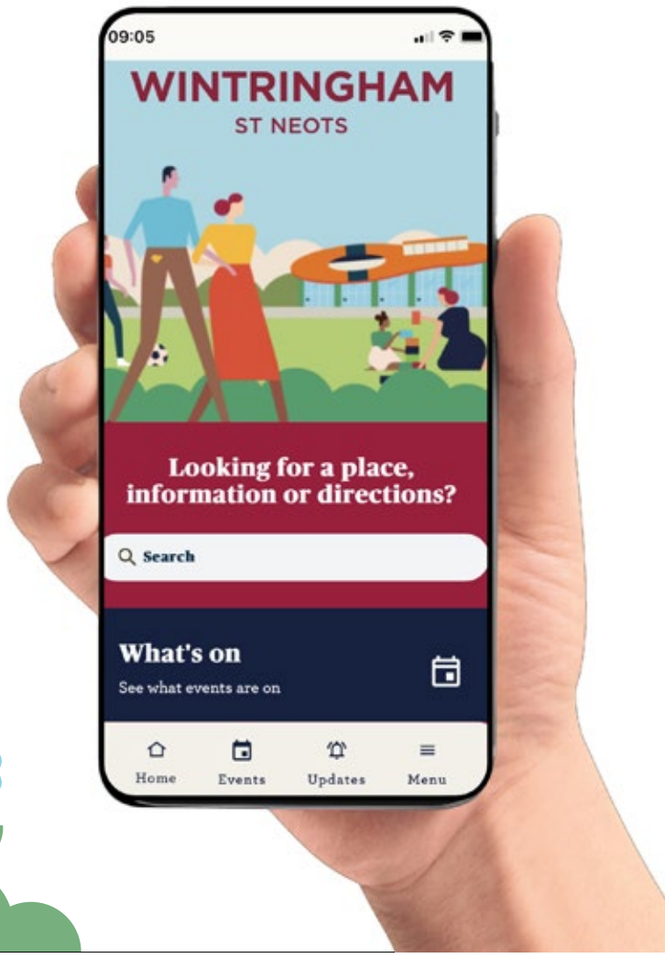
We will also use the Community App to keep you informed about the latest news from the development, useful contact details and FAQs.

As soon as it's available, we'll let you know!

In the meantime, we'll keep you up to date via our website and social media:

www.wintringham.org
@wearewintringham

If there's any information you would have liked to have known when you moved in, please let us know by emailing **info@wintringham.org**



Supporting health and wellbeing at Wintringham

Urban&Civic, Wintringham's master developer, is committed to listening to and working with residents to ensure the best possible development for everyone living here.

As part of a long-term commitment to support positive health and wellbeing among residents, Urban&Civic is working with the Quality of Life Foundation to take regular surveys to assess the quality of life of residents who take part, and to help evolve the design and layout of Wintringham, and the amenities and activities coming forward, in response to feedback received.

The Quality of Life Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation set up to raise people's quality of life by making wellbeing central to the way we create and care for our homes and communities. Its mission is to create change in the way the housing industry acquires, plans, builds and manages new homes and communities to improve people's quality of life.

The team from the Quality of Life Foundation will be back this Summer, speaking to residents and encouraging them to complete the online survey about what it's like to live in Wintringham.

The survey will run from May to July 2026. For every survey completed, Urban&Civic will make a donation to one of three local charities – St Neots Foodbank, Waterfowl Sanctuary and 3rd St Neots (Wintringham) Scout Group. Having completed your survey, please specify the charity you would like your donation to go to.

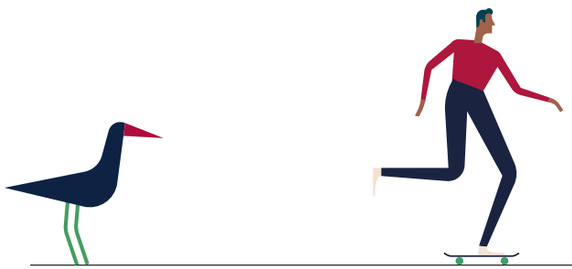
The survey will focus on different aspects of living in Wintringham, to help us better understand the impact of these aspects on local residents' perception, wellbeing and engagement with the local area and their home.

