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## Parish Council Committees and Groups

**Finance & General Purpose Committee:** Meets on the first Monday alternate months. Responsible for grants and managing financial reporting and budgets.

**Environment & Leisure Committee:** Meets on the second Monday alternate months and responsibilities include the Cemetery, Allotments and Footpaths.

**Planning Committee:** Meets as required and reviews and comments on all planning applications for the Parish.

**Neighbourhood Plan Committee:** Meets as required and has been responsible for producing the Neighbourhood Plan which was "made" by East Suffolk Council on 22 November 2023.

**Staffing and Personnel Committee:** Meets as required and advises the council on all employment matters.

**Sizewell C Committee:** Advises the Council on the impact of Sizewell C.

**Climate Change Working Group:** Responsible for the Climate Action Strategy and advising the Council on Climate Change actions.

**Village Hall Working Group:** Working with the Village Hall Trustees to manage the hall

## WELCOME ALL TO OUR SIXTH NEWSLETTER!

We have enjoyed bringing you news, events and useful content throughout the year. We have had great feedback about our newsletter, so thank you for your contributions and especially our Clerk, Al, for putting it all together every two months.

On behalf of all of us at the Parish Council, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, we truly hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy time with loved ones.

**Gemma,**  
**Chair, Wickham Market Parish Council.**  
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After a difficult couple of weeks, I hope that this community magazine finds you all well. It was heart warming to see our communities coming together to help those who were most in need during and after the storms.

The Parish and District Councils did all that they could to support the residents who were most affected, and they will continue to do so.



This is a poignant reminder of the climate crisis that we are now dealing with, and we must do everything that we can to prepare for further extreme weather events. It is also a reminder that nature itself is in crisis and that there are things that we can do to help. Shortly, we are hoping to launch our 'local nature challenge'. The purpose of this is to encourage everyone of us to do as little or as much as we can to provide a home for nature whilst making our towns and villages look fabulous and buzzing with wildlife. There will be events, competitions and opportunities to learn about how to help – no matter how big or small our own patches are, we can all do amazing things to tackle climate change and assist nature to recover.

We are looking for everyone to be involved in this; both young, old and those in between. If this is something that you might be interested in then please contact me to express your interest at [sally.noble@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sally.noble@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

**Sally Noble**  
**District Councillor for the Wickham Market Ward.**

## FLOODS IN WICKHAM MARKET

**It was certainly a very trying time for far too many properties in Wickham Market, and surrounding areas, when Storm Babet came to visit us and cause havoc.**

The rain was relentless and we had between 75mm and 100mm during the course of the Storm. After the rain had stopped falling, we then had the River Deben growing out of its banks and causing a lot of flooding in the High Street and along the River on Spring Lane. There were other areas of Wickham that had flooding issues, such as Broad Road, Orchard Place and Chapel Lane/Mill Lane.

On the Friday night, along High Street and Spring Lane, Anne Westover, who was out helping, informs us that there was a great showing of community spirit in Wickham Market. Farmers, our district councillor Sally Noble and many residents all came out to help get people out of their flooded homes to safety, to get compost bags around and fill up sand bags.



On the Saturday morning, we were given 30 sand bags and 80 hessian sand sacks from Travis Perkins in Martlesham to protect the properties there from possible further river rises that afternoon.

Melissa, who helps to look after the campsite on Spring Lane, got straight to work creating a bank of supplies from cleaning products,

to old towels, furniture, food donations and much more. This has been incredibly appreciated by many who needed help. Notcutts delivered some biscuits for residents and Morrisons donated a lot of cleaning equipment and items.

I cannot thank you all enough for supporting each other. ESC were a great help, removing ruined items for people so they could start drying their homes out.

The Parish Council will be discussing making an Emergency Plan which we understand, ESC will be helping all parishes with. Nearly 2 weeks later when we were expecting heavy winds and rain, the Parish Council supplied sand and sandbags that could be collected from the Village Hall to help people prepare. By the time you see this newsletter, if you reported your flooding on the Highways reporting tool, you should have been contacted about the possible grants for flooded properties.

Well done for coming together so beautifully when you really needed too. We are hoping to hold a debriefing meeting when things are a little more settled, to see how we can help each other better, and celebrate the helpers that came to peoples aid. Keep an eye out on our Social Media pages on Facebook, Instagram and on Nextdoor.

**Gemma Dempsey-Gray**

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS DIGEST

## Litter Bins

Four new bins are being installed. Concrete pads are in place.

- Separate litter and dog waste between Village Hall and Football Club.
- Combined Litter and Dog waste at the bottom of Broad Road.
- Combined Litter and Dog waste at the east side of the A12 tunnel to White Bridges.

## Maintenance around the village

- **The bus shelter** has been cleaned and repainted for the first time since 2019.
- **Children's play area** small maintenance work complete. There are four larger items of maintenance required which will be completed by an approved supplier.
- **Glebe allotment** water taps have been replaced and insulated for the winter.



**Traffic management signs** for the big markets have been purchased with a grant from East Suffolk Council and the Clerk has trained in Traffic Management for Community Events saving £450 in costs for each market.



**The Parish Office** is complete at the back of the village hall saving £1,800 per year in office rental. There will be someone there on Wednesday and Thursday mornings initially. Sorry about the dull wet picture, but it is nicer inside than outside!

## CCTV

There is one camera operated by the Parish Council viewing the bus shelter and the Hill. There are two further cameras operated by East Suffolk at the Percy Mason car park



## Parish Council Website:

<https://wickhammarketpc.com/>

The Parish Council website is continually being improved. Look for particular pages highlighted through this publication.



# WICKHAM MARKET FOOTPATHS

Footpaths and other public rights of way (PROWs) are vital to the village for getting to the shops, going to school, walking the dog and getting out and about.

