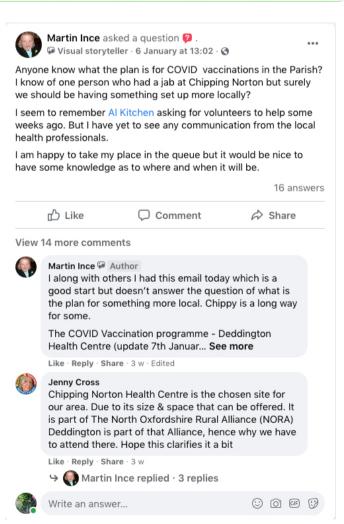
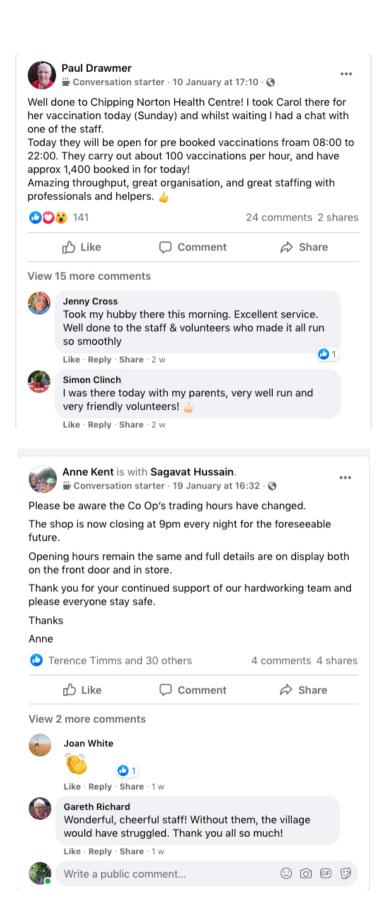
Deddington through Facebook – January 2021

Not so many postings on the subject of the Covid pandemic. Are we learning to live with it and get on with life?









Hall Farm

10 January at 11:29 · 3

Something we have noticed on line - especially during lockdown, is the attitude of some people about walking in farmers fields - whether there is a footpath or not.

"It's just a field of grass" is the usual comment. Closely followed by "I have always come this way even though there is no right of access" and 'I always walk my dog here".

Now, we have no argument with people using footpaths and walking where there is a right of way but it is never 'just a field of grass". It is a crop just like the rest of the farmers fields.

It may be used for the grazing of livestock such as sheep and cows or it could be left to grow and then harvested as hay, silage or haylage to feed to the animals over winter.

The field could be a wildflower meadow or a breeding ground for rare insects, birds or mammals. It is never 'just a field of grass'.

Now, our main Hayfield does not have a right of access on it but is bordered by a busy country lane on one side and houses along another.

Over the past year, in our hay crop, we have found the following:

- Several footballs (one seen in photo)
- cans of drink
- disposable cups
- balloons with tags to a loved one.
- fire lanterns
- Dog poo bags

And more beyond.

All of these could have caused choking hazards for cattle. Dog poo can cause neospora in livestock which leads to abortions.

Our message from this?

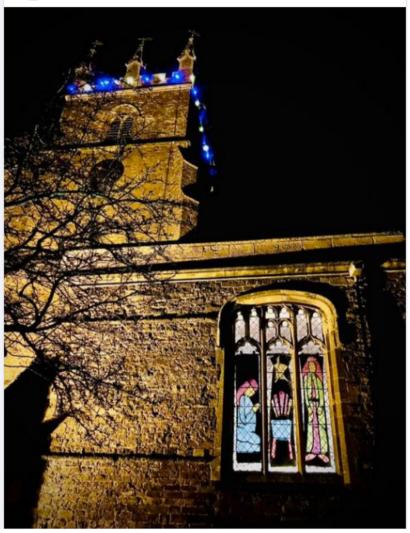
- 1 please stick to footpaths
- 2 do not use a field with no right of access as your daily exercise you wouldn't want us using your garden...
- 3 if a gate is closed when you use it, close it after you!
- 4 be aware of your litter take it home with you
- 5 be aware where your dog toilets and then bag it and bin it. Don't lob it into a field or hedgerow.
- ${\bf 6}$ please don't release balloons and fire lanterns blow bubbles or spread seeds.
- 7 enjoy the countryside responsibility it is the responsibility of all users to maintain our green and pleasant lands 😁 😁 #countrysidecode #lockdownwalks #countrywalks #farmersguardianGareth Wyn Jones

It may not have been guite the Christmas we were hoping for.....but we enjoyed the Tractor Run and a rainy drive around Deddington, Hempton and Clifton to see everybody's Christmas lights and Santas; bought a lovely Christmas Tree from Fenemore Farm, which is still going strong and now enjoying the fresh air. Enjoyed excellent meals and a pint at both the Deddington Arms and Red Lion and Christmas treats from the Deddington Market. Watched various on-line christmas events including from the school and church. Received great service from the Coop, Eagles, our milkman, postie, bin men and various delivery services. Managed some last minute Christmas shopping from Nellie & Dove and the Flower Shop and a couple of excellent curries from Bengal Spice. Welcomed the frosty, fresh air fixes at the Castle Grounds, Windmill playground, fields and woods and also Daeda Woods. Loved the Christmas window displays on evening dog walks and socially distanced chats with friends and neighbours.

We know Deddington has even more to offer and sorry if we missed you over the break. Thanks to all the community for making our Christmas and stay safe.









Several residents have experienced Covid scammers over the past few weeks, here's a note of caution from CDC and advice on what to do, hope it helps.

COVID-19 scam alert. Unfortunately, the pandemic has brought out more and more scammers. Criminals are using the COVID-19 vaccine as a way to target the public by tricking them to hand over cash or financial details. They are sending convincing-looking text messages letting people know they are eligible for the vaccine or phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS, or local pharmacy. In the UK, COVID-19 vaccines will only be available through the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine. Remember, the vaccine is free of charge. At no point will you be asked to pay. The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details.

The NHS will never ask you for your PIN or banking password. The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.

The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

If you or a resident receive a call that you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726 which is free of charge. All the details above can be found on the intranet.