The themes covered in the survey are:

- Control: how much control and influence you feel like you have over your local area.
- Health: how your home and local area affect your health and wellbeing.
- Nature: your relationship with local wildlife and green spaces.
- Wonder: how you relax and enjoy yourself in your free time in your local area.
- Movement: how you get around your local area.
- Community: the sense of community in your area.

The Quality of Life Foundation will analyse the results and report back on key findings, with recommendations for how to continue to support a good quality of life at Wintringham. The Urban&Civic communities and project teams will then work with the Residents' Association and wider community to embed the responses in evolving plans.

The last Quality of Life survey was three years ago – in Summer 2023 – and feedback has helped inform plans for green spaces including Wintringham Waters, facilities and amenities in The Hub at Wintringham, and travel incentives and initiatives.



The last Quality of Life survey provided valuable feedback that has helped shape Wintringham over the last three years. We encourage all residents to take part, so their views, ideas and suggestions can be taken into consideration as we finalise the first phase and move on to the second phase of Wintringham.

Paul Murfin, Communications and Partnerships Manager for Urban&Civic

Wintringham Scouts

Following the success of other local Scout Groups, a new Group has been launched at Wintringham to give young people living locally the opportunity to try new activities, make friends and experience the fun of Scouting.

With taster sessions held during the Autumn term proving popular, 3rd St Neots (Wintringham) Scout Group fully opened at the start of this year. Meeting at Wintringham Primary Academy two evenings a week during term time, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are now enjoying weekly adventures.

Emma Canterbury, Group Lead Volunteer and Wintringham resident, expressed her pride in seeing the Group established: "It's a real privilege to be the Lead Volunteer for 3rd St Neots (Wintringham). Watching so many young people and volunteers get involved, try new things, grow in confidence, and build new friendships has been incredibly rewarding. The Group already feels like a special part of the community, and I can't wait to see what we achieve together."

Emma and her husband Mark come from scouting families and were involved with scouting in Berkshire for over 15 years before moving to Wintringham around 18 months ago. They were keen to put their experience and enthusiasm to good use in their new home and, working with Hinchingbrooke District and the growth teams from Cambridgeshire Scouts and the Scout Association Headquarters, helped establish 3rd St Neots (Wintringham) Scout Group.

The Group is looking forward to building its programme of outdoor adventures, community projects and badge work as well as providing opportunities for young people to discover new skills in a welcoming, supportive environment.

Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs are all full and there are limited spaces available in Scouts. They have an active waiting list and are planning to expand if interest continues to grow.

MEET THE SECTIONS

SQUIRRELS (4-6YRS)

The Squirrels have been having a great time and forging new friendships. As well as special activities around World Book Day, they've been learning about where food comes from and making fruit kebabs as they work towards their Brilliant Builder, Chef and Let It Grow badges.

BEAVERS (6-8 YRS)

This group has been beavering away at a range of activities. As well as disability awareness and learning some Makaton to help enhance their communication skills, they have been looking at visual illusions and increasing their cycling proficiency. A recent highlight for the Beavers was a trip to St Neots fire station, with much excitement about meeting the fire fighters and the possibility of sitting in one of the fire engines.

CUBS (8-10½ YRS)

Cubs have been focussed on communications and teamwork. In addition to science experiments and gardening, the Cubs explored Chinese New Year and enjoyed a brie-lliant international evening based around cheeses of the world!

SCOUTS (10½ -14 YRS)

As well first aid, science and mono printing, Scouts enjoyed a Taskmaster themed evening.

All sections also came together as a group to take part in a Jambowlree – a cross between a jamboree and bowling – at Eat 'n' Bowl. Part of an international event, Wintringham Scouts will see how they performed on the international league tables at the end of the year.

Cubs and Scouts also had an opportunity for a joint hike around Wintringham and Love's Farm, culminating in some well-deserved chips from Cox's at the Lighthouse.