They provide a network of routes and are important wildlife corridors. In the village centre, many are hard surfaced whilst in the country parish areas, mostly grassed. There are 25 numbered PROWs in Wickham Market Parish varying from short stretches around All Saints Church to the Little Lane bridleway from Broad Road to the B1078. All are the responsibility of Suffolk County Council but the Parish Council plays an active part in maintaining and developing them. You can consult the definitive map listing all the PROWs in the Parish by going to - <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/imported/Wickham-Market.pdf>

The Parish Council has a volunteer Footpaths Warden who carries out maintenance on paths including hedge and grass trimming, surfacing, signs and waymarking and liaises with the County Council for major works, repairs and obstructions.

Footpath issues can be reported by email to [footpaths@wickhammarket-pc.com](mailto:footpaths@wickhammarket-pc.com)

Or by using the Highways Reporting Tool

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/report-a-public-right-of-way-issue>

Work is also taking place to devise two or more circular footpath routes around Wickham Market which will be published online and in leaflet form.





# MAKING THE MOST OF LOCAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

Are you able to access transport when you need it? Are you a young person wanting to meet up with friends, or an older person needing to access health facilities or want to meet friends for a coffee?

If you are and find accessing transport a problem, read on! We want to make sure anyone who is in need of a ride can get one at any reasonable time of the day.

You may have heard of the reintroduction of the Katch bus service earlier this year. Supported by East Suffolk Council, Katch is run by Coastal Accessible Transport Service (CATS) and operates between Framlingham and Snape, making stops at Parham, Hacheston, Wickham Market, Campsea Ashe and Tunstall. Details of the Katch service are available on the website [www.katchalift.com](http://www.katchalift.com). Alternatively, you can ring the booking line on 01728 635 939 (Monday to Friday 8.30am-4.30pm), book from the website or download the Flexiroute Passenger App. Katch helps to link our communities to scheduled bus services and the East Coast Line at Wickham Market station, located in Campsea Ashe.



Rural transport is also a high priority for Suffolk County Council and their Suffolk On Board website ([www.suffolkonboard.com](http://www.suffolkonboard.com)) has a wide range of information on transport services across the County.



Operating under the Suffolk On Board umbrella is Connecting Communities ([www.communities.suffolkonboard.com](http://www.communities.suffolkonboard.com)), a transport service funded by Suffolk County Council and designed to help people travel around the County who might not have access to a regu-

lar bus service. Connecting Communities helps people get to college, shops, medical appointments, work or to visit friends and family. The bookable service is operated by CATS and you can book a trip up to two weeks in advance. The booking office can be reached at 01728 635938 and is open Monday to Friday 08.45 – 4.00pm and the service operates Monday - Saturday 07.00 – 7.00pm.

When you need to make a journey and there's no public transport available to you locally, the Connecting Communities minibus will collect you and connect you to an appropriate bus route or train link for onward travel so you can reach your destination quickly and easily. If there is no connecting service, end to end journeys are possible.

If you are aged between 16-19 years old, and have an Endeavour Card, you can also get a discount off full price adult fares. Apply for your FREE Endeavour Card at [www.endeavourcard.co.uk](http://www.endeavourcard.co.uk).

Please give us your feedback on the existing transport services in our area – we are keen to hear from you!

**Richard Cooper**  
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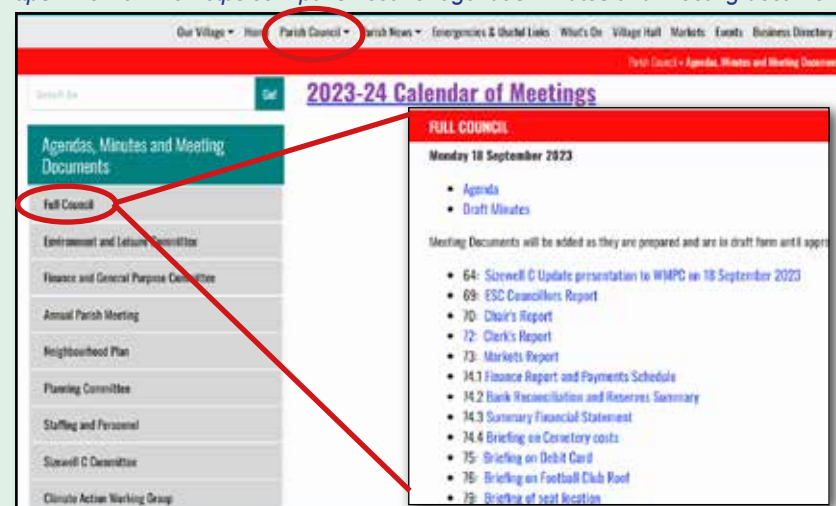
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**AGENDAS, MINUTES & MEETING DOCUMENTS**

<https://wickhammarketpc.com/parish-council/agendas-minutes-and-meeting-documents/>



# SPOTLIGHT

## On Cath Caudwell



**Hello there Cath, thank you so much for allowing us to shine our spotlight on you for this edition of the Parish Council Newsletter.**

*Please could you introduce yourself to us, and tell us a little bit about yourself and your history in Wickham Market?*

I'm a northern girl who has lived in Suffolk for 44 years, moving here through my husband's work. We started off in Ipswich then moved to Wickham Market in 1986 so that we could bring up our two daughters in a more rural area. I quickly became part of the community through first being on the Playgroup Committee, then volunteering at the Primary School, joining the WI and being Parish Clerk from 1988 to 2008 as well as taking on a part-time role as a Teaching Assistant for 22 years - these taught me so much about the value of community.

*We know you're busy, spending time on the Wickham Market Partnership and the Mens Shed, please can you tell us some information about those projects?*

The role of Parish Clerk brought into focus the importance of not only maintaining our local services, but constantly striving to improve them in order to ensure the village continued to thrive. During this time it was recognised that Wickham Market never benefited from external funding, always seeming to be outside the boundaries, until the Market Towns Initiative came along through the then Rural Development Agency.

