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From the Vicar . . .

Firstly, a big 'thank you' for the warm welcome my family and I have received on moving to Trumpington. We are looking forward to getting to know more people as we settle in, and I am excited to see how my ministry here will unfold.

October is a time to take stock and give thanks for all we have, as the old harvest hymn says, 'When all is safely gathered in'. Our harvest festival service will be 4 October and all are welcome to join us in a celebration of both the natural world and all those who work in food production, as well as remembering and supporting those who suffer from food insecurity. How best to use our resources is not limited to food, at St Mary & St Michael's we are considering how we might better use our building and the adaptations that might be necessary to achieve our ambitions; our Launch Event on 10 October will give everyone in Trumpington an opportunity to see those plans and contribute to them. I encourage you to come to the church, even if you have never been before, so that you can be part of that conversation.

In November we change gear and it is the period of the church's year given over to remembrance. The most obvious beginning to this is Halloween, where the spookiness of death and the myths and traditions surrounding the unknown of the afterlife are becoming an increasingly popular 'celebration'. This is all just a prelude however: 1 November is the day we celebrate All Saints Day, remembering many who have led godly lives which serve as an example to others of duty and service. The next day is given over to remembering all who have died, many of whom may well have been 'saints' in their own small and personal way. And then we have Remembrance Sunday, this year on 8 November, when we are reminded of the human cost of war and those for whom duty and service came at a great price.

Remembering those we have lost can often be a painful experience, but it is also an important part of the grieving process and a way to honour their memory. Faith communities are places where we can support each other so we don't have to do this alone. The 8 November Remembrance Service, which begins in church and then moves on to the war memorial on the High Street, is a time when we come together for a mix of both thanksgiving and regret. See page 5 for timings.

Remembering, and sharing those memories, can be an opportunity to free ourselves from some of the pain of the past and move forward into a more hopeful future. I pray that this is your experience of remembrance this year.

God bless,
Barnabas

The MumCo Trumpington

At The MumCo we recognise that being a mum is hard work. There are golden moments but also so many days where we do the same thing over and over. Sometimes, it's not easy to get out of the house and we can feel overwhelmed or disconnected. We believe that better mums make a better world and are seeking to provide space to be part of a community, grow and learn about motherhood and be equipped for the challenging days.

In terms of what our sessions look like, we run a creche, with DBS-checked helpers, so mums can have time for uninterrupted conversation, tea and coffee that's still hot, and actually finish a sentence. So of course there's chatting, and catching up, but we explore themes across the year through activities. We invite speakers to talk about relevant topics e.g. setting boundaries for children, screen time and getting outdoors, building authentic friendships, handling money and conflict well, and we have a lot of fun. We organise accessible creative activities, play games, have meaningful discussion, often with cake!

So what do Cambridge mums say about The MumCo?

'The ladies take time to get to know you … the group activities are really thoughtful and the toys are clean – bonus!'

'I ❤ it – an oasis of calm in the middle of the week!'

'Feeling cared for and seen, spending time with other mums, spending time with baby, but with focus on mum.'

'Very welcoming, not intimidating at all. Would have loved to come also during mat leave ... just chatting is great.'

Our new theme is **Good Company** and over the next year we'll help each other:

resist insecurity and fear of rejection • reframe overwhelm • be good friends, not perfect ones • belong despite differences • have more fun • start feeling known.

Dates for your diary

MumCo: 6 & 20 October, 10 & *24 November

*24 November is the legendary MumCo advent wreath session – one not to miss.

Stay & Play: 13 October, 3 & 17 November

Tuesday mornings from 10am at Trumpington Meadows Community Rooms – we look forward to seeing you.

Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/people/Mum-CoTrumpington or get in touch by email: The MumCoTrumpington@gmail.com or contact Jo on WhatsApp 07979 379731.

Trumpington Mum Community is supported by South Trumpington Parish & St Mary & St Michael's Parish Church.

Services at St Mary & St Michael in October & November

Our 10am Sunday services are in-person and Zoomed; other services are in-person only. You can find the Zoom link here: https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2697/

Sunday 4 October – Trinity 18 – Harvest Thanksgiving

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Communion followed by a Bring & Share Lunch in church, all welcome

Sunday 11 October – Trinity 19

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

Sunday 18 October – Trinity 20

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Experience & Explore

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Sunday 25 October – Last after Trinity

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

Sunday 1 November – All Saints Day

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Communion

Sunday 8 November – 3 before Advent Remembrance Day

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Service of Remembrance followed by

10.55am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial Coffee served in church afterwards

Sunday 15 November – 2 before Advent

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Experience & Explore

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Sunday 22 November – Last before Advent, Christ the King

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

Sunday 29 November – Advent 1

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

From the Parish Registers

Burial

03/07/2026
Anthony Hazlerigg Proctor Beauchamp

Weddings

07/08/2026
William Reiner Bonsmann & Katy Louise Rowland

29/08/2026
Jonathan Edward Pebody & Zoe Clare Kenworthy

A guide to our services

8.30am BCP Holy Communion is from the Book of Common Prayer – a quiet, traditional communion service.

