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Wood Green Animal Shelter	01480 830014
Stray dogs (South Cambs DC)	443000

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Regular dates for your diary

If you are restarting regular events please contact the editor with the information below.

Day	Time	What	Where

VH = Village Hall

CVC = Comberton Village College

BC = Baptist Church

MS = Meridian School

Upcoming Events

If you are organising events please let the editor know so they can be included in the next edition.

October		

Advertising rates for Comberton Contact

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Wheelie Bin Collection Dates

Thursday 3 rd September	Black
Wednesday 9 th September	Blue & Green
Wednesday 16 th September	Black
Wednesday 23 rd September	Blue & Green
Wednesday 30 th September	Black



Village Hall closed

The Trustees of Comberton Village Hall inform everyone that the Village Hall is still closed until further notice.

Future bookings may be discussed with our lettings secretary, Esther Chambers at combertonvillagehall@gmail.com

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From the Editor

After four months of lock-down it is good to be back! I'm sorry we weren't able to publish in May, June, July and August but there simply wasn't enough material to make it worthwhile. Even now, most of our village events and activities are still on hold but let us hope that the restrictions continue to ease and that more normal life will resume soon.

We have a new column this month: "My Favourite Recipe" - this is off to a great start but we need contributions so if you have a favourite please send it in.

We have been enjoying our garden during lock-down, there is an abundance of fruit and we have a bumper crop of walnuts compared with last year. Unfortunately the squirrels are likely to hide them all before they are ready to pick. We did manage to pickle some walnuts (which you can do whilst they're still green on the tree) and have also made nocino, a spicy sweet Italian walnut liqueur.

We are grateful to our local retailers who have stayed open during the crisis and it is nice to be able to visit the Three Horseshoes again, both to take advantage of Eat Out to Help Out and to enjoy beer out of a barrel rather than a bottle or tin.

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Important People for the Village

Parish Council Chair Mr Hywel Griffiths 01223 263390
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Parish Council Clerk Vacancy

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Chris Westgarth, 263242, chris.westgarth1@btinternet.com
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As of 19th July 2020 services have resumed in the church building - do join us at 9.30am every Sunday for a short and contemplative time of worship.

Most things are still online and zoom services are continuing. To find out about everything going on sign up to our mailing list via the website www.combertonchurch.co.uk or email davidnewton@lordsbridge.org.

Marie Curie Collection

A very big thank you to those people in Swaynes Lane who gave so generously to the Marie Curie collection this year. You raised £157.03 which will help to care for terminally ill people who want to stay in their own homes.

At this time I hope that everyone in the village comes safely through the current crisis and I'm sure that all those self isolating are so grateful to neighbours helping them, as I am.

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The group has been set up by local charity, Cambridgeshire Hearing Help, which maintains hearing aids, runs workshops on hearing loss and teaches lip-reading. The charity also runs 'Hear for You' social groups, which are suspended because of current restrictions - so they're going online for members old and new!

Many people have used social media to keep in touch with family and friends in recent times. This is a chance to make contact with more people locally, who share your interests.

It is being established on Facebook and is a 'closed group', giving members the extra safety and security, that only other members will be able to see your comments. It is also completely free.

You can join the Facebook group NOW by going to the 'Cambridgeshire Hearing Help' page on Facebook, click on 'Groups' then on 'Join'. If you have any difficulty, simply enter the following link in your search engine: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cambridgeshirehearforyoucommunity/>

Open Eco Homes – Autumn Season

Has spending more time at home got you thinking about home improvement? The upcoming government Green Homes Grant offers homeowners and landlords grants up to £5,000 covering two-thirds of the cost of many home energy improvements.

Local charity Cambridge Carbon Footprint is offering free advice on how to renovate your home to make it more comfortable and energy efficient with their Open Eco Homes Autumn Season. After 10 years running live events, this year they are offering their home tours and talks online. There are 8 tours and 3 talks to choose from, running between September 14 to October 20. Details and registration at openecohomes.org/autumnseason.

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23, RAILWAY CUTTINGS.EAST CHEAM	TONY HANCOCK
COTCHFORD FARM. ASHDOWN FOREST	CHRISTOPHER ROBIN/ A.A.MILNE
4, PRIVET DRIVE. LITTLE WHINGING	HARRY POTTER or THE DURSLEYS
NAVY OFFICE BUILDINGS. SEETHING LANE	SAMUEL PEPYS

*Whilst it was possible to find Agatha via Greenham (The home of Sir John Kelly and Brian Jones) Greenway also led you to her official residence. Such are the problems of compiling puzzles. Both answers were accepted.

