

GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Play Area Fundraising Success – Thank You!

The Parish Council would like to express its heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the fundraising fete on 12th October such a great success. It was a truly wonderful day, full of community spirit, teamwork, and generosity.

A special thank you to all those who volunteered their time, donated prizes, or came along to support the event — your enthusiasm and effort made all the difference.

As many residents will know, the new play area is an important project that will provide a safe, welcoming space for children and families to enjoy for years to come. To help fund the project, the Parish Council is applying for a grant from the FCC Communities Foundation, which requires a Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment of £10,750 to be confirmed before the application can be accepted.

Thanks to the community's generosity, £5,729.57 has already been raised through local fundraising. The Parish Council will cover the remaining shortfall of £5,020.43 to ensure the grant application can move forward.

If you would still like to make a contribution toward the project, donations are very welcome. You can scan the QR code provided or make a direct payment to:



Account Name: Great Massingham Parish Council

Sort Code: 60-83-01

Account Number: 20463300

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed, volunteered, or supported in any way — your help is bringing this much-needed play area ever closer to reality!

Funding Available for Local Community Projects

Do you have a great idea to bring people together, celebrate our community, or improve life in the local area? The Norfolk Community Fund is offering grants of up to £2,500 to help turn your ideas into reality.

The fund supports a wide range of community-led projects, such as:

- Creative or arts-based initiatives
- Local events and celebrations
- Projects that promote wellbeing or environmental improvement

Grants are designed to help small, grassroots projects led by local people and voluntary groups that make Norfolk a better place to live.

Even if you don't have a project of your own, you can still help by supporting one — donations start from just £1, and every contribution helps bring a local idea to life.

If you'd like to apply or find out more, please contact County Councillor Stuart Dark, who can offer guidance and support with your application:

Email: stuart.dark.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

Mobile: 07860 256083

New Life for Our Village Telephone Box

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it will be adopting the red telephone box in the village. This much-loved local landmark will now remain part of our community and we're excited to explore how it could be put to good use in the future.

Across the country, adopted telephone boxes have been transformed into mini libraries, art displays, information points, plant swaps, or even tiny museums — the possibilities are endless!

We'd love to hear your ideas for how our village phone box could be used or what would make it a special feature for residents and visitors alike.

Please share your suggestions with the Parish Council — you can email your ideas to the Parish Clerk or speak to any councillor.

Christmas Lights Switch-On

New festive lighting has recently been installed in the village, ready to bring some extra sparkle to this year's celebrations!

Planning is now underway for our annual Christmas Lights Switch-On, which will take place on **12th December 2025**. We're delighted to announce that the Harpley Choir will be joining us to help make the evening even more special.

Final details of the event will be confirmed at the November Parish Council meeting, so keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

New Parish Council Email Address

From **1st November**, the Parish Council will be using a new email address for all correspondence:
clerk@greatmassingham-pc.gov.uk

The previous email address will continue to be monitored on an ad-hoc basis for a short time, and anyone contacting the old address will be notified of the change.

Please update your records and use the new address for all future communication with the Parish Clerk.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 17th November at 7.30pm. Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meeting and there is an opportunity to make comments or ask questions of the Council during the first part of the meeting.

Please note that the Parish Council will not respond to posts on social media and would ask that any comments, complaints or compliments be directed to the Clerk via the contact details provided.

To contact the Clerk, Sarah Harvey you can telephone 01328 823391,

email **clerk@greatmassingham-pc.gov.uk**

or write to Byanoak, Leicester Road, South Creak, NR21 9PW.