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# **WICKHAM MARKET PARISH NEWS**



**February 2023**

# Wickham Market Parish Council

Meets on the third Monday alternate months

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## Parish Council Committees and Groups

**Finance & General Purpose Committee:** meets on the first Monday alternate months and is responsible for grants and managing the financial reporting and budgets on behalf of the Council.

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

**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 is in its closing stages.

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

**Sizewell C Working Group:** advises the Council on all aspects of the impact of Sizewell C on the Parish.

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

Contact: Gemma Dempsey-Gray, [gemma1985@googlemail.com](mailto:gemma1985@googlemail.com)

## Welcome to the first issue of Wickham Market Parish News

This will be a regular newsletter delivered free to all households in Wickham Market and surrounding villages.

We aim to produce this every two months with news of activities, events and useful contacts. We firmly believe that it is important that everyone has free access to information and recognise that not everyone has access to technology.

We do not currently have plans to carry advertising but we are inviting villages within the distribution area to have their own page should they be interested.

If you do have access to our website, all our minutes and reports are published there shortly after each meeting. Residents are also very welcome to attend our meetings to see first hand what is happening.

If you have any suggestions regarding content, please contact the editor at [wickhammarketparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:wickhammarketparishclerk@gmail.com)

**Ivor French, Chair**  
**Wickham Market Parish Council**

## Review of '22

There has been a lot going on, here are just some of the highlights

- P4 Footpath from King Edwards Avenue Repaired
- P4 Village Hall Car park repairs
- P5 Children's Play Equipment jet washed
- P5 Village Sign is reinstated
- P5 New Maintenance Operative joins us
- P6 King Charles Coronation Event
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### Also

We've had Jubilee celebrations  
Warm Room set up  
Summer and Christmas Markets  
Newsletter launched

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properties whose postcode begins  
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## FOOTPATH REPAIRED

This is the footpath from King Edwards Avenue to the George Lane/Spring Lane path. It was covered with weeds and broken tarmac.

With help from our MP Dr. Dan Poulter and Cllr. Carol Poulter (East Suffolk Council) together with the Flagship Homes legal team and ourselves, Wickham Market Parish Council, it was established that Flagship were responsible for the King



Edwards Avenue footpath. They immediately planned and completed resurfacing and widening of the footpath to the benefit of all residents including wheelchair users.

Many thanks to all involved for a successful outcome.

## VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK REPAIRS

We all know just how bad the corner of the Village Hall Car Park can get, particularly in the winter. It has been steadily getting worse.



As a temporary solution, The Parish Council have agreed to repair the car park surface and share the cost with the Village Hall Management. While the surface has been repaired so that it is safe for vehicles and pedestrians, the drainage is still an issue. The old soak-away is ineffective, so there is nowhere for excess storm water to go. A gravel drain will reduce some of the excess water, reducing the strain on the soak-away in the short term.



A more permanent solution is being investigated in association with ways of improving the car parking facilities available.

## CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK UPDATE

All equipment and seating has been professionally jet washed. This is the first part of a long overdue maintenance and upgrade programme for the Children's Play area at the Village Hall.



The next stage is to carry out maintenance and repairs on some of the equipment to ensure that it all remains safe. Quotes for this are currently being reviewed.

Once this is completed, the plan is to lay bonded shredded rubber surfacing around each piece of equipment to provide low maintenance all weather surfacing. There will still be plenty of grass in-between to play on.

## RICHARD ELLIS

Meet Richard, who joins us as our new Maintenance Man after Adrian got a new job in R&S Hardware.

While Richard runs his own maintenance business he will be working for Wickham Market Parish Council on a part time basis. We had a few weeks where we had no help with maintenance, but Richard is here now and has quickly got on top of things.

You may see him around the village keeping footpaths clear, litter picking the play areas, clearing weeds, cutting brambles back and doing minor repairs.

## VILLAGE SIGN

It has been a while, but now it's back! You might have seen the crane lifting it in to position!