VOLUNTEERS AND TRUSTEES

For Wintringham Scouts to increase their capacity, they need volunteers to help as part of a section team or as a Trustee.

SECTION TEAM:

The Section Team plans, delivers, and runs quality programmes safely and within an agreed budget. They make sure all young people can take part in the programme and gain skills for life. They also help young people work towards their Top Awards.

With a brilliant programme, each young person can make a positive impact in society as they step up, speak up, and find their place in the world.

> We're delighted to welcome the new Scout Group to Wintringham. It's a wonderful addition to the clubs and activities available locally and wouldn't be possible without the incredible enthusiasm and commitment of the volunteers giving their time and energy to create opportunities for young people to learn, grow and belong.
>
> Christine Littlewood, Community Development for Wintringham

TRUSTEE BOARD:

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. Effective Trustee Board governance helps our volunteers deliver fantastic programmes that give young people skills for life.

All Trustees are equally responsible, but they might decide to split the tasks between them.

Whether you have experience or are completely new to scouting, and can spare a couple of hours a week, they'd love to hear from you. Training, mentoring and ongoing support is provided.

Find out more and get involved by emailing **hello@3rdstneotsscoutgroup.co.uk** or visiting **www.3rdstneotsscoutgroup.co.uk**

Events and activities

A range of events and activities are organised throughout the year to provide additional opportunities for Wintringham residents to meet neighbours, form friendships and enjoy time together. Here we share highlights of some of the key events since the last edition of The Wagtail.

GALLOPING INTO LUNAR NEW YEAR

Family, friends and neighbours came together at Wintringham Primary Academy (on 21 February) to celebrate the Lunar New Year and welcome in the Chinese Year of the Fire Horse at an event filled with colour, culture and community spirit.

Around 400 people attended the popular annual event organised by Wintringham Residents' Association, with guests greeted with a warm welcome and traditional tokens of good fortune, including a fortune cookie, mandarin oranges and a red envelope — symbolising good luck, prosperity and happiness for the year ahead.

Following an opening speech, the celebrations began in spectacular style as the sound of drums and cymbals rang out across the hall, drawing the crowd together. The vibrant percussion marked the official start of the festivities, creating an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation.

A highlight of the afternoon was a spectacular performance from the Cambridge Chinese Lion Dance Team, who captivated the audience with a traditional Lion Dance and Tai Chi fan dance displays. Their performance brought energy, colour and movement to the celebration, reflecting the vitality and adventurous spirit associated with the Year of the Fire Horse.

Throughout the event, families enjoyed a wide range of cultural activities. Visitors tried their hand at Chinese calligraphy, crafted paper dragons and played traditional games including Chinese checkers, mahjong cards and balancing cups. A dressing-up area featuring an array of Chinese outfits proved popular with children and adults alike, while Chinese horoscope readings added an extra element of fun and insight.

Food lovers were also treated to authentic street food, including noodles and dumplings served from a food truck on the school plaza.

Scott Jenner, Chair of Wintringham Residents' Association, said: "The Lunar New Year celebration was an amazing community event again this year, and it was wonderful to see so many neighbours joined by friends and family. I would like to give a special thank you to our incredible resident volunteers, who have helped plan this popular celebration again this year.

"This was my last event as Chair of the Residents' Association, but I look forward to continuing to be an active part of this very special community and shall enjoy attending future events without the responsibility of oversight."

Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information!

EASTER CRAFTING FUN

At the start of the Easter holiday, children at Wintringham enjoyed a fun-filled crafting session decorating eggs and Easter bunny ears.

RACKET TASTER SESSIONS FOR ADULTS

Following the popularity of last year's event, an evening of racket sport taster sessions for tennis, badminton and pickleball took place in April. There was also an opportunity to speak to local clubs and a racket restringing business.

