

Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan. I spoke on this matter in last month's magazine and outlined the benefits that this Neighbourhood Plan will have for the community of our parish. As you read this, October 5th, the date of the Referendum will be approaching fast. This will be your opportunity to have a say in the future of Kempsey and I strongly urge everyone to exercise your right to vote on a matter that will determine the shape, size, and facilities of Kempsey in years to come.

This is not an election for District, County, or Central Government in which we are just a small part; this is an election that **directly and immediately affects us**, the parishioners of Kempsey.

Don't forget that if anyone has problems getting to the polling station, which is the Parish Hall, then please contact the Parish Office and we may be able to arrange a lift for you.

Summer is usually a quiet time in the parish council's calendar but the Neighbourhood Plan and preparations for the Referendum have kept us extraordinarily busy. However, I am very pleased to advise you that we have also been very busy at Kempsey Youth Centre, on Plovers Rise playing field, where new low energy LED lighting has been installed and the building redecorated throughout. This will be so much nicer for regular users and for occasional users for parties, presentations, and other general functions. To book the Youth Centre for a function please contact the Parish Office.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of complaints regarding vehicles parking on pavements blocking access for pedestrians, especially if they have children's pushchairs or a person in a wheelchair. The most notable one of these places is on the bend outside the doctor's surgery in Old Road North. Frequently, vehicles can be seen parked right on the pavement here completely blocking it, causing pedestrians to have to walk in the road on what is a dangerous and blind bend. We all know that parking is limited on the surgery car park, but we cannot use this as an excuse for blocking the pavement and putting pedestrian's safety at risk. I'm sorry to have to go on like this but none of us want to be responsible for a pedestrian being injured because we blocked a pavement.

Many people ask about crime statistics in Kempsey, and so I am pleased to tell you that our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team is publishing monthly reports. These can now be found on the parish website for general viewing.

For detailed minutes of all meetings please refer to one of the six Parish Noticeboards or to the website www.kempseyhub.co.uk

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