This led to the Wickham Market Partnership being formed in 2002, of which I am Company Secretary and one of six Trustees. This charity has been instrumental in making a wide range of improvements to the village over the past 20 years. These have included play and sports facilities, retaining the library and supporting the economy by setting up a 'Town Team' which led to the setting up of the markets and the opening of Inspirations as a Community Interest Company in the old Co-op building, which had lain empty for three years.

Our most recent projects have included the relocating of the Area Archive Centre to the rear garden of the Resource Centre, enabled through securing grant funding, so that it has a home fit for the future. This in turn released the two portacabins and a wooden shed at the rear of the Village Hall/Football Club to

become the home of Wickham Market Shed. Connection, conversation and creation is at the heart of the Men's Sheds movement with the aim of banishing isolation through building, fixing and restoring, or by simply enjoying each others' company in a social setting.

Members are currently busy creating a workshop with donated tools and equipment, making it fit for purpose, whilst tea and cake is an important element of the social side at every session. The project has the support of the Parish Council. Once fully set up we'll be able to get going on community projects so it would be great to have more people involved - we look forward to welcoming new members at our regular Monday afternoon sessions (just email [wmschedders@gmail.com](mailto:wmschedders@gmail.com) for more details or turn up between 2 - 4pm).

*How would you describe Wickham Market and what it means to you, and the volunteers that we cherish here?*

Wickham Market is the ideal size to provide the amenities we all need in our daily lives but not too big to override the friendliness that I appreciate so much. I live in Pettistree now and am part of that community too, but know that having Wickham Market next door with all that it offers, and can walk to, means Pettistree is a brilliant place to live too.

Improvements to Wickham Market, like those above and many more, take time, effort and a lot of team work on the part of volunteers. All those people who run activities and organisations, giving freely of their time, should be applauded and the value of their input should not be underestimated. It's what makes a good community tick. We do it because we see how the community benefits but at the same time know that it is benefiting us personally too.

*Lastly, we'd love you to share anything else we should know and an inspirational quote that you like to fall back on..*

I also volunteer with Riding for the Disabled (Woodbridge & District Group) and love the joy that this brings to participants, as well as the teamwork with all the other volunteers. Their motto is 'It's what you can do that counts' and I think this applies perfectly to anyone who wants to play a part in their community, however big or small. You'll never know what you are missing if you don't put yourself forward and join in.

PS. I also love being a granny and spending time with family, doing art and crafts, reading (two book groups) and going away in our campervan!



**WICKHAM  
MARKET  
GOOD  
NEIGHBOUR  
SCHEME**



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a message.

**WHAT THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME CAN DO FOR YOU:**

We can drive you to appointments at Ipswich or Aldeburgh hospitals, the GP surgery, the dentist, day care centre and other health clinics; to social clubs or society meetings; to the hairdresser or to visit a friend or relative.

We can provide a helping hand now and then for things such as: taking your repeat prescription to the surgery and collecting medication from the pharmacy; we can change that battery or light bulb you can't quite manage; we can do local shopping for you; or we can help with that minor DIY job that is a little too much for you.

We also offer a befriending service for anyone who would benefit from a friendly face popping in regularly.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET:** We will again be having a stall at the Winter Festive Market on the Hill on Saturday 2 December. Please do come and say hello to our volunteers and find out what we do in the village. Also if you are interested in becoming a volunteer yourself this is a good way to find out how you can help. We will have a "guess the number of sweets in the jar" competition with the winner receiving the jar of sweets – a great reason to come and chat to us!

**VOLUNTEERING:** We are in particular need of more drivers to take our clients to various appointments both within the village and further afield. We can fit any jobs in with your availability so you are in control of how often and when we call you. If you feel that you could be part of our volunteer drivers team do give us a ring on the number listed above and we can answer any questions that you may have.

Our services are available to all Wickham residents, please give us a call to see if we can help. **Please note that we only provide our services to people who live in wickham market and do not cover neighbouring villages.**

Please remember that we are not an emergency service and, as we rely on volunteers, we would prefer at least THREE days (not including a weekend) to find someone to help you with a local job and a WEEK for hospital and other longer appointments. The greater the notice you give us, the better! We will still try and find a volunteer to help you if you are unable to give us this much notice, for whatever reason, so don't panic!

**AGM:** A bit of advance notice! We hope to hold our AGM on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.30pm.



**PLEASE PASS  
WIDE AND SLOW**

I'm sure many people will have seen the recent upsetting incidents in the local news, where a horse was killed in Earl Soham, and in Dennington - where a horse and rider were injured, when out riding on the road. I like most riders would rather not ride on the roads at all – but we have no choice, if we wish to leave the farm on horseback.

There are limited bridleways locally, and to access them we either have to ride on the B1078 towards Wickham Market, or the B1078 towards Letheringham. Most drivers are kind and courteous, and do 'pass wide and slow' but all too frequently recently, there have been drivers who don't. We have had several 'near misses' and each time I wonder whether we will be the next statistic.

The roads locally have become more and more busy. I have had more near misses in the past 12 months, than I had in the previous 13 years. This area has several Livery Yards, so seeing horses on the road is inevitable. Please be aware of how to pass them safely.

Passing horses wide and slow is now in The Highway Code – (Rule 215) so please:

- Be particularly careful of horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles especially when approaching, overtaking, passing or moving away.
- Always pass wide and slowly.
- When you see a horse on a road, you should slow down to a maximum of 10 mph. Be patient, do not sound your horn or rev your engine.
- When safe to do so, pass wide and slow, allowing at least 2 metres of space.
- Horse riders are often children, so take extra care and remember riders may ride in double file when escorting a young or inexperienced horse or rider.
- Look out for horse riders' and horse drivers' signals and heed a request to slow down or stop.
- Take great care and treat all horses as a potential hazard; they can be unpredictable, despite the efforts of their rider/driver.
- Remember there are three brains at work when you pass a horse; the rider's, the driver's and the horse's.
- Do not forget horses are flight animals and can move incredibly quickly if startled.

Finally, if you are on a bike, please call out and say hello. Bikes are quiet, and can startle horses when you approach.