10am Holy Communion is a service using liturgy from Common Worship with hymns and music, and with Junior Church on 2nd and 4th Sundays during school term-time.

10am All Age Communion is a more contemporary communion service specifically for 'all ages'. There is no Junior Church on this Sunday as the children stay for the service.

10am Third Sunday Experience and Explore is an informal service without communion; it includes a talk, a time for personal reflection, activities for all ages and refreshments.

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer normally takes place on third Sundays.

Our Mothers' Union

What a hot summer we have had, thank goodness it cooled down for our Celebration Coffee Morning in August. Thank you to everyone who supported us. At our next meeting on 22 October we will be talking about our favourite childhood puddings and perhaps swapping recipes. We might even have a pudding to try with our coffee.

At our meeting on 26 November we will have a Christmas Theme. Both the October and November meetings start at 1.30pm at 75 Bishops Road. On 10 December we celebrate the Wave of Prayer. We meet at 11am to pray for our linked diocese and we follow the service with lunch together.

If you would like to find out about joining the Mothers' Union, please contact me on 01223 510256 or email mothersunion@trumpington.church

Stella Chandler

Memory Café

Our July meeting began with our usual teas and coffees, scones and cakes, then proceeded with our Welcome song and two more songs with Antony. We went on to more serious matters, with a talk by Kirsty Hall who is a Fire Safety Officer. She told us about the various matters that could lead to home fires and how we could prevent them and keep ourselves safe. A light-hearted game of 'do this, do that' followed, with some members and volunteers managing to avoid being caught out (and others succumbing very early in the game). Members were given time to finish the quiz, then we gave out the prizes. We finished with two more songs, and our goodbye song.

We began our August meeting with the usual refreshments and chat and a warm welcome to six new people. Antony then led us in the Welcome song and two more songs.

We were then entertained by Flukes, a lively ukulele band who are regular favourites on our programme.

After their first set, one of our volunteers, Chris, gave a talk on her life as a nurse, including some hair-raising situations. John gave the answers to the quiz and prizes were handed out. Flukes then played their second set and everyone joined in with well-known songs, after which we had two more songs with Antony.

We shall report on the September meeting next time – this will be our fifth birthday party! The following meetings are on 21 October and 18 November.

Junior Church

The regular sessions are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, during the 10am service. We go out during the first hymn to the Bakehouse next door and come back into church for communion. Junior Church has two groups:

Seedlings is for children of all ages from babies up to and including Key Stage 1. This group uses stories and crafts to explore the Bible.

Saplings is for children of Key Stage 2 and above. In this group we explore the Bible and Christian themes in a bit more depth.

We welcome new faces, even if just visiting! Parents are welcome to stay if they wish.

Cedars is a youth group for secondary school age children. It meets on 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons from 3 to 4.30pm in the Bakehouse, starting again on 13 September.

Everyone is welcome!

Ever wanted to try Patchwork but didn't know where to start?

Come and get creative trying your hand at Patchwork in a fun in-person session!

My name is Sarah and I'm passionate about patchwork. I'm running two craft sessions this autumn at The Bakehouse on Grantchester Road CB2 9LH for anyone who would like to try their hand at a patchwork project. Both projects will use rotary cutting and machine piecing; while cutters and mats are provided, please bring a sewing machine. Materials are supplied. The workshops are fundraisers for the church's reimagining project.

Saturday 14 November 10am to 5pm – make a Draughts Game Board, cost £60 (plus booking fee)

Make a two-sided games board. Beginners are welcome and materials supplied (excluding games pieces).Please bring a sewing machine and a packed lunch for this full day workshop.

Saturday 28 November 1pm to 5pm – make a Christmas Stocking, cost £45 (plus booking fee)

Make a uniquely personal Christmas stocking. This workshop is suitable for those with experience of patchwork although beginners are also welcome. Materials are supplied but if sewers have Christmassy orphan blocks, this is a good project to utilise left over pieces! Please bring a sewing machine.

On-road parking is available close by.

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Trumpington Christmas Tree Festival – it's time to get busy and submit your tree entry form!

The festival takes place over the weekend of 19 & 20 December at St Mary & St Michael's Parish Church. We encourage you to decorate your tree in a sustainable way – reusing and upcycling materials to help celebrate 'The Natural World', which gives lots of scope for your imagination.