After many months of work managed by Cllr John Horsnell with several contractors, the sign was finally ready for installation. The updated design represents:

**Top Curve:** Six Bells in the Church Bell Tower

**Top Left:** The past, basket works

**Top Right:** The past, Whitmore and Binyon Ironworks with a static steam engine

**Middle:** All Saints Church Spire

**Bottom Left:** The current Deben Mill, ER & RT Rackham Ltd

**Bottom Right:** The Osier Beds by the River Deben.



# KING CHARLES CORONATION

Wickham Market Parish Council are very excited to share that we are going to hold a 'Coronation Event' this year on Bank Holiday Monday 8th May in Wickham Market. Details to be confirmed.



We would love to share the King's Coronation together as a community and so have started the ball rolling, we know the King is an avid environmentalist and so the Climate Change Working Party will be doing what we can to keep the event as green as possible. Very child friendly event, with activities for all ages.

We would love your input on what sort of things you would like to happen on the day, please email [gemma1985@googlemail.com](mailto:gemma1985@googlemail.com) with any ideas and even better, if you can give us any time to help plan and organise the event, that would be smashing! More information to follow in the coming months. Pop it in your diary now!

## COULD YOU BE A COUNCILLOR AT WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL?

- Are you passionate about what happens in Wickham Market?
- Do you want to make a difference to the quality of life of local people?
- Do you want to influence how Wickham Market issues are dealt with?
- Do you want to help shape the future of our community for the better?

**The Parish Council can only be as effective, relevant and vibrant as the people elected to run it.**

Wickham Market needs councillors who are capable, energetic and engaged. From all backgrounds and experiences to reflect our community. Councillors can make a huge difference. If you are passionate about your local community, we need you.

To apply to join Wickham Market Parish Council, please email Al Besly at: [wickhammarketparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:wickhammarketparishclerk@gmail.com)

# ACTION ON SPEEDING!



Wickham Market Parish Council has taken advantage of a supplier's special offer and purchased four solar powered Vehicle Activated Speed Indicator Devices.



These will require minimal maintenance and will record speed in both directions. Two are currently being installed on the High Street near Morris Road and Fir Tree Close. Two more will be installed on Broad Road and Border Cot Lane once posts have been installed.

Our existing device, which has been deployed near Morris Road, will then be moved around to monitor other areas. The device facing north on the Deben bridge is also being looked at as it has not worked reliably for some time.

While these signs have a traffic calming effect, they may not deter determined speeders.

## SIZEWELL C

EDF's plans for building Sizewell C were given approval in July 2022 by the then Secretary of State for Business, Kwasi Kwarteng, following an examination of EDF's application by the Planning Inspectorate in 2021. In their recommendation to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate suggested that the plans be rejected until the availability of fresh water supplies had been resolved and certain environmental issues addressed. The Secretary of State chose to grant approval, and a judicial review of his decision by concerned groups was overturned in the High Court in October of last year.

EDF is preparing for the project, which will include two new nuclear reactors capable of generating 3.2 gigawatts – enough electricity, claim EDF, to pow-

er 6 million homes for 60 years. Initial preparations are already under way in and around the Sizewell C site. These are largely archaeological, ground investigation and environmental works.

But there remains uncertainty about how Sizewell C will be funded. The project was originally expected to cost £20 billion, but is likely to be considerably higher than this. It is hoped that private sector investors will put their money into the project, but this is by no means certain and it is unlikely that EDF will make a final investment decision until 2024.

Sizewell traffic issues and the impact of the Southern Park and Ride on Wickham Market and the surrounding villages remains a key concern and discussions continue with EDF on how these impacts can be minimised if the project goes ahead.

**Richard Cooper**

# COMMUNITY CHOIR

We were very lucky to receive a grant to allow us to start a completely free to attend Community Choir.

We meet on a Wednesday evening in the main village hall, between 8pm and 9pm. We have a fabulous Choir Leader, Pam, who really works hard to bring us together singing in unison and harmonies.



The reason why we felt that the Community Choir would be beneficial is because singing is absolutely great for a number of things, including mental health and physical health.

We are always open to new members, we always have such fun and we leave feeling happy.

We sang at the Wickham Market Christmas Market from 11.30am and hope you enjoyed our performance, we have been singing Christmas songs since October.