**Kevin Francis, Potsford Farm**





# SIMONS CROSS MEETING

On Thursday the 2nd November, there was a meeting held in the Village Hall about the Neighbourhood Plan and the effects that may have on Simons Cross. We thank the organisers of this meeting for being able to pull together people who care deeply about Simons Cross and Wickham Market generally, it was great to see the community spirit in action.

The Parish Council were able to verify elements of the meeting by being there and what I was especially keen on, was explaining to the parishioners how planning applications work now, as you are all welcome to be part of how the Parish Council (PC) deal with planning applications. When we get notified of a planning application, the PC have just 3 weeks to respond. Within that time, our clerk will publish the planning application on our notice board in the village square, and on our website, this will give you time to view the application. We will then, in most cases, hold a Planning Committee meeting, to which all public are welcome to attend.

If a planning application is made for housing on the old Simons Cross allotment site then you can come along or write to us before that meeting, you can have your say on the application. Our comments are then sent off to ESC who then have a similar process. Should ESC have a meeting for planning, it can be attended in Melton at the Riduna Park ESC building.

We really look forward to working together with you all. We are committed to engaging with the people of Wickham Market and would love to see this happening more and more.

*Gemma Dempsey-Gray*

### PLANNING CONSULTATION PROCESS



## WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

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Look up Planning Consultations

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If you have a business located in Wickham Market and would like to list your details here FOR FREE, please let me know: [clerk@wickhammarketpc.com](mailto:clerk@wickhammarketpc.com)



# LET'S KEEP IT LOCAL!

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**DANGEROUS STRUCTURES:**  
01394 444 219 or 0800 440 2516

**MANHOLE PROBLEMS** that are considered an emergency:  
0345 606 6171

**WATER LEAKS:** Anglian Water: 24/7  
0345 145 145

**EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL** Emergency out of Hours: 0800 440 2516

# USEFUL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

**CITIZENS ADVICE EAST SUFFOLK:**  
14 Colonial House, Station Rd, Leiston IP16 4JD  
Open Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 10 - 2 pm

**Wickham Market drop in service:**  
Resource Centre (next to the Library)  
Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30 pm.  
[www.leistoncab.org](http://www.leistoncab.org)  
[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)  
01728 832193 or 0808 2787868 (Free)

**Disability Advice Service**  
(East Suffolk): 01394 387070

**Good Neighbour Scheme:** (GNS)  
Provides transport to medical and social appointments. Friendship and support with shopping, posting letters, filling forms, computers, dog walking, DIY, 07914 494108.

**Wellbeing Tree Café** at The Aspire Centre. Relax, chat and make new friends over a hot drink and cake.  
Wednesdays 10.30 - 12.30.

**Men's Shed:** Behind the Village Hall. Social and creative centre.  
Mondays 2 pm  
[www.wmshed.org.uk](http://www.wmshed.org.uk) 01728 747782

## INTERESTS

**Youth Football Club,** Simon's Cross Playing Field, IP13 0ST.  
Steph: 07778 880735.

**Football Club:** 01728 747731

**Sport and Social Club,** behind the Village Hall.  
[www.wickhammarketfc.co.uk](http://www.wickhammarketfc.co.uk)

**Tennis Club,** Simon's Cross Playing Field: 01728 746736

**Bowls Club** (playing Field):  
01728 746715

**Red Triangle Bowls Club:**  
01728 604491

**GLEVERING HALL IP13 0EU**  
**Badminton Club at 7:30**  
Thursday: Ladies / senior school students  
Monday: Men / senior school students  
07860 402288

Do you run a community service or club located in Wickham Market that could be added here? Contact: [clerk@wickhammarketpc.com](mailto:clerk@wickhammarketpc.com)

## VILLAGE HALL

Lettings: Alison 07653 226760  
[lettings.wmvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:lettings.wmvillagehall@gmail.com)  
**Also at the Village Hall**

### Bingo

Tuesdays 6pm  
Tina Clack 01728 746846

**Community Club:** social activities and support for those new to the area, Friday mornings  
Val Mann: [val@penpal.me.uk](mailto:val@penpal.me.uk)  
01728 747078

### Gardening Club:

Monthly third Thursday 7:30 pm  
[wmgardenclub27@gmail.com](mailto:wmgardenclub27@gmail.com)

### Toddler and Baby Group

Wednesdays during school term  
9:00 - 11:30 (£2.50 per family)  
[stephanieworne@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieworne@gmail.com)

### WI

Second Thursday each month at 7.30

### Wickham Market Movies

3rd Saturday monthly  
19:00 for 19:30 start  
Pete Holden 01728 747229

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Crown Lane, IP13 0SA  
01728 748224  
[warden@wickhammarketchurch.org](mailto:warden@wickhammarketchurch.org)  
[www.wickhammarketchurch.org](http://www.wickhammarketchurch.org)

**Open Pantry:** Fresh food and household goods shared with anyone in need.  
Thursdays 9 - 11 am.

**Open Door:** coffee, tea, biscuits and friendship.  
Fridays 10am to noon

**Bell Ringing:** Monday Evenings  
from 7:30 - 9pm

## BEEHIVE BUILDING

Crown Lane  
**Rainbows** (age 4-7), **Brownies** (age 7-10), Linda Payne: 01728 604491  
**Guides** (age 10+)  
Jacquie Goodwin & Tracy Burch

## WICKHAM MARKET LIBRARY

Chapel Lane, IP13 0SD. Open  
Tuesday to Friday: 9.30 - 5.30  
Saturday: 10 - 12.30 then 1 - 4.30  
[help@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:help@suffolklibraries.co.uk)  
01728 747216

### Also at the Library:

#### Sewing Group:

Thursdays 1.30 - 4.30 pm.  
01728 747987

#### Lego at the Library:

Monthly third Saturday 10.30 - 4pm.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

01728 746915

## WM PRIMARY SCHOOL and LITTLE AVOCETS NURSERY:

01728 746405

**RESOURCE CENTRE** Chapel Lane, IP13 0SD: 01728 747782

### Resource Centre Gardening Group

2nd Wednesday monthly at 10am.  
Barbara Harrington: [sbharrington@outlook.com](mailto:sbharrington@outlook.com) or pop along on the day.