It's free to enter a tree – you just provide your decorated tree. Entries are welcome from individuals and families, children's and adult community groups and schools.

Are you a local business who might like to be involved? We welcome sponsorship for different elements of the festival.

Please email warden@trumpington.church with any questions and scan the QR code for the new online entry form.

Get crafty during the Christmas Tree Festival

Events on Saturday 19 December at St Mary & St Michael

10am-12 noon
Crochet a lovely tree decoration with Trumpington Stitchers, £10 (inc. booking fee)

Take some time out of your Christmas preparations. Suitable for beginners. For more details and to book, scan the QR code or visit
https://crochet-trumpington.eventbrite.co.uk

1.30pm-3.30pm
Create a gorgeous centrepiece for your Christmas table, £35 (inc. booking fee)

Come and have a lovely relaxing time with Marianne from Radhika Flowers. For more details and to book, scan the QR code or visit
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Trumpington Brownies

Towards the end of the summer term, the Brownies had a 'bring a friend' night where they invited along someone they thought would enjoy Brownies. Everyone got stuck into panda-themed activities, games and crafts and earnt themselves a panda badge.

In the last few weeks of term, the Brownies also enjoyed completing a challenge badge about Kenya, which incorporated making necklaces, and a campfire with shelter building, singing (including the now favourite pirate song!) and s'mores. Unfortunately, the last week of term was far too hot for the planned ice-cream hike, so the Brownies met indoors and learnt map skills. They didn't miss out on the ice-cream and somehow managed to polish off a considerable amount!

The autumn term will include working towards the Take Action theme from Girlguiding's programme for Brownies. We have spaces for girls aged 7-10 years and would love to welcome some new Brownies. Please get in touch at: browniestrumpington@gmail.com for more information.

Lisa MacGregor

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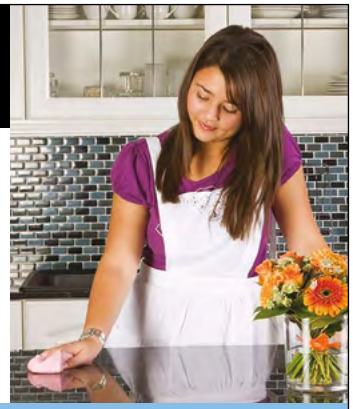

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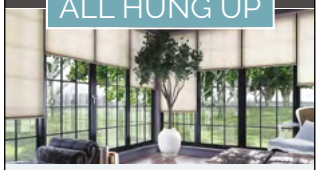

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Royal British Legion

This edition of The Trumpet will drop through reader's letterboxes less than 4 weeks before the start of the 2026 Poppy Appeal (24 October – 8 November), so most of the logistical arrangements will be complete. This area's supplies of poppies, dated pins and wreaths will have been with me for 2 months, and the rota for our table in Waitrose will hopefully be complete. There is still a chance to volunteer so do please call me (number below) if you can assist with even just one 1½ hour slot. Every year we welcome new faces and I hope this year is no exception. I can assure you it will be a very rewarding experience. Thanks to an event I organised, we already have a donation of over £850 towards our local appeal.

We do not collect on Remembrance Sunday (9 November), when every year an increasing number of villagers gather at our War Memorial at 10.55 am, to solemnly remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This is preceded by a service in the Parish Church at 10.00 hours to which anyone is welcome. Every year there are different emotions during the Act of Remembrance, perhaps it is recalling the service of our predecessors, or perhaps the current tribulations in the World where our armed forces are still deployed defending our precious freedom, even if not actually engaged in combat. If you can't attend the War Memorial, you may like to observe a short period of personal reflection.

Edmund Brookes, 01223 840374

Cambridge Flower Club (est. 1954)

Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Whittlesford CB22 4NE on third Thursday at 7.15pm

Refreshments from 6.45pm. Annual subscription £45, visitors £10 each meeting

NAFAS Demonstrators, raffle of flower arrangements after demonstration

15 October **Music and Flowers together** – an innovative combination of piano music and concurrent flower arranging in 3 themes

19 November **Crystal Dyball – Behind the Shed Door**

Information and tickets from Chairman *Alison Drake – 01223 840117*

Trumpington Pavilion

The Trumpington Pavilion has a varied programme of events and activities each week and we have some new additions to the programme available from September. O'Mahony Academy of Irish Dance classes are for children aged 3 and above and take place on Monday evenings at 5pm. To find out more email omahony.id@gmail.com. We also now have a Zumba class on Wednesday evenings from 6.15pm, for more information email aydanbst@gmail.com.