*Gemma Dempsey-Gray*

**PHYSICAL BENEFITS**

- 1 SINGING RELEASES FEEL-GOOD HORMONES**  
Singing releases endorphins and oxytocin. Endorphin is a hormone associated with the feeling of pleasure. Oxytocin is a hormone considered to decrease anxiety and stress as well as increase the feelings of trust and bonding.
- 2 SINGING BOOSTS IMMUNITY**  
Singing boosts immunity by creating a healthy respiratory system. Singing also helps fight disease.
- 3 SINGING LOWERS BLOOD PRESSURE**  
A case study showed that singing can reduce blood pressure given its relaxing effect.
- 4 SINGING IMPROVES BREATHING**  
The act of singing requires breathing. As a result, the body has improved blood circulation and oxygen flow.
- 5 SINGING IMPROVES OVERALL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**  
People who sing require less visits to the doctor and don't need as much medication. They are also less likely to be depressed.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFITS**

- 6 SINGING LOWERS ANXIETY AND STRESS**  
Singing is associated with increased levels of anxiety due to the release of oxytocin.
- 7 SINGING PROMOTES SOCIAL BONDING**  
Singing and especially group singing creates opportunities for cooperation and social bonding.
- 8 SINGING IMPROVES HAPPINESS**  
Singers reported feeling happier and better equipped. Singing reduces feelings of depression and loneliness.
- 9 SINGING IMPROVES COGNITION**  
Some studies found that musicians and singers have generally higher IQs than non-musicians. Many non-musical people are also great musicians.
- 10 SINGING LEADS TO LONGER LIFE**  
One report concluded that singing provided both better health and mental state, which led to longer life expectancy.

# CLIMATE CHANGE



Wickham Market has seen a busy few months in relation to our progress on how our Parish will join the global fight against Climate Change.

We have just had COP27 in late 2022, hosted in Egypt. This means there has been 27 years of world leaders working on the issue that still remains hugely problematic.

There is much literature out there to soak up on varying issues and unfortunately there is only so much that individuals can do, as we appreciate that systemic change is needed for the majority of progress to be made. This however, does not negate our need as individuals to try and make reasonable change, as if we all work together, we can make more of a drop in the ocean and maybe even cause a wave.

We started off with our Parish Council declaring a Climate Change Emergency, in line with Suffolk County Council and Central Government. We then formed a working group (to which we are still welcoming members), to work on a clear route for our Parish Council. We met for our first meeting on 7th

November and it was fabulous, well attended and full of passion.

We have worked together with Rendlesham Parish Council who have done an absolutely amazing job over the last few years and are very focussed on their plans. We have adapted the Climate Action Strategy (CAS) that Rendlesham had made, specific to Wickham Market, and this was adopted at the full council meeting on 21st November (this is published on Parish Council website under documents).

We launched our CAS at the Wickham Market Christmas Market, enjoying help from our School Children, with a Christmas tree they decorated. We were all able to add our climate change worries and solutions as Christmas decorations. We really feel engaging our youth into climate strategy is important. The school will also run a competition for the children to design the front cover of our CAS during school hours over the coming weeks.

Thank you to all of you who have helped thus far and we cannot wait to start doing all we can to learn and help the Climate Change, for the better.

*Gemma Dempsey-Gray*



## PROVIDING ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE



Having listened to the concerns of local young people, a Young Adults Group has been launched in Wickham Market.

Following a successful application to the Framlingham, Wickham Market and Villages Community Partnership's Small Grant Scheme, Wickham Market Parish Council and Leiston-based Young People Taking Action (The CYDS Project) have been awarded £4,000 to support the launch of the group.

The group provides a safe meeting point for local young people, enabling them to meet their friends and take part in sports, arts, multimedia activities and learn life skills. Education and support will also be available, ensuring young people are aware of the activities and opportunities which are available to them.

Since the start of the Young Adults group in June 2022 the venue has been full almost every week in the Village Hall committee room. To ensure this valuable provision is accessed by all that need it, the provision is being moved to a larger venue and the hours extended. It is planned that two youth groups will be based at the primary school, one for younger teenagers and one for the older teenagers. The groups will be run by qualified professional youth workers from the CYDS project.

The new venue would enable more young people to attend with better facilities for activities and improved space for confidential conversations. The aims of these groups are to support young people's mental health and increase opportunities to seek support should it be needed, increase the health and well being of those attending, improve young people's engagement and confidence.