The winner is **April Pennick of Harbour Avenue.**

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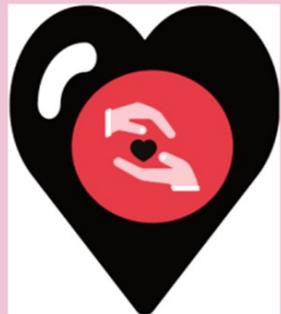
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September Challenge

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- Kings refuge in Boscobel Wood
- A 1958 creation of Michael Bond
- A watchtower over a castle gate/drawbridge
- Gavriel or Afriel ?
- Childrens School TV drama 1978/2008
- 1400 year old building(rebuilt 1666) on Ludgate Hill
- Cheapest Monopoly property(or lead from one card suit)
- Royal Park containing both a university and a zoo
- The third largest island in the Mediterranean Sea
- 1851 Great Exhibition building (destroyed 1936)
- Commemorative Doric column on Fish St Hill London
- Ellipsoidal shape
- Where Rod Steiger played Napoleon(Emperor not Euchre !!)
- Maia.Electra.Alcyone, Taygete, Aстерope, Celaeno, Merope
- Wooded area close to Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge
- e.g. Coutts & Co
- St. John's Wood recording studios.

Whilst the current Corona virus pandemic persists please note that entries, no later than 14th September, should be placed in the Store entry box only. For obvious reasons both the Library and Surgery are temporarily out of bounds. The prize? A surprise!!! (Details to follow).

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Parish Council

The clerk position is vacant and the editor has received no regular meeting minutes since April.

Richard Elleray kindly provided the following updated contact details and the planning report that follows.

Parish Council contact details

The Chairman and Vice -Chair were elected at the Parish Council Meeting in June 2020.

Mr Hywel Griffiths (Chair)	18 Barrons Way	263390
Mr Tim Scott (Vice-Chair)	65 Green End	263434
Ms Caroline Abraham	12 Swaynes Lane	263996
Dr Pamela Black	39 West Street	817872
Mr Richard Elleray	30 Green End	
Ms Naomi (Jill) Feldman	133 Green End	262101
Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
Dr Janet McCabe	3 Westcroft	263387
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
Ms Jennifer Martin	18 St. Thomas' Close	
Ms Chris Westgarth	85 Barton Road	263242

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Bennell Farm Extension # 2

Parish Council Objection

Here are your Parish Council's comments on this further expansion of another 45 houses at Bennell Farm.

Comberton Parish Council (CPC) is incensed that it was never notified about this application, and others relating to, or near to the adjacent development to the East, so that it can comment, in a measured and balanced way on behalf of its parishioners.

CPC heard about it only by chance, when there were only a few days to respond and so had no time to ascertain parishioner's views across the whole Parish as is its normal policy.

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This was despite the application being within the Comberton Development Framework according to the SCDC adopted local plan, irrespective that it is historically (and wrongly in the opinion of CPC) in the Parish of Toft.

This omission on the part of SCDC seems to demonstrate that it is no longer supporting local democracy and transparency or that related policies aren't being fully implemented.

CPC had ZERO communications/discussions with the applicant, nor its agent, in the intervening 10 months.

No meetings/emails at all even to discuss important matters like: - layout, access, community needs, landscaping, environment, education, healthcare impact, recreation and transport needs for Comberton.

CPC is concerned not only that it wasn't involved by SCDC but also by the applicant/agent themselves.

CPC refers to a strong suggestion on this application from the SCDC Planning Case Officer on 27th August 2019

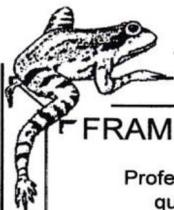
(an extract from the applicants own planning statement):

“Moving Forward, I would suggest early engagement with Toft and Comberton Parish Councils on the proposed scheme.”

CPC do appreciate that the SCDC Planning Case Officer kindly allowing it to submit its comments by 26th June 2020, following its request for a few more days hurried preparation.

Comberton Parish Council strongly objected to this application, and in doing so is supported by its residents.

- It is not needed by Comberton;
- CPC, responding to its residents, has not sought further major developments around the village in the past decade.
- The applicant has demonstrably under researched in regard to its impact on educational and health capacities (or lack thereof), lack of village facilities, housing needs; it does not meet traffic and environmental guidelines and is not a 'Design



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led' development, contrary to any potential expansion within the Comberton Development Framework in the SCDC local plan.

- This application does not provide mitigating options to compensate for traffic increases, healthcare expansion, primary educational expansion nor local (non CVC related) recreational activities.