These classes complement our already busy programme of yoga, youth clubs, martial arts, fitness classes and so much more.

Check online or on our noticeboard outside the Pavilion to see what's happening throughout the month. You can find us at www.cambridge.gov.uk/trumpington-pavilion or on Facebook. The Pavilion is a lovely space to hire for parties or other private events. If you'd like more information, please contact TrumpingtonPavilion@cambridge.gov.uk.

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- All welcome
- No charge
- Bring your own pumpkin

We will have some pumpkins available to buy on a first-come-first-served basis

Light refreshments available with donations in aid of our Reimagining Project

Event organised by PCC Trumpington, registered charity no. 1139332

The Clay Farm Centre

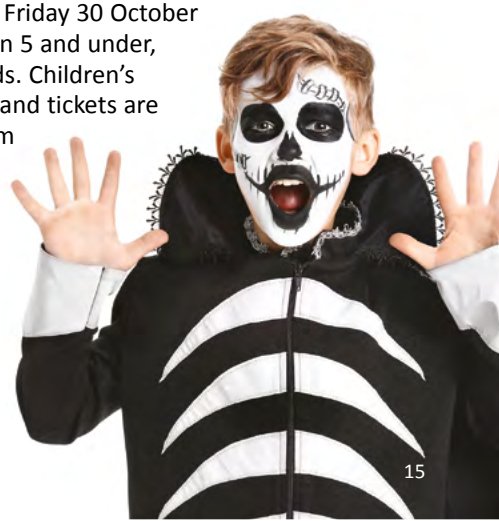
After a very busy summer with events and the Summer Reading Challenge, things are getting back to normal at Clay Farm.

Our regular classes of yoga, Pilates, kids coding sessions from The Code Zone, Bright Moves baby movement sessions, chess classes from Chess4Rookies, and dance classes from Target Dance are all back at Clay Farm.

All children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge were invited to attend the Awards Ceremony on Monday 14 September. If you were unable to attend, children can collect their medal and certificate from the Clay Farm library reception desk afterwards.

In October half term we have a holiday lunch event on Wednesday 28 October. From 10.30am to midday there will be activities in the hall including Lego and crafts; from midday to 1pm we'll be serving a free lunch supplied by Cambridge Sustainable Food.

Our Spooky Halloween Disco is back again too. On Friday 30 October there will be two discos, one at 4.15pm for children 5 and under, and the second at 6.15pm aimed for 6–11-year-olds. Children's tickets cost £1 each (an adult goes free per ticket) and tickets are on sale at the Clay Farm library reception desk from Monday 5 October.



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Clay Farm is a great venue to hire if you're looking to host an event or party, for more information email ClayFarmCentre@cambridge.gov.uk.

Plan of Trumpington Parish

This map has been created especially for *The Trumpet* and is updated regularly, but please contact the Editor if you can help improve it as new roads become occupied.
Email: trumpet@trumpington.church

As the map becomes more complicated you may like to consult the regularly updated www.openstreetmap.org

