

Report Title	<i>Community Report</i>
Councillor Name	<i>Fraser Wright</i>
PC Meeting Date	<i>7 September 2026</i>
PC Meeting reference (if known)	<i>26/279</i>

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1	Pavilion Maintenance I met with two contractors to discuss replacing the external changing door and installing a locking mechanism for the kitchen door. Both agreed to provide quotes to be presented at the September meeting
2	Recreation Ground Car Park Drains The car park drains do not connect into the main waste water network, these flow into a soakaway beneath the Recreation Ground field, as such the drains are the Parish Council's responsibility to maintain as they are located on the part of the car park which we own. Over time the drains become silted up, causing rainwater to pool in the car park. The drains were last cleared a couple of years ago and I would suggest that a further clearance is now required. Picture below. Due to the new school year now having commenced, the most convenient time for the car park to be clear for contractors to work would be during the school half term between Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October . We should also take account of the Doctor's Surgery opening times when making the booking. 
3	Councillor at the Café I will be attending with Cllr Husk on the morning of Saturday 5th September.

Cllr Clare (Chair)

I've been trying to raise our profile on Social Media, I have also used it as a platform to inform the village.

Dog mess on the Recreation ground continues to be an issue. I have had an email from a resident (to which I have replied) and a resident personally.

I have emailed Eddie McDonald from NNC, to ask for the renewal of the dog waste bin and what we can do to address the problem. Even if they have some signage.

I met with Mr Tim Fox , to discuss the triangle of the war memorial. It has ivy growing on the wall and it's in a general state. Saplings are taking hold near the wall, Mr Fox said he will treat them.

I met with the current tenants of the Old Fire Station, regarding how we can move forward with the rental. I was asked if we could do a Five year lease.

Councillor Freeguard joined me via a Video Call.

The building itself, I feel needs to be valued for insurance purposes as I do wonder if it is correctly covered. Perhaps even the other properties.

Report Title	<i>Councillor activity</i>
Councillor Name	Gary Freegard
PC Meeting Date	<i>Monday 8th September 2026</i>
PC Meeting reference (if known)	

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1	Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground Meeting I attended the Friends group meeting on the 2nd September, many issues were discussed including dog fouling, broken Gym equipment. I Will discuss some of these at the council meeting.
2	Gretton Recreation Ground Management Committee I have been working on the terms of reference for the new Recreation ground management committee; this will also be discuss in the council meeting. These have been approved by the Friends of Gretton recreation Ground group.
3	Orchard Group I purchased the last remaining items on behalf of the orchard group from the funds that they received from a grant, they have now been delivered. Doug has requested that the remaining funds from the grant be used to purchase an apple press.
	Fire Station I attended a meeting – via video call - with the current tenants of the Old Fire Station and Steve, the tenants are requesting a 5-year lease going forward. Both Steve and I felt this could be worth perusing or looking into.
	Hunts Field Drive parking issues I have continued to pursue concerns raised by residents regarding parking and access on Hunts Field Drive. Although road markings have been repainted, residents continue to report vehicles parking within the residents-only access road. I have raised the issue with MTHV following the lack of resolution after more than two months. Residents have requested a permanent post-mounted sign at the entrance to make the restrictions clearer. I await a response from the Housing association.

Report Title	<i>Community Report</i>
Councillor Name	<i>Susan Husk</i>
PC Meeting Date	<i>7 September 2026</i>
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1	School I will be visiting the school in September to meet the new Head to update on our potential plans for a speed watch presentation to the children, as well as matters to raise on behalf of the Nature Recovery Group and the Community Orchard.
2	Bus Service - The installation of the Zebra Crossing outside the school required road closure from 24 – 28 August. Once again, the bus service was disrupted and following contact with Lawson’s arrangements were made for the Chatty Bus to reach the Village Hall via Rockingham. - The work is now complete and will make a real difference in terms of road safety around the school. - From reading an article on GN&V it would seem that the Stamford Bus will be moving to a Friday from mid-October. The Friday bus to Corby will continue as usual.
3	Doctor’s Surgery Nothing to report.
4	Pocket Park Following their August meeting a copy of the tree survey report was requested. This has now been provided by the Clerk.
5	Ground Rules Festival – June 2026 - I attended this wash-up meeting at Deene Village Hall on 17.08.26. Representatives of Deene, Deenethorpe and Priors Hall Parish Councils were in attendance, as well as Deene Estates and the organisers. - Feedback was invited; main concern was around loud music on the Sunday night and the inability to reach the organisers on the hotline number provided. - Arrangements regarding vehicle movement in and out of site, proper security (not volunteers), CCTV, noise protection (hay bales) were discussed. - No complaints received from NNC Environmental Health, Licensing or Police. - Organisers will be contacting NNC soon to discuss arrangements for next year (18-20 June 2027). Festival is being grown slightly, with plans for staggered arrival starting on the Thursday but only low-level music, perhaps ending at 9.00 pm. On the Friday and Saturday nights the music will end at 4.00 am. Sunday night may end earlier than this year on the big stages, with a small stage open until 11.00 pm. Numbers will possibly increase to approx. 2k to 2.5k. Additional facilities will be on site to accommodate this increase. - Early involvement with interested parties is encouraged. - I enquired about free tickets for village residents. These can be applied for via their website. This year apparently 20 emails were received from residents within a 7 mile radius requesting free tickets (30/40 tickets); may be restricted to neighbouring villages next year. I also mentioned about potential jobs over the weekend for residents; this was noted.

6	Gretton Nature Recovery Group • I attended this meeting on 19.08.26. • Feedback was shared regarding their stand at the recent Fun Day, and arrangements for forthcoming Community Orchard picnic on the 23rd. • The successful Swift Box project was noted, and a number of potential projects for 2027 were discussed, as well as further maintenance work required at the Wagon Wash and Troughs. • It is hoped that the school will continue to be involved in a number of initiatives, and I will discuss with the new Head when we meet. • A further attempt for Lottery Funding via the Heritage Fund for the Nature and History Trail will be made; meeting in place with Jacki Lilley to progress. • Next meeting 16.09.26.
7	Gretton Community Orchard • I attended this meeting on 20.08.26. • Future events discussed – Picnic, Apple Pressing and Wassail. • Consideration to be given to future projects, with funding support from GPC or grant applications. • Next meeting 17.09.26.
8	Gretton Life • I've been working with Chrissie to update the distribution routes for future deliveries of GL. I am happy to receive and coordinate distribution of the magazines to Councillors going forward.
9	Council@Cafe • I plan to attend this event on Saturday 5 September with Cllr Clare, and can update at Monday's meeting with any issues raised.

Cllr Thomson

My reports a bit short given its only been a month.

Ive signed up for 1 of the training courses Chrissie sent over there is an additional one I was unable to attend due to family birthday and when another comes up ill sign up straight away.