

Norton Community Trust

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Congratulations to everyone involved in the organisation of the Norton Show, and sincere thanks to the local community who came along in large numbers to enjoy the experience, in spite of the traditional British summer weather. The Show committee led by Brian and Chris did a fantastic job, as did the Trust's team of additional volunteers, led by Dave Rowings, both on the day and in the setting up and dismantling of tents and other facilities. A great community effort, and really encouraging to see the Show re-established as an important part of village life. The final sums are still being done, but it looks like there will be an unbelievable amount in the region of £3,000 donated to support the Norton Community Hub - thank you so much!

The organising of the Show is a formidable feat of hard work, all done by volunteers. But it's also hugely enjoyable - not least the volunteers' party afterwards. There is **always** a need for more volunteers - please do consider joining the team next year, the Show simply cannot run without volunteers.

The final draw for the 2022/23 100 Club was made at the Show, and the winning numbers are: First 64 (£30), Second 75 (£20) and Third 85 (£10). A total of £720 in prize money has been won in the past 12 months with the same amount being donated to Hub funds. The 100 Club relaunches in September with even bigger monthly draw prizes - full details on our website. There are still a few membership places left, so book yours now by contacting John Refausse (01544 267048) or Maggie James (01544 267109).

A reminder that tickets are now on sale for the Hub's famous Harvest Lunch, which will again be held in Old Impton Barn on Sunday 17th September. Tickets cost £20 per head, children under 16 free, for a two course meal including wine, beer and soft drinks. There will also be a bar and live entertainment. Last year the Lunch and associated frivolities were enjoyed by 90 residents, so tickets are likely to sell quickly. Transport can be arranged if necessary. You can get your tickets by

contacting Tony Morgan (0744 333 9609), Chris Ruby (01544 267749) or Chris Refausse (01544 267048).

Meantime, the work on adapting the former church as a Community Hub continues with the aim of completing by the end of November - perhaps inevitably, there have been some delays, which is why the timescale has slipped a little. The work is funded by a superb community fundraising effort over the past three years which has resulted in £180,000 being raised for the project. We hope to give a much more detailed progress report in the next newsletter.

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