1 Sole & Duck Restaurant
2 The Green Man
3 Hudson's Ale House
4 *The Lord Byron (closed for redevelopment - reopening late 2026)*
5 Farthings Trumpington Dry Cleaners, Rumbles Fish Bar, Rulo's Barber, Radhika Florist, The Bun Shop (post office/Londis convenience store)
6 Shell Petrol Station, Bidwells Estate Agent, Autograph Dental
7 Waitrose
8 Trumpington Food & Wine
9 Trumpington Village Hall
10 Wildlife Trust Office
11 Trumpington Pavilion
12 St Mary & St Michael Parish Church & Bakehouse (church office)
13 Anstey Hall
14 Rainbow Nursery
15 Trumpington Meadows Primary School
16 Fawcett Primary School
17 Trumpington Community College
18 Fawcett House (Cambridgeshire County Council)
19 Hobson Square area including Clay Farm Centre with RVS cafe, GP Surgery & Library, Welfare Pharmacy, NISA Local, Sainsbury's Local, Dentistry & More, Dao Café, O'Vesuvio Pizza
20 Clay Farm Allotments
21 Clay Farm Community Garden
22 Foster Road Allotments
23 Trumpington Community Orchard
24 Trumpington Park Primary School
25 Perse Prep School
26 St Faith's School
27 Cambridge Football Stadium & Kingsway Cambridge (formerly Cambridge Lakes) Golf course
28 Trumpington Park & Ride
29 John Lewis Distribution Centre
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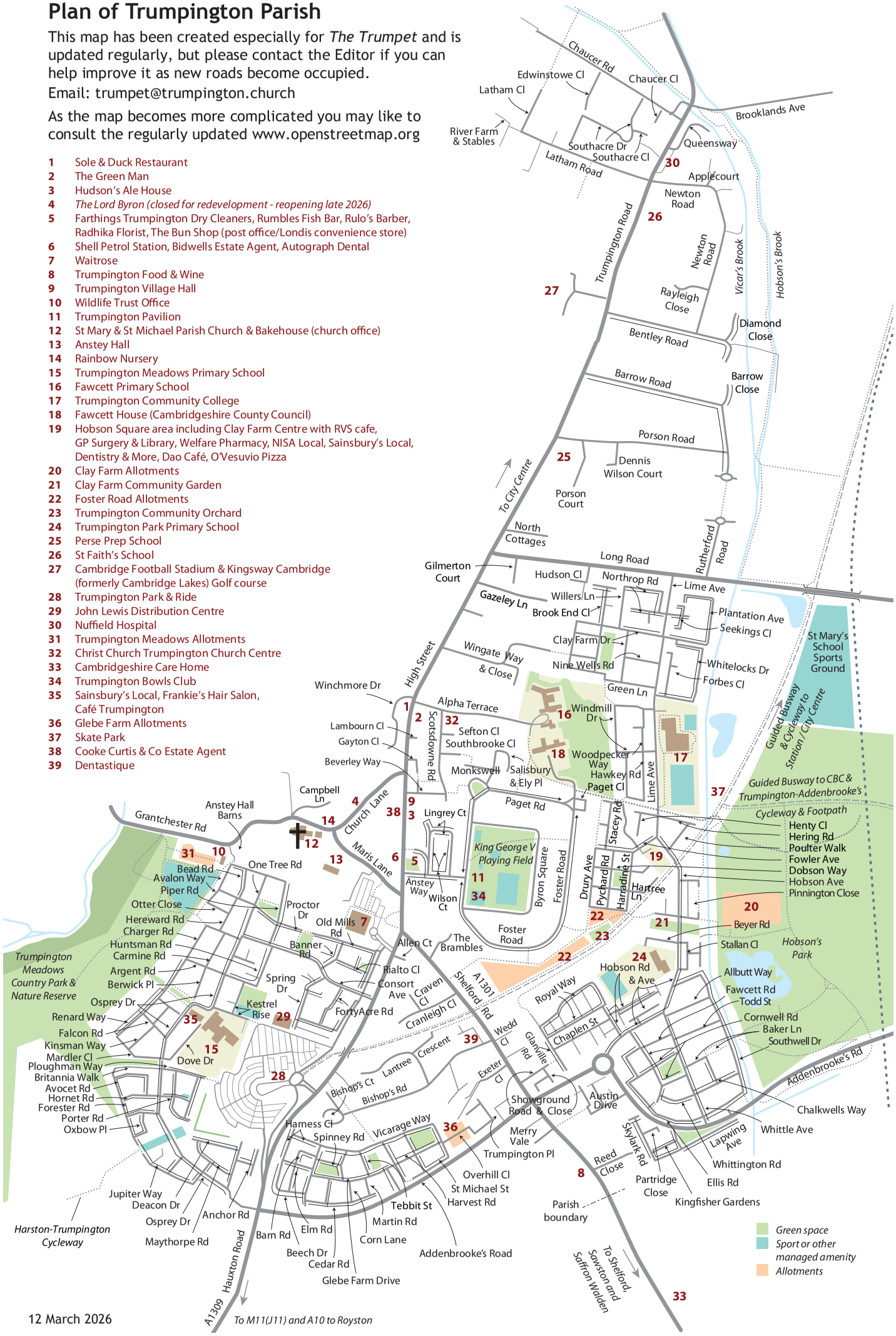

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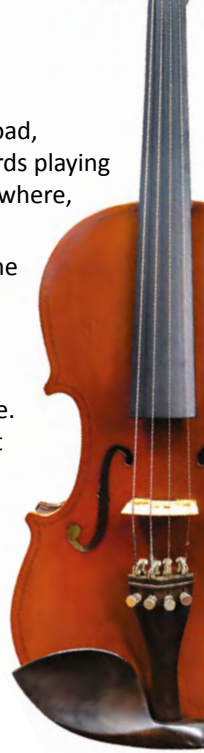
Trumpington Strings



We are a small string orchestra which meets at Denis Wilson Court, Porson Road, Cambridge, CB2 8ES. Our members are from all age groups and we work towards playing an informal concert or two each year at Denis Wilson Court, occasionally elsewhere, entry donations going to local charities.

We perform music from the standard string orchestra repertoire and also some more modern music. We sometimes explore chamber music.

We are looking for more violinists – all ages are welcome and ideally, we are looking for fairly competent sight readers.