It seemed to be encouraged by SCDC purely to meet SCDC's objectives of new dwellings, self-build and affordable housing targets across the District.

Furthermore:

Given the precept imbalance between Toft and itself, CPC wish that all Section 106 monies be allocated to it, to be used for the benefit of Comberton, and by its wider community.

It wishes that its comments above, followed by downstream discussions chaired by its SCDC councillor(s) be incorporated in any derivations of this application, should it not be withdrawn, and await the ability to comment upon anything related, at a later stage.

Comberton Parish Council June 25th 2020

This objection is supported by our County Councillor Lina Nieto and SCDC Councillor Ian Sollom.

Calling All Dog Owners

During this time of coronavirus more people are going for walks, and there is increasingly more dog waste being deposited on the paths.

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From the outset of lockdown our Sunday services have been held online at www.c-b-c.org.uk/TV, with all services archived and past sermons available either from the website or by podcast. After each Sunday service and every weekday morning we host a Zoom coffee morning and prayer meetings and house groups are continuing online. We also host separate WhatsApp groups for general “chat” and for prayer requests.

Information about life at CBC during lockdown is available from the website and we welcome anyone from the village and beyond joining in. You can also get in touch with us using the form on the website or sending us an e-mail. Details are at the end.

During August we have been running a virtual holiday club for mainly 7-11 year olds, based on the story of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Children receive activity packs, participate in a daily video and share their own creations. We will keep the club open until the start of term and you can still register on our website.

Oasis teas and holiday club for seniors – run jointly with St Mary’s and the Catholic community – have been suspended and instead we are producing a monthly newsletter with articles, pictures and a quiz. Again, please get in touch if you would like to join in.

The life of a church is based around relationships – with God and with each other. At this time we are particularly concerned for people in our community who are struggling during the current situation. Many people in the village are already helping others out in a variety of ways and we are happy to hear from anyone who needs either practical support or just a friend to chat to.

We look forward to returning to our buildings when it is safe to do so. Our Trustees next meet in early September and we are hopeful that we may be able to consider planning some first steps then.

In the meantime we send our love and best wishes to everyone in Comberton.

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We ask for your continued support in order to continue to keep all residents safe, over the next few months.

- Parents/carers must read the guidance and ensure their families follow it carefully for the safety of their children and others.
- This equipment is checked regularly for damage, wear and tear, but is NOT sanitised or disinfected.
- Some equipment is clearly marked as not available during this time for either COVID/Health and Safety reasons, we will open them as soon as we can.
- Do NOT use the equipment if you or any member of your household has coronavirus symptoms, or are self-isolating.
- Recreation ground is only to be used by children accompanied by an adult.
- Make sure you have hand sanitiser or wipes with you before entering/after visiting the play area.
- Encourage children to avoid touching their faces.
- Encourage children to cough into a tissue, or an arm when tissues are not available.
- You MUST maintain social distancing from others unless they are from the same household. Current advice is 2m or 1m with mitigation.
- Some equipment can only be used by one child at a time while social distancing. Please ensure your family waits a safe distance if the equipment is in use or return later to use the equipment.
- Try to avoid visiting at busy times.
- Food and drink are NOT to be consumed on play equipment or within the playground area during the ongoing outbreak.
- If your family is using disposable PPE, please take it home with you for disposal or place in the bins provided. Do not litter!
- Track and Trace - Please keep a personal note of when you attended the park, the council will update the website/social media if it is made aware of any outbreaks
- Remember to wash your hands when you get home.

We are relying on visitors to the playground to follow these guidelines to protect the community as a whole. Comberton Parish Council accepts no liability for those not following these instructions and anyone using the playground does so at their own risk.

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A tiny spider sat in a tree
His little face full of evil glee.
He wanted to see the look of fear
On Miss Muffet's face when he came near

From the top of the tree, he abseiled down
Until he saw her start to frown
He waited for her to cry and scream
But instead she did something rather mean!

She pulled a pistol from behind her back,
The hapless spider heard it clack
He bent down on his many knees
'Oh do not kill me, pretty please!'

But it seemed, she took no heed
Of the fearful spider's plead
Because she aimed, and pulled the trigger
And wiped away that spiders snigger

She picked up the creature from the dew
And made it into spider stew
It soon became a delicacy
In Northern China and Italy

You see this tale is far too bold
For a room of 3-year olds!
So now you know the real story
And how it's really rather gory.

Eve Edwards
Age 10
28 April 2020

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Meridian Primary School

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Greetings Neighbours,

We trust that you are all staying well during these difficult and challenging times.