This free drop-in event was organised in partnership with Living Sport as part of the Active New Communities project for Wintringham.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 9 May — Wintringham Community Day
Saturday 16 May — Bike Servicing
Saturday 13 June — Nordic Walking
Saturday 18 June — Bike Servicing
Saturday 25 July — Pop Up Street Food Event

Shakespeare at the Towers

Discounted Tickets for Wintringham residents

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS: 23 JUNE – 4 JULY 2026
Award-winning theatre company Shakespeare at the Towers is known for its open-air productions of Shakespeare plays. Having performed at The George Hotel in Huntingdon since 1959, it moved to the captivating backdrop of Buckden Towers last year and is making a triumphant return to the Queen Katherine Knot Garden with The Comedy of Errors.

With two sets of identical twins, there's double the hilarity, double the silliness and double the wholesomeness when everyone gets reunited at the end. Join the Antipholuses and Dromios as they run around Ephesus in Ancient Greece trying to find the rest of their family...and finding a bit more than they bargained for on the way!

Shakespeare at the Towers is a delightful outdoor theatre experience. Meet up with family and friends, relax in the Buckden Towers grounds with a bite to eat and a drink pre-show before moving to the purpose-built theatre and taking your reserved seat in the tiered stand.

Urban&Civic is sponsoring the production, and Wintringham residents can enjoy a 10% discount with code WNTRM26.

Mobile library

From 3.05-4pm on the second Monday of each month the mobile library stops on Nuffield Road, opposite Wintringham Primary Academy. With up to 3,000 books to browse, including fiction, non-fiction, children's books and audiobooks there's a fantastic choice for all ages and interests.

Anyone who lives or works in Cambridgeshire can use the accessible mobile library and can join Cambridgeshire Libraries on board the mobile library or online.

Books can be pre-ordered from the Cambridgeshire Libraries' catalogue in advance for easy collection, with a 50p reservation fee per item.

Find out more at: **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries**

Food trucks on the Plaza

WEEKDAY TREATS
Perky Beans mobile barista is on Wintringham school plaza from 8am-11am on Wednesdays and Fridays with your favourite hot drinks and sweet treats. Whether your usual is a flat white, cappuccino, espresso or a long black, be sure to stop by for your coffee fix – and don't forget the bakes and sweet treats too!

Days might change depending on the weather, so keep an eye on **@perkybeans23** social media for updates.

FRIDAY EVENING FOOD TRUCKS
From 5-8pm each Friday we welcome a food truck to the school plaza with a range of culinary offerings for the community to enjoy. Pop-ups include Pizza Mondo with wood-fired pizza, traditional Asian street food from The Noodle & Dumpling Bar, American style burgers from Steak & Honour and loaded naans from Chai Stall – to name but a few. Follow Off The Beaten Truck's social media for the latest food truck news. **www.offthebeatentruck.co.uk**

Key Contacts

Below is a handy summary of the key contacts you might find useful:

General maintenance
Including: grass cutting; clearing drains; gritting roads in Winter; repairing street lighting; trimming hedges; and ensuring play area safety.

Managed by Encore Estate Management
01223 866980
info@encoreestates.co.uk

Housebuilders
Please contact your house builder with any queries about the new homes you have moved into, including outside lighting, electricity, water and network connections.

Housing associations
If you have any queries about your home, please contact your housing association representative.

Wintringham community development and events
Including: community events; activities, facilities and new resident information.

Christine Littlewood,
Community Development Lead
Christine.littlewood@urbanandcivic.com
07384 816725

Employment and training
Support with recruitment, employment and training opportunities in the local area.

Local government
Information about your local elected representatives can be found at:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk
(St Neots and Gransden division)
www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk
(St Neots East ward)
www.stneots-tc.gov.uk
(St Neots East ward)

Health
Lakeside St Neots provides GP services for 24,000 patients in and around St Neots. Please contact Reception to register as a new patient. If you have moved locally and are already registered at the practice, please remember to update your new address. If you are looking to register we urge all residents to do so in good time, as it can take some time to update and transfer medical records, and it is better to have this sorted out before you need to see a doctor.

T 01480 406677
lakeside.stneots@nhs.net

Supporting St Neots community events

Urban&Civic is sponsoring St Neots Charity Dragon Boat Race again this year. Whether you are picking up a paddle or cheering from the riverbank, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 15 August 2026.

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