We are a friendly group and enjoy playing together in a workshop atmosphere. The rehearsals are currently held on Sunday afternoons at Denis Wilson Court (every two or three weeks depending on players' availability) from 2pm until 4.30pm, with a break for tea and cake.

The musical director is Gillian Ruddick, teacher of violin and viola, formerly founder/director of Nova Strings in New Zealand, with a Cambridge University degree in music and Licentiate diplomas in violin and viola (Trinity College).

For more information please contact Gillian by email: g.m.ruddick.01@cantabgold.net telling her something about your orchestral experience.

Trumpington Local History Group

The Coach and Horses public house (now, of course, the Sole and Duck restaurant) c. 1920s. Percy Robinson collection.

The next meeting of the Trumpington Local History Group will be on Thursday 10 December at 7pm (please note the earlier start time). Edmund Brookes and Howard Slatter will give a presentation on the history of Trumpington based on the late Percy Robinson's original 1920s lantern slide lecture. Percy Robinson was head teacher at the church school, Trumpington, from 1908 until his death in 1943. He built up an extensive knowledge of Trumpington and, with the help of the Trustees of the Village Hall, had a set of 'magic lantern' slides made to show various things of interest in, or connected with, Trumpington. The slides were first shown in 1924 and give a fascinating insight into life in Trumpington a century ago.

The meeting will be held in the Eva Hartree Hall at the Clay Farm Centre. All are welcome, admission £2.50.

Our website trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org has lots of information about all kinds of aspects of the history of the parish. Just search from the home page.

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Trumpington Community Orchard

It has been a rather difficult summer with the extended lack of rain but with the cooler temperatures in the autumn and some rain it should recover its greenery. Moreover, with the help of two groups of corporate volunteers we have managed some limited watering of the three new apple trees, the Gransden Galaxy, Wayside and Barnack Beauty, as well as the lime sapling planted near the picnic benches. There has been a small crop of apples on a few of the heritage trees and a larger yield on the medlar though the quince is bare this year.

The observational beehive remains inhabited by the wild swarm and it may be that our proximity to the Trumpington Allotments with the abundance of flowers on the vegetables has provided a constant source of pollen. We are still on the lookout for a suitable observational beehive design to replace the current one, but our plans to replace the swift tower with a larger design has taken priority. This should provide much needed accommodation for our annual visitors next year, as we are almost at capacity now, with the return of 10 nesting pairs of swifts this year! They arrived in late April and departed with their fledged offspring in early August. The visitors continue to share the accommodation with the squatting sparrows and survived a few return visits from the local squirrels. Luckily the return of the intruders was in early July when the baby swifts were too large to be removed from their nests and predated. It does appear that the pesky squirrel intends to nest in the tower over winter, carving out a des-res in the corner box, but there is a surprise on the way when the current box is replaced with the new larger one in late autumn. The current plan is to have a 1-2 metre length of flexible metal sheet covering around the telegraph pole below the swift box so there is a slippery barrier to the nest boxes, but any suggestions of proven solutions are welcome.

On 28 June, the Orchard held a successful small Midsummer Party to celebrate the life of one of the Community Orchard founders, Joanna Crosby, which was well attended by many of her friends from the East of England Apples and Orchards Society and our resident band of Wassail folk musicians. Joanna's friends have raised funds for a memorial apple tree and are currently arranging for the grafting of one of her favourite varieties of cooking apple that will be planted next year.

The Orchard continues to be enjoyed by many local residents, old and young, and has provided a welcome cool relaxing space in the hot summer, especially in the shady cherry thicket. In anticipation of hotter summers, we have planted a small-leaf lime near the central picnic tables to eventually provide some shade for visitors.

The next Orchard maintenance session is on Sunday 13 December. As always you need to come dressed in weatherproof clothing and footwear and we will provide gloves and necessary tools.

Hope to see you soon! Email us: trumpingtonorchard@yahoo.co.uk
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Wildlife Trust BCN Update

The Wildlife Trust BCN's Team Wilder approach is all about supporting community action. We can offer advice, support, signposting, and training for free, for individuals, community groups, and schools who want help to do something linked to local wildlife or sustainability. Here are some of the things we have done in the Cambridge and Cambourne area over the last year.

Supported the Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group with their Family Day in Nature.

Gave wildlife gardening advice to Cambourne Church Community Garden.

Connected existing Youth Rangers doing birdwatching as their hobby for Duke of Edinburgh, ran some birdwatching sessions, and advised them on binoculars.

Trained some local walk leaders to help them understand how they can support participants in their group learn more about nature, and take action for wildlife.

Supported local volunteers to stand up for nature in new developments.