### ARCHIVE CENTRE:

Philip Tallent 01728 746058

## VALLEY FARM

**Pony Club** <https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/pony-club>

**Tots Pony Club** <https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/riding-tiny-tots>

**Young Equestrians Club**  
<https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/young-equestrians>

## WHICH COUNCIL DOES WHAT?

### SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL:

Highways, Recycling

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/> 0345 606 6067

**Reporting any highways issue including:** potholes, street lights, drains, hedges, gritting, pavements <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

### EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL:

Waste collection, Pay car parks, Planning

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/> 0333 016 2000

**Sally Noble** [sally.noble@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sally.noble@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

District Councillor for the Wickham Market Ward.

### WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL:

Cemetery, Playing Fields, Children's Play Area, Allotments, Markets, Footpaths (with SCC).

[footpaths@wickhammarketpc.com](mailto:footpaths@wickhammarketpc.com)

<https://wickhammarketpc.com/>

[clerk@wickhammarketpc.com](mailto:clerk@wickhammarketpc.com)



### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COUNCIL SERVICES:

<https://wickhammarketpc.com/useful-links/>

## WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

<https://wickhammarketpc.com/>

### Find Emergency Numbers

#### EMERGENCIES AND USEFUL LINKS

<https://wickhammarketpc.com/emergencies-and-useful-links/>



The screenshot shows the 'EMERGENCIES & USEFUL LINKS' page on the Wickham Market Parish Council website. The page is divided into several sections:

- EMERGENCY NUMBERS:** Lists various emergency services including Fallen Trees (0345 606 6111), Highway Flooding (SCC: 0345 606 6111 or 0300 1230000), Street Cleaning/Clearing (0333 016 2000), Power Cuts (Power Networks call 105 or 999), Dangerous Structures (0204 444 219), Manhole Problems (0345 606 6111), Water Leaks (Anglian Water: 247 6345 145), and East Suffolk Council (0206 843 2516).
- LINKS TO COMMONLY USED SERVICES:** A section with a note that these are provided by organizations other than Wickham Market Parish Council.
- SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (SCC) SERVICES:** Includes SCC Roads and Transport with options to report a highway issue, public right of way issue, blocked drain, drain-manhole cover, debris, weeds or mud on the road, flooding on a road or pavement, heavy goods vehicle incident, grass cutting, and missing or failed road markings.
- EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL (ESC) SERVICES:** Includes ESC Waste Management with options to report fly tipping, update on waste collection dates, report litter law issue, and report abandoned vehicle.



## NEW YEAR, NEW GREEN RESOLUTIONS!

It is fast approaching that time of year again where we think of our lives over the past year and think of resolutions to live by in the year ahead. When better to incorporate some green changes into your lives! Here are some suggestions.

1. Purchase a reusable water bottle and fill that up, resolve to never buy a plastic bottle of water again!
2. Look at who you bank with, are they an ethical bank? There are several accredited ethical banks now that offer good options for those who want their banks to invest sustainably and not in fossil fuels.
3. Resolve to grow some of your own veggies this year in your garden, or join the community allotment at Glebe allotments, from your garden to your plate and no plastic involved! Hopefully there is space for a few bee friendly plants!
4. Remember to take your reusable bags with you when you go shopping!
5. Plan to have an area of your garden that you leave wild for the insects, they need all the help that they can get! Create a compost heap to give nutrients back to the ground, you can also throw your veggie food waste into this pile, using less bin space.
6. Follow in the King's footsteps and go one day a week without meat and dairy, and two days a week without meat, this is a great and simple way to jam those healthy veggies in and reduce your carbon footprint, whilst saving some money!
7. Consider joining the Green Gym to help look after green spaces and small garden areas, help by planting trees and creating wildlife havens, they always need extra hands and what a great way to meet people whilst looking after our environment! Anne and Sonya are our local tree wardens.
8. A very simple New Year Resolution, do not idle in your car, turn off your engine when you are not driving. What a win!
9. Plan to take your lunch from home as much as possible. Batch cook your food in advance, save yourself money on buying lunch out every day and the packaging that it comes in!



**NO-IDLE ZONE**  
It All Adds Up To  
Cleaner Air

10. Join our bi monthly litter picks, keep a look out on our social media pages for upcoming dates of Litter Collection walks. The next one will be January 27th, meeting at the front of the Village Hall at 10am. We provide the tools and the bags, but please bring gloves.

## CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

We just wanted to let you know that you can now see the minutes of our meetings on our website, that way you can see what ideas we are having and what we would like to do, maybe you might like to come and join us. If you are interested in participating, please email on [gemma.dg@wickhammarketpc.com](mailto:gemma.dg@wickhammarketpc.com)

**Gemma Dempsey-Gray**

## DITCH THE DE-ICER

I'm sure it's not escaped your notice that the shop shelves are filling up with a variety of must have, essentials for this time of year.

But with many feeling the pinch courtesy of higher bills, now may be the time to decide what you really need and what you really don't. One item you don't really need is de-icer (you were expecting chocolates or alcohol here, weren't you?).

Whilst the chance of a white Christmas might be low these days, frozen windcreens are still possible and the shops will be encouraging you to be prepared by selling you de-icer. However, de-icers contain chemicals designed to lower the freezing point of water, and whilst some websites state that they degrade in the environment in about 10 days; the chemical used (ethylene glycol) is toxic if ingested by animals. So, how can you achieve a clear windscreen with a clear conscience?

Quite simply - luke warm water - poured over the windows and mirrors will work just as quick as de-icer. Checking the forecast the night before and laying a sheet or towel, or even a windscreen sunscreen, over the windscreen will also help towards a quick and clear getaway.