The Young Adults group moved to the school on the 11th January when 18 attended. The younger group will be invited to attend on a date to be announced.

Cllr Carol Poulter, Chair of the Framlingham, Wickham Market and Villages Community Partnership, said: "As well as providing a safe meeting place, the new service will help us better understand what our young people want and need, allowing us to provide more activities and services for them in future. Providing more opportunities for local young people is one of the Community Partnership's priorities, along with reducing social isolation and loneliness which can affect people of all ages. The Parish Council have listened to our local young people, and we are delighted to be able to support them and the CYDS Project in the creation of this new club."

**Ivor French**

## QUIET LANES SUFFOLK

In February 2021 Quiet Lanes Suffolk started the formal 'Proposal to Designate' process with Wave One, overall there will be four Waves.

Wickham Market has three lanes designated:  
Wave 3. Spring Lane and Mill Lane  
Wave 4 Chapel Lane

These were recommended for designation and formally signed off by Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Minister and published in the EADT, at this stage the Lanes became 'legal' and the signs could be installed. Posts are being installed and the signs along with the fixings will be ready to collect and install once the weather improves.

Quiet Lanes is not about speed restrictions, it is to indicate to drivers of vehicles to be aware of other road users on the lane such as walkers, dog walkers, cyclists and horses. Let us all enjoy our Quiet Lanes. [www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk](http://www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk)

**Ivor French**



## PARISH BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR WICKHAM MARKET

In December 2021, following agreement with Pettistree Parish Council, Wickham Market Parish Council started a petition to move the southern boundary to include the Wickham Gate development.

The main reasons for the change include

- The development is next to Wickham Market
- Pettistree does not have the amenities to serve a development of this size in shops and services
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payable to East Suffolk Council who then distribute a portion to the Parish to fund community projects
- 136 new homes contributing to Wickham Market through their council tax every year
- There is more financial benefit to Wickham Market in a boundary change than there would have been for Pettistree

However, with the Community Governance Review 2021 - 2022, Terms of Reference signatures were no longer required but the request for a boundary change was approved and will be put in place from 1 April 2023.

**Ivor French**

# SPOTLIGHT on Anna O'Neill

[givingcommunity21@gmail.com](mailto:givingcommunity21@gmail.com)

Here we highlight a local community project in each issue of Wickham Market Parish News. In this first issue we talk to Anna who has been working really hard since moving here to bring the community together.



*Hi Anna, thanks for giving Wickham Market some more of your valuable time to tell us about The Giving Community Wickham Market. We would love to hear about The Giving Community that you and a group of wonderful volunteers have started. What was the need that you saw for you to start the project?*

We started The Giving Community Wickham Market in 2021 as a response to tackling isolation, poor well-being and increasing connection again locating post Covid 19.



*Where would you like to see The Giving Community in another 6 months time?*

Our vision is to see a community that is connected in many different ways, all inclusive, with different generations learning from each other. A safe place where people feel safe, feel connected and learn how to improve their well-being.

*How would you describe the importance of our wonderful volunteers in the community to help projects such as the allotment and your Wellbeing cafe?*

We have been running The Wellbeing Cafe for a year now and have developed a great group of volunteers and local people that come along weekly. Volunteers are at the basis of community.

*We've been to a few of your Wellbeing cafés and we loved it, how would you describe these sessions?*

The Wellbeing tree cafe runs each week on a Wednesday morning 10.30 - 12.30 where we welcome people of all ages and backgrounds to join us for a drink and piece of cake. Each week we run a different activity such as - Quiz Relaxation and well-being activities Singing Art and craft/games Day trips We also aim to hold a community fun day during each of the school holidays where we run activities for children and their families too, these have been very popular. People have said that they feel like they are part of one big family, and that they enjoy meeting new people and taking part in activities.

*Could you please tell us how the community allotment works, its benefits and what the aim of the allotment is?* Wickham Market Parish Council kindly agreed to let us utilise a plot on the Glebe allotments, to use as a community project in July 2022. The plot was very overgrown and had a lot of rubbish to clear but, we quickly got a group together and started to clear the land ready to start planting in Spring 23.