If you have a project in mind, or are already working on something, and you think the Wildlife Trust BCN might be able to help with it, please get in touch.

October events in Trumpington (visit wildlifebcn.org/events to book)

Sat 24 Oct, 9.30-12ish, Nature Girls autumn walk at Trumpington Meadows (a sociable walk for women over 18)

Thu 29 Oct, 9.30-12.30, Community working party for adults and families at Trumpington Meadows

Fri 30 Oct, 5.30-7.30pm, family fire in the orchard at Trumpington Meadows

Also, do see the flyer for our annual Christmas Fair at the Wildlife Trust BCN headquarters in Cambourne.

Local enquiries
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Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub

That was a very long, hot summer! Cooler days are with us now and the children are settling in to a new school year. Hopefully, some of those children are enjoying wearing school uniform that has been loved and shared. Certainly, the school uniform rails at Clay Farm Library were very popular!

Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub is back in full flow and, having been closed for donations during the school summer holidays, we have been catching up with sorting and folding the small mountain of clothing that our generous community has passed on for other families to make use of.

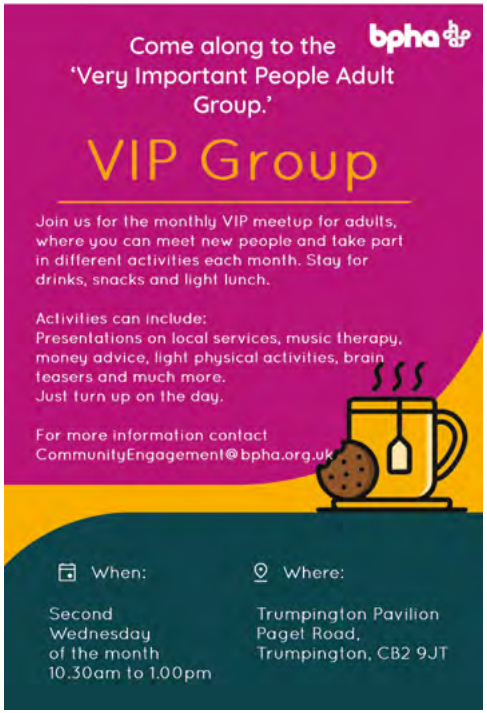
We have Free Children's Clothes events planned for Saturday, 17 October at Trumpington Sport, Trumpington Community College and Saturday, 14 November at Trumpington Village Hall. Please do come along and find some pre-loved clothes, waiting to be loved again! Bring a friend or two! We are also delighted to accept donations at these events.

Keep a close eye on our social media, for details of regular events and any extra news items.

Remember, all our clothes are free to anyone who can use them and, as well as helping our local community, there is a lot less being sent to landfill, so that's good news all round.

Thanks so much to all our supporters and sponsors, who enable us to continue offering our services to local families. We really couldn't do it without you.

If you would like to sponsor one of our events, please do get in touch; we would be delighted to hear from you. *Remember, if you can't make it to a pop-up, we will gladly pack a box of clothes for you to collect. Just fill in a form online at www.trumpingtonkidsclotheshub.co.uk*



Trumpington Stitchers

We had fun at the Pavilion and Clay Farm Centre summer events, despite the baking hot weather – possibly a distant memory by the time you read this!

We are quite excited about some of our workshops this autumn – making a blouse from a man's shirt is a great upcycling challenge and the crochet Hexi-Cardi became quite a craze in the group, everybody's wearing them this autumn! Our latest flyer can be found on page 26. Do email to book a place, or if there is a workshop you would like us to run, let us know and we will do our best. We can book individuals for beginners knitting and crochet, best done one to one, so see details on the flyer for that too.

Both the Monday and Tuesday meetings continue to thrive and welcome new stitchers - beginners and experienced, male and female, of all ages. Do pop in if you want to see what we do.

Our Monday evening meetings are from 7-9pm at the Pavilion (charge £3.50) and the Stitching for Charity group is at the Clay Farm library on Tuesdays 10.30am-12 noon (no charge). Feel free to drop in to either, you will be warmly welcomed.

Email our Chair Dana at trumpingtonstitchers@gmail.com
More information is on our website www.trumpingtonstitchers.net

South Cambridge Striders – running safely in the dark

As the clocks change and winter draws near, runners who head out in the early morning or late evening may find themselves running in the dark. With a few simple precautions, you can stay safe and enjoy your run, whatever the time of day.

Be visible: Wear bright or reflective clothing and consider using a small light so that pedestrians, cyclists and drivers can see you. Make sure you can see where you're putting your feet, too.