It's also tempting to turn on the engine and let the engine idle while the heater warms the car up before you set off. In fact, it's not uncommon to see people walking around their vehicle generously applying de-icer whilst inhaling car fumes, neither of which are good for your health or your bank account.



How about starting a New Years resolution early? Ditch the de-icer and save yourself some pennies whilst saving the planet.

**Sonia Exton**

# HEDGEHOG COTTAGE HOW TO HELP HEDGEHOGS



Please let them to enter your garden by creating small gaps in under fences or gates so they can find water, food and shelter. Check before using garden machinery or starting a bonfire; they will curl up if threatened and not usually run away like other mammals will.

1. Hazards are slug pellets, pesticides, and poisons such as antifreeze.
2. Garden ponds and swimming pools; a gently sloping slipway is all they need to escape.
3. Cattlegrids, drains etc. Many hedgehogs get stuck in drains if they are not covered.
4. Garden netting should be lifted to 6 inches off the ground, so they don't get entangled.
5. Rubbish bags – pricklebottoms are inquisitive and climb into bags to find food!
6. Some dogs are not good with hedgehogs and will pick them up or attack them.



Supplementary feeding and water is so important as many die of starvation or dehydration and a hedgehog that may look alright can hide all sorts of nasty illnesses and injuries.

What to do if you find a lethargic hedgehog out in the day or injured. This is an emergency:

- Using gardening gloves or a towel, pick it up and put it in a high sided box. Cover it with a towel to make it feel safer. Heat is crucial, warm water bottle, heat pad or even a covered plastic bottle with warm water will do, as long as there is space to move away from the heat source if it needs to. Place in a quiet room and try not to disturb it as they get so stressed that symptoms can escalate very fast. Time is of the essence: call your nearest rescue without delay, which is Suffolk Prickles on 07469 177090 or Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital on 01638 500295. Please always leave a message; they will get back to you as soon as they can. Rescues have their own vets with a much better survival rate.
- You can contact your local vets; Woodbridge Vets, Saxon Vets and Framlingham vets all have contacts with Hedgehog Friendly Vets Suffolk in Debenham, who have experienced staff with access to hedgehog specialist care.

- Pop in a shallow bowl of water but no food until you've spoken to a rescue or rehabber.

I am incredibly saddened that most people that I speak to say that they haven't seen a hedgehog for over 10 years now. Why? Because since the millennium, over 70 % of the rural hedgehog population in East Anglia has been decimated by loss of habitat, roadkill, garden machinery, poisons such as slug pellets and insecticides, starvation or dehydration.



It's all avoidable if only we humans just took a little more care. Some scientists are already saying that it may be too late to halt their decline. Please help me to prove those scientists wrong: help me to help SAVE OUR BRITISH HEDGEHOGS. Thank you. We can all be hedgehog heroes!

We will be promoting hedgehog holes and highways at the Christmas Market on the 2nd December. We look forward to seeing you!

[hedgehogcottage18@gmail.com](mailto:hedgehogcottage18@gmail.com).  
Wickham Market Hedgehog Help  
[@WickhamHedgehogCottage](https://www.instagram.com/WickhamHedgehogCottage)  
Telephone 07827 785507 **Niki Fowler**



## WICKHAM MARKET ALLOTMENTS

If you are thinking about getting an allotment, now is a great time to get one.



Over the winter months, you can plan what to grow, layout your plot as you want it, and prepare the ground ready for next season's planting. Having an allotment is a great way to meet and socialise with other ploholders, it keeps you fit and healthy, and of course you get the fun of growing your own vegetables, flowers, and fruit.

**GLEBE ALLOTMENTS** (pictured)

We have a couple of plots which have recently become available on the Glebe. If you are interested, then please contact the Allotment Association on [wmallotments@gmail.com](mailto:wmallotments@gmail.com)

**Ray Lewis**



## REMEMBERING WICKHAM MARKET'S PAST

Last month we laid wreaths on the war memorial on the corner of Chapel Lane and remembered the 31 men who died in the first World War and 9 men and 4 civilians who died in the second World War.

Most of the servicemen were killed in action and were buried where, or near to where, they fell, in what are Commonwealth War Graves across Europe.

However, three men died back in England, and were returned to be buried here, in their home village, and Wickham Market has three Commonwealth War Graves in the cemetery.

In this, the second of three articles, Philip Tallent, of the Archive Centre explains more.

### HARRY JOHN WARD

This research was made easier because the headstone in the cemetery says that Harry John Ward was the youngest son of Josiah and Louisa Ward. Harry was born in 1897. Referring back to the 1891 census, his family lived at Bridge Street, Wickham Market. Josiah, aged 28, was a Bricklayer's Labourer, his wife Louisa was 26, and they had two daughters, Elsie, aged 2 and Florence, aged 10 months.

In 1901, they were still at the same address, Josiah's occupation was a Labourer at the Whitmore and Binyon Iron Works, Elsie was 12, Florence was 10, they had another daughter Mabel, aged 9, and two sons, Albert aged 6 and Harry who was aged 4.

In 1911, still at the same property, on the census form they described their address as Smithdale (Terrace). Josiah, was a labourer employed by a builder, because by then Whitmore and Binyon had closed down, and with his wife Louisa, they still had Albert, aged 16, and Harry, aged 14, living with them. They also had another three daughters, Millie aged 9, Beth aged 7 and Amy aged 3. The detail on this census shows that in total they had had 9 children, 1 had died, and 8 were still living. In 1911 there were 2 adults and 5 children in a house with 2 rooms upstairs and 2 downstairs. I am fairly sure that this is what is now number 232 High Street.

Records show that Harry enlisted in the 4th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. During 1917 the 1st/4th Suffolk Regiment was involved in the Battle of Arras in April 1917 and the Battle of Ypres in September 1917.

Harry was injured, and there is a record that shows that he was put on Am-

balance Train number 31 on 6th November 1917 and was transferred from Etaples to Calais. The record of his injury shows "GSW (gun shot wounds) between scapular (spinal) paralysis of legs".