We are so proud of how Meridian's children have taken to learning at home. We have been sending out learning projects and activities each week and we have started video calls for whole classes and small groups. We know that the children, teaching assistants and teachers were delighted to see each other again and share their stories and learnings from the last few weeks.

Amongst class specific learning, we have been setting some school wide activities and challenges. The school wished to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and we asked families to share their celebrations by sending through their videos and photos of their day and we will compile them together into one video montage to share with the school.

Our KS2 choir rehearsals are up and running and all children in the choir (and staff!) have been challenged to learn and record their singing for a choir performance. Last term, the choir were learning an Aladdin medley "Friend like me". Families have been provided with the lyrics and music track and we will combine all the voices together for one track.

We have set a whole school STEM competition with the question 'if you were an engineer, what would you do?' We look forward to receiving the children's ideas - perhaps something that would benefit us in the future with an invention to solve a problem or make a task easier.

Some Year Six children received a lovely surprise after sending beautiful pictures to brighten a London hospital as they were sent back a 'thank you'

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from some of the NHS staff on how much their artwork has really cheered everyone up.

There have been some recent updates and speculation of the potential easing of lockdown measures. With this, comes fresh challenges on the re-opening of schools. Once we have firm information from the government, I will write to families to confirm our plans. Our speed of recovery will be different for each family and every individual and as a school, our planning will be sensitive to their needs as we rebuild confidence in a return to school.

I wish to thank all our school staff, volunteers and governors who have helped in recent weeks to keep the school running whether that be onsite as we have continued to offer provision for children of critical workers or by aiding home learning and being in contact with families. I would also like to thank you for your continued support and understanding during this period.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs C. Etchie
Headteacher
May 2020

Village Help Scheme

Volunteer Drivers Schedule

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Anthony Browne MP

I was delighted to hear from staff and students at Comberton Village College last month to discuss how we can make our COVID-19 recovery as environmentally-friendly as possible. There were some excellent comments, questions and ideas from those involved, and the discussion was not hindered by the virtual circumstances thrust upon us. This is testament to the resolve and resourcefulness of all at the College, and I thank them all for inviting me and contributing to the debate.



Of course, this has all been thrown into sharp relief by the significant change in circumstances over A-level results. I completely understand and sympathise with the anger felt by many students, who have been unable to attend school for months, had their exams cancelled, and faced the heartbreak of seeing their futures thrown into doubt by a computer algorithm that didn't enable them to show what they are capable of.

Even the best solution now is to revert to teacher assessed grades, it will undoubtedly produce its own problems, particularly with university admissions. I remain ready to listen, understand and assist anyone who continues to face uncertainty or feels unfairly treated.

As I write, we are in the third week of the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme. Not only have hundreds of businesses signed up, but thousands of constituents have rallied to the cause and supported local eateries. This includes the Three Horseshoes right here in Comberton, to whom I wish every success, knowing sure they are well supported by the community.

This month, with so much having changed, I want to talk to you about one of the more constant irritations in our lives – poor mobile phone reception.

Rural South Cambridgeshire may be one of the most affluent parts of the country, but it definitely has problems with its mobile phone signals. On the floor of the House of Commons I urged Oliver Dowden, the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, to help South Cambridgeshire in the battle to sort out our mobile phones. He was very supportive.

The challenge is that the mobile phone operators, which are



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independent private businesses, are currently prioritising in which areas of the country to roll out further support to first. I am keen for South Cambridge to be at the top of the priority list.

Therefore, I need to hear exactly where the biggest issues with signal are - if you fill in our survey on www.anthonybrowne.org/mobilesurvey, we can make a strong case to remove these not-spots and keep South Cambridgeshire moving forward.

As ever, if you do have any other issues, I remain available via Anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk - please don't hesitate to reach out if you think I can help.

Anthony Browne MP

Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire

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Muddly Moddly

(a poem about feeling strange in this lockdown)

Muddly moddly
Bubbly bobbily
that is how I feel
Home is school
And mum's the teacher
How weirdy weird is that
My brain is wonky
Like a jumpy monkey
So I'll fight with my sister instead!

