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Community Group Newsletter

January 24



Welcome to the first issue of 2024 – I would like to begin by wishing you all a happy new year.

Thank you all sincerely for your efforts over the past year. What you have achieved has been brilliant and I look forward to seeing what this year has in store.

Rebecca Robinett Street Pride Co-ordinator

December Highlights

Benwick Street Pride / In Bloom held a Christmas Bazaar which was a great success.

Murrow Street Pride organised a free 'mulled wine and mince pies event' for the community, whilst not advertised as a fundraising event, the group received many generous donations which more than covered the event cost.

Congratulations to Brian from Murrow Street Pride whose photo of the group titled 'Enhancing the Village Together' saw him win the runner up prize under the peoples choice category in the Cambridgeshire Council Voluntary Services (CCVS) 2023 photo competition.



Whilst many of you are quieter at this time of year, I would suggest that now could be a good time to check paperwork is up to date. Please let me know if you need any assistance for example, you are missing paperwork, such as the health and safety sheet, signing in sheet, risk assessment template or require refresher risk assessment training.

You should ideally be checking your groups risk assessment annually to make sure that it is still fit for purpose and refreshing it when there is a change to the activity, location or people taking part.

An insurer may ask to see the group's risk assessment in order to demonstrate that you considered any significant hazards, which might have been foreseeable, and took reasonable action to manage the risks posed before and during the event.

It is also important the signing in sheets are filled out so you have a record of volunteers present at the start and end of the event who have ticked to confirm that they have read the health and safety sheet before beginning the event and agree to abide by said rules.

Also just a reminder in relation to safeguarding. Anyone under the age of 18 or an adult at risk that attends street pride activities must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or carer and the parent or carer is responsible for that individual at all times. Please remember to obtain written permission from a parent or guardian if you are taking photos of those who are under the age of 18 and for the photos to then be distributed more widely for example, groups social media account.

## **Events Schedule**

Fri 5th Jan	Waterlees In Bloom / Street	Meet at the Oasis Centre	13:00
	Pride Litter Pick		
Sat 6th Jan	Chatteris Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet Church Lane Car Park	10:00
Sat 6th Jan	Doddington Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet at The Clock Tower	10:30
Thurs 11th Jan	Newton-in-the-Isle Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet at the Village Hall	10:30
Sat 13th Jan	Friends of March Railway Station Work Party	March Railway Station	10:00
Sat 13th Jan	Wimblington Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet Addison Hall	10:00
Sat 13th Jan	Tydd St Giles Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet Community Centre Car Park	10:30
Sun 14th Jan	Wisbech Street Pride Work Party	Meet at St Peters Car Park	09:00
Sun 14th Jan	Friends of Rings End Nature Reserve Work Party	Rings End Nature Reserve	09:30
Sun 14th Jan	Whittlesey Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet at the Buttercross	10:00
Sat 20th Jan	Gorefield Street Pride Work Party & AGM	Meet Gorefield Pavilion, Wolf Lane	10:00
Sat 20th Jan	Leverington Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet at the Village Hall	10:00
Sat 20th Jan	Murrow Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet Bell Inn Car Park	10:00
Sat 20th Jan	Wisbech St Mary Street Pride Litter Pick	Churchfield Way - meet near School	10:30
Thurs 25th Jan	Murrow Street Pride Meeting	Murrow Bell - Centre Room	19:00
Tues 30th Jan	March Street Pride Litter Pick	Meet George Campbell Leisure Centre	10:00

Useful Contacts		
Street Cleansing Team	Litter and Litter bins - Fenland District Council Use this link to report where waste from your work parties has been left. Please choose 'Litter Pick' and add "Street Pride Waste Collection" to the notes. You can also include more than one location to the notes.	
Street Scene Team	streetscene@fenland.gov.uk 01354 654321	
Cambridgeshire County Council - Highways	Report a highways fault - Cambridgeshire County Council (use this tool to report problems such as overgrown hedges to highways)	
Street Pride Co-ordinator	Rebecca Robinett <u>rrobinett@fenland.gov.uk</u> 01354 602134	

## Next months edition...over to you!

Please let me know by Friday 26th January of any specific questions / topics you would like to see covered in next months edition. Perhaps you have an event coming up or details of a project that you would like to promote?