We aim to build a community of people who come together to garden, and form friendships. A place where people feel safe, learn about growing fruit and vegetables while improving their wellbeing at the same time!

There are many benefits of allotment gardening here's some for you:

- Good for your mental health and wellbeing
- Social gathering gives people the opportunity to form new connections, reducing isolation or loneliness
- Good for the environment, we will use organic growing methods
- We will plant plants that encourage wildlife and insects like bees
- Save money by cooking with home-grown food from the allotment
- Provides a good sense of achievement building confidence
- Fresh air, being outside and in nature
- Good exercise

To become a member of our community allotment we ask that you commit to being actively involved in the group. Membership - £5 for one person annually, £10 for a family with two adults and any number of children annually. The money will go straight back into the allotment so we are able to buy allotment related essentials. Membership benefits include:

1. Access to the shed padlock code
2. Be a part of our team (and WhatsApp group)
3. Have a share of the produce
4. Come along to fun events such as BBQ, educational events



*We are really thankful you have allowed us some insight into what keeps you busy, we understand that gardening has so many benefits and growing your own veg is so rewarding, thank you for starting the projects off and we wish you all the success in Wickham Market.*





# USEFUL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

**Suffolk County Council:** Highways, Recycling

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

**East Suffolk Council:** Waste collection, Pay car parks, Planning

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

**Wickham Market Parish Council:** Cemetery, Playing Fields, Allotments, Markets. <http://wickhammarket.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/wickhammarketparishclerk@gmail.com>

**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 friendship and support with shopping, posting letters, filling forms, computers, dog walking, DIY, gardening, fitness, transport, home from hospital service etc. 07914 494108.

**Lookupstayup:** Wellbeing for everyone.

A small independent nurse-led company that aims to improve peoples' quality of life, prevent social isolation and promote physical, emotional and mental well-being. Working with individuals and families to prevent crisis.

[www.lookupstayup.com](http://www.lookupstayup.com)

07798 738918

**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:** Old Archive Centre 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

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

**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:**

**Bookstart Story Time**

Tuesdays 11.00 - 11.30am

**Tot Rock** Preschool songs & rhymes.

Tuesdays 11.00 - 11.30 am.

**Stories & Rhymes** for preschool

Tuesdays 2.00 - 2.30 pm

**Sewing Group:**

Thursdays 1.30 - 4.30 pm.

01728 747987

**Lego at the Library:**

Monthly third Saturday 10.30 - 4pm.

**VILLAGE HALL**

Bookings: Kay Brundell 07916271688

**Also at the Village Hall**

**Gardening Club:**

Monthly third Thursday 7:30 pm

[wmgardenclub27@gmail.com](mailto:wmgardenclub27@gmail.com)

**Community Cuppa/Chinwag**

For those in later life (65+):

Monthly second Thursday 2 - 4 pm.

**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

**Little Treasures:** Drop-in for parents/carers with babies age 0 to 15 months in the back room

Wednesdays 1.30 - 3.30 pm

**Little Kickers Football:**

Mondays 09.30. Two age groups

- 18 months to 30 months

- 2½ to 3½.

[www.littlekickers.co.uk](http://www.littlekickers.co.uk) 07762 341982

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Crown Lane, IP13 0SA

Rev Leslie Siu 01728 561572

[leslie@wickhammarketchurch.org](mailto:leslie@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

**BEEHIVE BUILDING**

Crown Lane

**Bumblebees:** Toddlers Group Age 0-4  
Suggested cost £1 per session.  
Tuesdays 9 - 11.30 term time.

**Rainbows** (age 4-7), **Brownies** (age 7-10), **Guides** (age 10+)  
Linda Payne: 01728 604491.

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

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB**  
01728 746915

**AVOCET ACADEMY:**  
01728 746405

**ARCHIVE CENTRE:**  
Philip Tallent 01728 746058



## Voter ID: A summary

On **Thursday 4 May 2023**, local elections are taking place across 230 councils in England.

At these elections, you will need to bring photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station. A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences and cards with a PASS Mark.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID), call **0800 328 0280**, or scan the QR code below to find out more, including:

- **Whether elections are taking place in your area in May**
- **The full list of accepted forms of photo ID**
- **How to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate (if you need one)**
- **What will happen at the polling station**