Beatrice Edwards
Age 6
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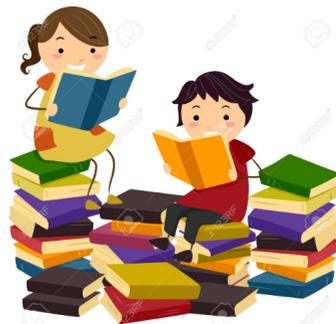
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At present there is no browsing of the shelves, and in order to maintain a safe environment for both our customers and staff we are operating a queuing system, as necessary, outside the library, to maintain social distancing. Once inside the library you are able to return books and collect items, which will have been issued already to your library card. Specific titles can be reserved online from home in the normal way, although reservations for picture books have been suspended. There are no reservation fees on adult cards for the time being. We have also introduced a Select and Collect Request Service, which enables you to request a selection of books based on your preference. Staff will choose books based on the information provided and the stock available in the library. Please use the online form, available via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library to make your requests. If you do not have internet access, you can call Customer Services on 0345 045 5225, and the staff there will ensure that your request is forwarded to the library. We will contact you to let you know when your items are available to collect.

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My Favourite Recipe

My late Mum, Mrs Sice, lived in South Street and regularly competed in the Autumn Show, Comberton Allotments and Gardens Show, winning the Cookery cup on many occasions

She often sent one of her recipes to the Daily Mail, and had several printed.....a great joy for an 80+ year old.

Here is one of her recipes reproduced from the Daily Mail, my favourite recipe for Cooking Apples, especially Bramleys. As we are heading for a bumper apple crop this Autumn, I offer this recipe in memory of my Mum, and as an opportunity for village folk to make a delicious pud using local produce.

Jane R Hughes

COFFEE BREAK: 3

Daily Mail, Thursday, October 29, 1998



CELIA'S RECIPE OF THE DAY

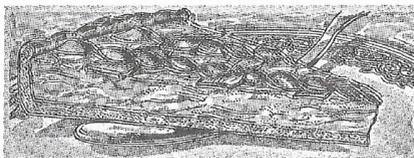
MRS SICE'S GOLDEN APPLE

TODAY'S recipe was sent in by Mrs K.R. Sice from Comberton, Cambridgeshire, with a stunning photograph of what the finished dish should look like.

'I am a young 81-year-old,' she says, 'who walked away with the cookery cup and joint first points in the ladies' class at my local village show.'

'With Bramley cooking apples falling off trees aplenty, Golden Apple is a really smashing and tasty seasonal pud.'

I found the apple mixture sweet enough with only the syrup, but people with a sweet tooth can use unrefined golden sugar for the natural molasses flavour.



METHOD

GENTLY cook the peeled, cored and sliced apples in a covered pan with the rest of the ingredients, until the fruit is soft. Leave to cool. Roll the pastry out on a floured surface, then line a 20-23cm (8-9in) baking tin — preferably one with a loose base — with it. Reserve trimmings. Fill the pastry case with the cool apple, sprinkle over the almonds and roll out the reserved pastry trimmings. Cut into strips, twist and lay over the top to make a decorative trellis design. Bake for 30 minutes at 190c/375f/gas 5, until golden. Serve with a scoop of good quality vanilla ice-cream.

INGREDIENTS (serves 4-6)

225g (8oz) shortcrust pastry

For the filling:
450g (1lb) prepared Bramley cooking apples

2tbsp golden syrup

25g (1oz) sugar

50g (2oz) margarine

Pinch of ground cinnamon

Grated rind of half a lemon

For the topping:
50g (2oz) flaked almonds

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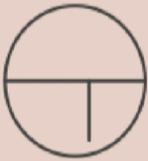
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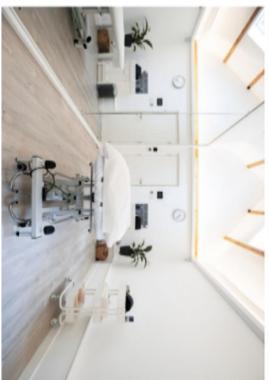
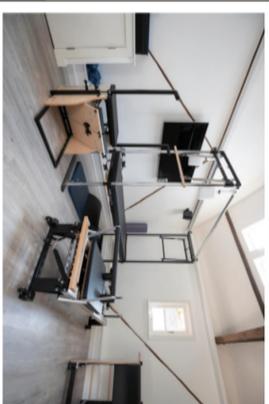


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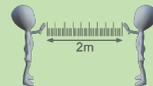


- Please wash your hands before visiting the playground and bring your own hand sanitiser to clean hands after entering the playground and using the equipment

WASH YOUR HANDS



- Only members from the same household on one piece of equipment at any time.
- Adhere to social distancing guidelines
 - 2 metres wherever possible
- Please take all your litter home.



Disclaimer

It is not possible to clean the playground equipment, gates, etc. between use. We are relying on visitors to the playground to follow these guidelines to protect the community as a whole. Comberton Parish Council accepts no liability for those not following this guidance. Residents use the playground at their own risk.