Ambulance trains, like the one here, were used to transport those wounded in battle back to England for treatment. He was one of 280 wounded men put on that train.



The ambulance train record lists all the casualties and their injuries, which were mostly poisonous gas, then trench foot and various gun-shot wounds. Harry died of his wounds on 9th December 1917, at King George's Hospital in London.

In 1919 his mother received a War Gratuity of £15 10s (worth about £1,000 today).

Harry was buried in Wickham Market cemetery, and the headstone was provided by his family (so it doesn't look the same as the other two war graves headstones), and is at the back, to the left of the cemetery.

The inscription on the headstone is:

IN  
Ever Loving Memory of  
**HARRY JOHN WARD**  
1 – 4TH SUFFOLK REGIMENT  
THE DEARLY BELOVED, AND YOUNGEST SON OF  
**JOSIAH AND LOUISA WARD**  
OF THIS PARISH  
WHO DIED IN KING GEORGE'S HOSPITAL  
OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION  
IN FRANCE. DEC'R 9TH 1917  
**AGED 21 YEARS**  
HE WAS CUT OFF IN THE FLOWER OF YOUTH  
BUT HIS SOUL LIVES FOR ETERNITY



## NEW LOCAL POLICING OPERATING MODEL

Suffolk Constabulary will be changing its local policing model from December 2023 to ensure they continue to provide the best possible service for the public.

Here is an extract from Suffolk Constabulary Local Policing Operating Model:

*The new model will be comprised of three parts: Community Policing Teams, Response Investigation Teams, and a County Partnership and Prevention Hub.*

### Community Policing Teams

*Community policing is the bedrock of all we do, There are 50 new Community Policing Areas with 80 Community Policing Officers. They will be more visible and have local ownership of the areas they serve. Officers, supported by Police Community Support Officers, will be embedded in their specific Community Policing Areas. This will enable them to understand better the public's concerns and target our activity where it is needed most. The constabulary's existing Rural and Wildlife Team and Kestrel Teams, which proactively target neighbourhood crime across the county, will remain unchanged. They will support the Community Policing Teams,*

### Response Investigation Teams

*Officers working in our Neighbourhood Response Teams will no longer only respond to emergencies. They will now be part of Response Investigation Teams, who will have additional officers moved from the current Safer Neighbourhood Teams. They will continue to be responsible for emergency and non-emergency calls, but they will also tackle high-volume crime investigation.*

### County Partnership and Prevention Hub

*The hub will co-ordinate the work between police and partners across Suffolk and will provide consistent delivery of frontline policing across the county. Among its responsibilities will be anti-social behaviour, hate crime, and issues with children and young people, along with neighbourhood policing.*

Full details can be found here:

<https://suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Op-Model-Booklet-Public.pdf>

We will not know who our Community Police Officer (CPO) will be until the new model goes live in December, when we will also get telephone numbers, the on line meeting was well presented.

More information can also be found on these websites:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/suffolk-constabulary/>

<https://suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/news/new-model-launched-to-ensure-vulnerable-get-right-help>

<http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/>

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/>

Ivor French

# REDUCING ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

I'm sure you have all seen this poster from the Police regarding Anti-Social Behaviour. The important message here is that if you want to stop it you need to report it.

The poster is on our website:

<https://wickhammarketpc.com/emergencies-and-useful-links/anti-social-behaviour/>

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

As you can see from the facing page, Suffolk Constabulary are moving to a "Demand Led Structure".

In simple terms this means that police resources are deployed to priority areas based on the number of reports that the police receive. The police are unlikely to respond to isolated incidents, but they will **log all reports**. When a consistent pattern emerges, the area will become a priority.

## THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN HELP

IF YOU WITNESS ANY ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

**Don't** just comment on Facebook or Nextdoor. This will make absolutely no difference!  
**Don't** report it to the Parish Council who have no power to carry out enforcement. This will make no difference either!

Only the Police can make a difference

- Call the police on 101 or
- Report it to the Police online. Scan this QR Code or go to
- <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>

Separate individual reports to the police create a pattern that the Police can act upon. In an emergency, you should always dial 999



**What is Anti-Social Behaviour?**

Anti-Social Behaviour can be:

- any behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress.
- unruly or drunken behaviour
- threatening or abusive language
- graffiti, criminal damage and noise pollution
- drug and alcohol misuse and abuse
- neighbour intimidation
- vehicle annoyance and inconsiderate use of motor vehicles.

**Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour?**

Your local council and police work together with other services to stop anti-social behaviour in your area.

If Anti-Social Behaviour is affecting your quality of life -  
REPORT IT!

**We need it reported if we are going to STOP IT!**

**How to report Anti-Social Behaviour:**

Online: [www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something)

or:

[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/antisocialbehaviour](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/antisocialbehaviour)

Telephone: Suffolk Police on: 101  
or in an Emergency: 999

**Don't tolerate it! Report it!**

The poster features a grid of icons representing various types of anti-social behavior: a megaphone, a trash can, a person with a dog, a person with a bicycle, a person with a dog on a leash, a person with a dog on a leash, a person with a dog on a leash, and a person with a dog on a leash.





# WICKHAM MARKET PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a busy Autumn term of learning and extra-curricular enrichment here at Wickham Market Primary School.

We started the year with our annual camp-out in the quad, for many of the children involved it was their first time sleeping under canvas and it was great to see their sense of achievement.



Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic immersive experience at Kentwell Hall as part of their history unit. All of the children and the staff dressed in Tudor costume and spent the morning learning about life in Tudor times.



Our Year 3 and 4 class were visited by Mr Carr from The Red House Aldeburgh for an excellent Stone Age music workshop. They were able to handle real Stone Age artefacts, try out some replica Stone Age musical instruments and make a musical instrument of their own.

Year 6 travelled to Beccles by train to conduct a field survey for their geography unit. As well as surveying the traffic in the area, they spoke to members of the public and asked them questions about the local area. They had a fantastic day and learned so much more than just geography skills.



