

HANNINGTON LIFE

October 2025

PARISH COUNCIL OWNED STREET LIGHTS – ATTACHMENT OF ITEMS TO THEM

The Parish Council has been given advice by both West Northants Council and Northamptonshire County Assoc of Local Councils regarding the flying of flags – whilst they encourage people to proudly fly flags on their own homes and property safely, but would urge them not to attempt anything dangerous like putting them up on street furniture or road signs. Not only does this put their own safety at great risk, but also that of motorists and other road users eg horse riders, if the flags distract them, block their view or even come unattached. Where a Parish Council owns a streetlighting column it has the right – and the legal responsibility – to manage what is attached to it, as such is liable for any incidents that might arise from something being improperly affixed to its property. Lampposts are not designed to take the weight of a ladder or person climbing up and we are concerned that someone will be seriously hurt as a result of these actions, not to mention the very real risk of electrocution. For these very reasons it was made an offence under the Highways Act 1980 to fix items to lampposts without the consent of the Highways Authority/Parish Council and this remains the case today. To this end, at the PC held on Monday 6 October it was agreed to adopt the following policy – “**The display of flags, banners, or any other items on parish-owned lampposts is prohibited without the express written permission of the Parish Council**”

ALLOTMENT VACANCIES

There are currently six allotment plots available. The price is £20 per year for Hannington village residents or £25 for those outside of the village, subject to a refundable £50 deposit.

If you are interested, please contact Caroline Tel: 01604 781631 or email: jandcmiddleton@gmail.com

WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Download your 2025 bin collection calendar & check your collection day at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/bincollections alternatively you can download the West Northants App and set up a notification which reminds you at 4pm on a Thursday which bins are being collected.

In addition to the weekly food bin, these are the following dates for those who do not have the calendar:

Friday 3 Oct: Recycling bin	Friday 10 Oct: Garden Waste (subscription only) & grey bin
Friday 17 Oct: Recycling bin	Friday 24 Oct: Garden Waste (subscription only)
Friday 31 Oct: Recycling & grey bin	Friday 7 Nov: Garden Waste (subscription only)

As a reminder, as from 1 April all six Household Waste recycling centres in the county are open seven days a week from 10am to 4pm. **HOWEVER, AS FROM 3 NOVEMBER A BOOKING SYSTEM IS BEING INTRODUCED. You can book a visit to the recycling centres (once the system is live from 20 October) by completing the online booking form, operational 24/7. If you cannot book online, you can make a booking through our customer service centre (once the system is live from 20 October) Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm on [0300 126 7000](tel:03001267000). Bookings are required for all Household Waste Recycling Centres. Bookings are site-specific and cannot be transferred.**

PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY

Following the Parish Council uncontested election on 1 May, there is ONE vacancy that can be filled by co-option. If you were put off by having to fill out a nomination pack and then deliver to the centre of Northampton, this is no longer required. It is not an onerous job and usually just involves your attendance at one meeting per month (except August) and delivering a small number of Hannington Life's. The length of the meeting is dependent on the agenda items to be discussed and can range from 17 minutes (!) to a maximum of 2 hours – generally they last c1 hour. To qualify, a person must be a Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen, or an EU citizen with retained rights, who has attained the age of 18 years and an elector, must reside within the parish of Hannington, or within 4.8km of it, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor. Anyone interested in standing, should contact the Clerk or attend the next meeting.

FIX MY STREET (FORMALLY STREET DOCTOR)

All villagers are reminded that any problems with pot holes, overgrown verges, restricted visibility at road junctions, empty salt bin etc can be reported directly to Fix My Street – WNC would prefer contact to be made online and have advised that “If the problem is categorised as an emergency then the phone number will appear for people to ring instead.” **In addition, any problems with overgrown public footpaths etc should be reported in the same manner.** It is also helpful to take a photograph of the problem as this can be uploaded when reporting the problem. Any repairs and all practical work required must be reported via www.fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk – **this can be done anonymously if you prefer.**

Problems with the streetlights however must be reported to the Clerk as these need to be directed to E.on.

NEVER BIN BATTERIES!

Following a series of fires, residents across West Northamptonshire are being urged to help reduce risk to lives by disposing of batteries safely. People are being urged to ensure that they only recycle batteries using specialist recycling services to help tackle the cause of fires happening in refuse collection vehicles and waste facilities.

Household batteries that are being thrown away in rubbish and recycling bins have caused a number of incidents, including a container at a local Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) to catch fire. West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) has issued a warning that there is a serious risk of fires happening in both homes and HWRCs if batteries aren't disposed of properly.

There are three simple ways residents can reduce the risk of fires:

- Never put any kind of battery into your wheeled bins
- Use the Council's separate battery recycling collection, take batteries to supermarkets, or to a HWRC (please let staff know of any batteries when you arrive)
- Remove all batteries from old electrical or battery powered items before recycling electricals using the separate small electrical recycling collections. If you can't remove the battery out of an item, if it fits in a carrier bag – this can go with the separate electrical recycling collection, if it is too big – please take this to your nearest HWRC.

Domestic batteries can be put into a small plastic bag and tied to the handle of your wheeled bin for safe collection and recycling.

Please put them on the following bins: Black lid general waste bin in Daventry

To find out more details of where you can recycle household batteries visit: www.westnorthants.gov.uk/batteries

TOTE

Congratulations to the August Tote winner: - No 36 – E Emery

Congratulations to the September Tote winner: - No 31 – Mrs Hilts.

HANNINGTON QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025 @ 7.30PM

Following last year's very successful event, we are pleased to announce another Quiz Night has been organised and invite you to join us for a fun evening of quizzing and support your local Church in Hannington. No experience is required! As in previous years, light refreshments will be provided but remember to bring your own drinks & glasses plus any nibbles. Ticket price is £13 per person (max 6 persons per team) Tickets / reservations are available from either Andrew or Elaine Greatrex (01 604 781969). Cheques made payable to Hannington PCC. Look forward to seeing you then.

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If you would like your copy of Hannington Life delivered direct to your e-mail on the Thursday following the PC meeting, then please email the Clerk at clerk@hannington-northants-parishcouncil.gov.uk

HANNINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is available to hire. The charge is £15.00 for the first hour and then subsequent hours at £7.00 For further details and bookings please contact Caroline Middleton (781631).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER at 7.15pm, in the Village Hall. All villagers are welcome to attend the meeting.

HANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS UPDATE

The following planning applications have been received by the Parish Council and any decisions by West Northants Council: **S119 Public Path Diversion Order 2019** – Public Bridleway CT8 (Part).

Any comments should preferably be online www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-enforcement/view-and-comment-planning-application – search by the full application number or can be directed to The Planning Service Place Directorate, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE

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