



NEWNHAM UPDATE

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TREES UNDER TRIPLE THREAT

A City Council report has highlighted that tree canopy in Newnham has fallen since 2008. Councillor Jean Glasberg, the Cambridge Green Party environmental spokesperson, says, "Trees are facing a triple threat across the city despite Council policies to protect them".

1. Transport Planning: The Barton Greenway proposals saw trees along the route threatened with unnecessary removal. Residents working with Councillor Jean Glasberg have now secured guarantees to save them.

2. Construction and Development: Queens' College plans to build student accommodation at Owlstone Croft involve felling a line of poplar and ash trees in Protected Open Space, bordering Paradise Nature Reserve. Their fate depends on the outcome of the Owlstone Croft Inquiry (see overleaf).

3. Insurance Companies: There are a growing number of cases of insurance companies claiming that trees are causing damage to properties and demanding their removal. Local communities have come together to save trees in Alexandra Gardens and St. Matthew's Piece. In Newnham, a magnificent 110-year old Wellingtonia tree on Adams Road is now under a similar threat.

Trees are essential to addressing the climate and biodiversity emergencies and the Green Party believes that their protection must be a priority.



Councillor Jean Glasberg celebrates with residents after saving trees from removal on Barton Road.

WINTER FIRE ADVICE

Smoke from fires and wood-burning stoves is a major source of particulate matter and carbon dioxide pollution impacting air quality and public health. Burning treated wood scavenged from skips is a particular hazard as it releases toxic chemicals when burnt. Newnham is a smoke-controlled area which means that only authorised fuels should be used.

Find out more at cambridge.gov.uk/smoke-pollution

GRANTCHESTER ROAD JUNCTION

Large planned works for the Grantchester Road / Barton Road junction have been delayed. Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has stated it will instead start work around Haggis Farm.

Local Green campaigner, Hugh Clough welcomed the news, saying "There are many serious issues with the current plans. We hope this delay allows time for a rethink".

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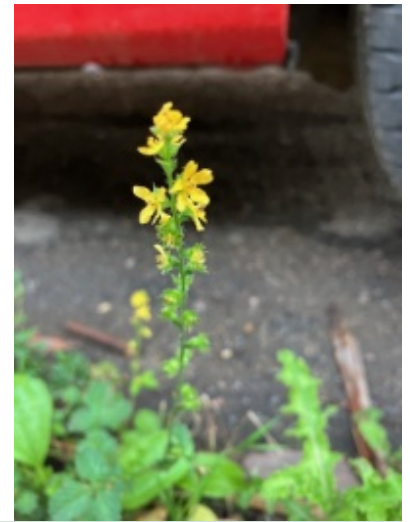
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HERBICIDE-FREE NEWNHAM: A YEAR ON

Since 2022, Newnham has been a trial area for “no spray” weed management which sees minimal intervention during the summer months and gutters cleared manually during the winter. This approach increases biodiversity and prevents poisonous chemicals draining into our river.

Over the summer, greenery flourished in the gutters and along fences, attracting insects including bees, butterflies and spiders. One resident counted over 100 species of plants in Eltisley Avenue alone.



The result (pictured top-right) has led to a debate: are these bee-friendly plants or untidy weeds? Find out more at a talk by **Pesticide-Free Cambridge** on **Tuesday, 21st November at 6.30pm at Newnham Social Club, Hardwick Street.**

PUBLIC INQUIRY UPDATES: OWLSTONE CROFT AND HONEY HILL

Newnham and Cambridge residents raised funds to help the City Council fight the Queens' College appeal against the refusal of planning permission at Owlstone Croft. After two weeks of presenting evidence and drawing attention to the flaws and failings of the application at the Inquiry, the community are now awaiting the Inspector's verdict.

Councillor Jean Glasberg played a major role in developing the case to defend Paradise Nature Reserve. She said, **“The City Council made the correct decision to reject this application. The implications of this case are critical. If the developers win, it sets a bleak precedent for protecting urban green spaces.”**

A Public Inquiry has started to look into proposed plans to move an existing and functional sewage treatment plant from Milton and rebuild it on the Green Belt at Honey Hill. The plan, supported by Labour and the Lib Dems, has been opposed by the Green Party and other groups across the county on environmental grounds.

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