Recently we welcomed Sam Kenward (East Suffolk Communities Officer) and Sally Noble (District Councillor) in to speak to our Year 5 and 6 classes. The session provided an opportunity for the children to talk about safe and unsafe places in their community. They spoke about what is positive about their village as well as things that are a concern to them. The children were asked to make suggestions of how they would spend £1000 to improve their local area and they were very forthcoming in their ideas.

Other highlights of the term include a whole school visit to Wickham Market church for our Harvest celebration, our individual class visits to Wickham Market Library

and our class Curiosity Cafes where parents have the opportunity to work alongside their children for a lesson.

At this time of year many parents of nursery age children are busy making the decision as to which primary school they would like to apply for their child to attend in September 2024. It has been a pleasure to personally show round many prospective families over the last few weeks. There is still time to book a tour of your own before applications have to be in on 15th January 2024.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas,  
**Jo Harris**  
**Head of School**

**WICKHAM MARKET PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Is your child due to start Reception September 2024? We would like to invite any prospective parents and children to take a tour around the school with the Headteacher, Mrs Harris. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.  
wickham.admn@avocetacademy.org

**OUR SCHOOL OFFER**

- Child Centred Approach
- Forest School
- Ogden Trust school with Science lab
- Excellent enrichment opportunities
- Flagship status for Personal, Social and Health education
- Set over 10 acres with excellent facilities including library, gym, hall, stage and music room
- Onsite breakfast and after school club (7.45am - 5.00pm)
- OFSTED rated Good (May 2023)

Find Us  
www.wickhammarketprimary.org.uk  
Facebook www.facebook.com/WickhamMarket-Primary-School-Avocet-Academy

## COMMUNITY CHOIR

We are so pleased to be back after the Summer, singing our Wednesday evenings away. We are in the Village Hall between 8pm and 9pm Wednesday evenings, term time only.



We have had a great influx of new members and we are loving having a fuller sound. We sang our Christmas songs at the Wickham Market Christmas Market, I hope many of you would have enjoyed our performance!

Please consider joining us, when we start again in January, this is a FREE choir and anyone from Wickham and surrounding areas, regardless of age or ability, is welcome to come and join us. The more the merrier! We always leave in good spirits having sung our hearts out and had a good giggle in the process. Please give our new Facebook page 'Wickham Market Community Choir' a follow!

**Gemma Dempsey-Gray**

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH

As many will know, Rev Leslie Siu and family left us to take up a post in Hong Kong in June and we have been without an incumbent since.

At the time of writing, the vacancy has been advertised and we may, hopefully, have a new Vicar by Easter time.

We are very fortunate to have a Curate, Jenny Catchpole, several retired clergy and several Elders together with the Church Wardens, who have been looking after the services and needs in the Parish.

Our regular monthly pattern of services is:-

1st Sunday	11.00 Communion
2nd Sunday	11.00 Morning Prayer
	15.00 Oasis (Informal service with tea and cake)
3rd Sunday	9.30 Communion
	10.30 Coffee/Tea and toast followed by an informal family service Together@11
	18.30 Praise and Prayer
4th Sunday	11.00 Morning Prayer with Testimonies
5th Sunday	(Where applicable) Morning Prayer

Information about all services and other activities can be found on our web site, [www.wickhammarketchurch.org](http://www.wickhammarketchurch.org)

**Alison Elliott**



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Each year in Wickham Market, All Saints Church collaborates with The Royal British Legion and has a remembrance service and then after, people go over to the War Memorial at the end of Chapel Lane where representatives of different groups, lay a wreath down. I was fortunate enough to be able to be part of this service on Sunday 12th November.

It was a touching, moving service and I was incredibly proud to lay a wreath on behalf of Wickham Market Parish Council. Well done to everyone who has a hand in organising such a well-planned event to remember those that fell. I loved the story about the Starfish in the service, which demonstrates how we can all do a little that may not change the world, but can make a difference just for 1 person, what a great sentiment.

**Gemma Dempsey-Gray**



# MARKETS ON THE HILL

Your LOCAL Market in Wickham Market  
**REGULAR WEEKLY MARKETS**

Market Hill is home to our regular markets on Wednesday and Saturday mornings throughout the year. Keep it local and come and browse:

- Newbourne Farm Fruit and Veg
- The Cheese & Pie Man
- DPC Fishmongers (every other Wednesday)
- Fisherman's Catch (some Saturdays)
- Darron's Ladies' Fashions
- Quince Tree Preserves



## MONTHLY MARKET ON THE HILL

Every 1st Saturday of the month, Wickham Market plays host to local traders, makers and producers, setting up a Monthly Market On the Hill at the heart of our community. So far these have included: Savon Belle handmade soaps, Caroline Steward jewellery and bags, Forestlake Pots, Suffolk Succulents, Chichaus map and woodcraft as well as other local arts and crafts, perfect for gifts or unique items.



The next monthly market date for your diary is Saturday 6th January.

Look out for posters and more information popping up around the village or visit our markets page on the parish council

website: <https://www.wickhammarketpc.com/markets>

Thank you for your support of the local producers, makers and businesses that serve our village.

If you'd like to attend as a stall holder (no commitment to regular booking needed) contact Alison to check availability:

[deputyclerk@wickhammarketpc.com](mailto:deputyclerk@wickhammarketpc.com)

Text 07653 226760

or scan this QR code to email Alison





# Christmas Events at All Saints Church



Carols on the Hill

Friday 15th Dec 5pm

Christingle Service

Sunday 17th Dec 11am

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17th Dec 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Midnight Service

Sunday 24th Dec 11:30pm

Christmas Day Service

Monday 25th Dec 10:30am

Christmas Day Lunch

Monday 25th Dec 1pm

To book lunch please email [warden@wickhammarketchurch.org](mailto:warden@wickhammarketchurch.org) or telephone 01728 748224



All Saints  
WICKHAM MARKET