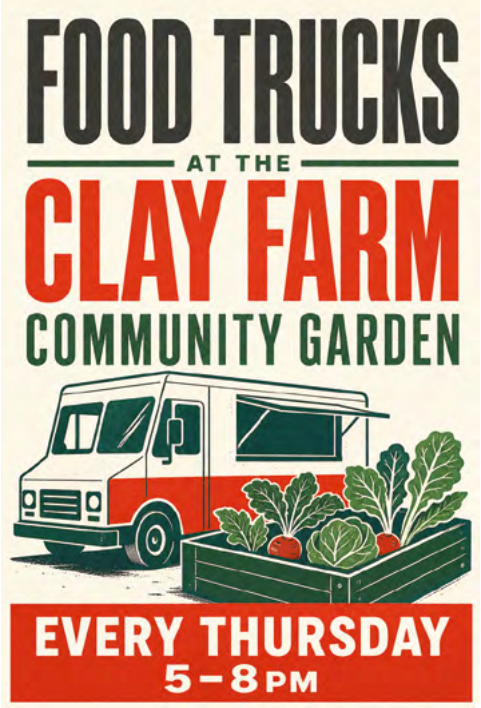
Choose your route carefully: Stick to familiar, well-lit routes where possible, and let someone know roughly where you're going and when you expect to return. Avoid isolated areas if you can.

Stay aware: Keep the volume low if you use headphones, or leave one ear free so you can hear traffic, cyclists and other people around you. Stay alert to your surroundings.

Take extra care around traffic: Use crossings where available and don't assume that drivers have seen you. At junctions and driveways, slow down and check carefully before continuing.

Run with others: One of the best ways to feel safer running in the dark is to join a local running group. South Cambridge Striders meet on Tuesday evenings from 7pm, offering a chance to run with others and meet fellow local runners.

A little preparation, and good company, can help make running in the dark a safe and enjoyable part of your routine. Find out more about our runs at southcambridgestriders.org.uk. *We hope to see you on a run soon.*
Scott Liddle - Chair, South Cambridge Striders and local Trumpington resident



TAG Lifts

TAG Lifts goes from strength to strength and the photo shows a few of our volunteers celebrating our second birthday. We average about 20 lifts a week – up from 12 a week last year. So, our drivers and Coordinators are busy and would love some help.

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We are also looking for one more Coordinator, working from home, to cover one week in six, taking calls and arranging lifts. You get to talk to all kinds of people and it's a lot of fun!

Please ring or email if you are at all interested – 01223 297860 or taglifts@gmail.com. And if you need a lift and want to check if you are eligible, please do contact us.

Clay Farm Community Garden

The summer heatwaves burned the Garden dry. We hope for autumn rains to bring it back to life.

A big thank you goes to all the new volunteers, young and old, that we have welcomed from the neighbourhood to join the effort to keep the most needy plants alive in the perpetual drought conditions and water restrictions of the summer. We couldn't do without you.

Despite the heat, ever smiling volunteer groups from Astra Zeneca, IQVIA and SERCO have carried out more demanding maintenance tasks in the Garden.

The planned conversion of the pond – sadly a victim of much thoughtless damage – to a mud garden has been postponed until the weather is suitable.

A meeting with Council planning and community development officers to discuss outstanding issues, future support, and moving forward to the adoption of the Garden by the Council from the developer was a positive step. Perhaps it has already happened when you read this!

From the ground beneath our feet to the roofs above our heads, nature has a role to play.

Did you guess where the cover picture was taken? That's right, it's at the Garden. The green roof adds another environment for garden life to thrive, above ground. It has been incredibly resilient amid dry and hot weather, and has required no maintenance or water at all.

Carol Wright

Trumpington Repair Café – mending stuff since 2023

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Trumpington Residents' Association

At our September meeting, our guest speaker was Sgt Peter Andrews from the neighbourhood policing team. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 November at 7.30pm at the Clay Farm Centre (in the Byron and Chaplen Rooms, upstairs on the first floor); our guest speaker is expected to be Julian Adams, who is Neighbourhood Manager for Cambridge City Council

Anyone interested in joining the TRA is welcome to attend a meeting as a 'taster'. You can find out more on our website at https://trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org or email with any questions. Membership costs £5 a year for individual members and £8 a year for a household. If you join in October, November or December, you will receive the remainder of 2026 for free and you won't need to pay until January 2027!

Jenny Blackhurst, Chair, 2026–27

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Other community groups in Trumpington

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Cubs (age 8-10.5) Tuesday, TMP; Wednesday, Fawcett School
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During the summer we mostly meet on Trumpington Meadows. All term-time only.
For more information or to volunteer email gsl@1sttrumpingtonscouts.org.uk

Trumpington Allotment Society
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