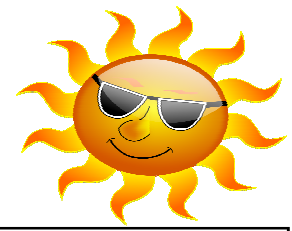


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## SUMMER 2025



### PROJECT ST. JAMES FLOWER FESTIVAL

The flower displays will be based on 'FAVOURITE FILMS' 26th- 27th JULY 11.00am - 4pm Refreshments, Cake Stall, Raffle, Tombola, Games Stalls & much more !

If you would like to make a cake for the cake stall, please bring it along on the Saturday morning. We will be very grateful for help to run the stalls & any donations for the Tombola For any more info please call Sue Marston 713801, Dorothy Handford 712439

This year, when the Great British Spring Clean took place in Icklingham we collected 20 bags of rubbish. Including car bumpers, number plates, hub caps, cigarette butts, cans & bottles, rugs, plastic bags & tags, old signs, you name it we probably found it !



Together, we cleaned up the places & spaces we love so **huge thanks to Julie Arnold, Ronnie & Phil Halford, Viktoria Cestaro, Karen Nolan, Simon Curtis, Charlie Evans & anyone else helping behind the scenes, it is much appreciated.**

Many of our volunteers found 'retro rubbish' that was dropped ages ago but is still causing harm to our environment today, releasing greenhouse gases as it slowly breaks down in our soil & water, which contributes to the climate crisis.

**Don't toss cigarette butts out on the roadway or grass verges. These can cause fires, especially in dry conditions, after a period of warm weather, this can increase the likelihood of a fire starting from a cigarette butt!**

The good news is that litter-picking is a simple action that anyone can do at anytime. It makes an immediate & visible difference to the environment where we live, work & play.

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The Churches Conservation Trust are organising a cleaning day at All Saints Church in Icklingham for Saturday 7th June 2025 to start at 11am. Lunch has been arranged at the Guinness Arms at 2pm for everyone who has been able to help clean the church. The church is in need of a good clean & all cleaning materials will be supplied. If you just have time to pop in & chat about any ideas you have for the church then please do so.

Also, if you have spare time to regularly clean the church or are interested in volunteering for the Churches Conservation Trust or would like to find out more but you are not available on the 7th June then please contact Jane by phone or email [jhatton@theccct.org.uk](mailto:jhatton@theccct.org.uk). Please contact Jane if are available on the 7th June & would like to come for lunch, so that numbers can be confirmed with the Guinness Arms beforehand.

Jane Hatton - Local Community Officer Telephone 07392086936

**GOOD WISHES & THE BEST OF LUCK TO ALL OF YOU TAKING EXAMS**

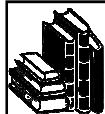
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St James Church Wardens Dorothy Handford  
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All Saints CCT 0845 303 2760 Jane Hatton

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### LIBRARY VAN DATES

The Mobile Library will visit  
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The Hall Close at 1.50pm

The Village Green at 2.10pm

The new mobile Manager is Tony

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### Icklingham Parish Council

[www.icklingham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.icklingham.onesuffolk.net)

Clerk - Justin Hook

email: [clerk@icklinghamparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@icklinghamparish.gov.uk)

Any parishioners wishing to raise an issue or add an item to the agenda, should contact the Parish Clerk via email.

\*Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Monday bi-monthly (21st July, 15th September & 17th November)

in the Old School, The Street  
Icklingham.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Councillors 2025-2026

Darren Baugh - Chairman

Veronica Halford

Karrie Baugh

Joe Fisher

There are currently two vacancies for Parish Councillors, if you are interested & want to get more involved in your village please contact the clerk by email [clerk@icklinghamparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@icklinghamparish.gov.uk) or come along to the next meeting !



### Church Services at St James

#### CHURCH SERVICES

Please check Church Notice Board for Service dates & for more information please contact the

Church Wardens

Dorothy Handford 01638 712439

& Sue Marston 01638 713801

ALL WELCOME

### WRAP UP 2025 CAMPAIGN

We look forward to the 2025 campaign, which will aim to increase the reach of this worthwhile campaign.

Wrap Up is a project run by various Rotary Clubs working in partnership with Hands On London.

It's sole aim is to provide coats, that go directly to people across the UK, who struggle to keep warm during the winter months.

Once we have collected coats from the public, volunteers get to work at our sorting sessions. We spend many hours sorting coats into different categories for men, women, children & babies. We check pockets & make sure the coat is clean & in a good enough condition to be given away.

Our philosophy is 'would YOU wear this?'

Following the collection period, coats are sorted & distributed to charities across the UK. We work with charities & community organisations that provide frontline services to the homeless, the elderly, refugees, children & families living in poverty & people fleeing domestic violence.

Wrap Up do not distribute the coats to those in need directly, because we want to help charities create lasting links with those they set out to help. When a vulnerable person reaches out to a charity for a coat this winter, they will also discover the other resources & forms of support available to them.

It's amazing that a coat YOU donated could kick-start a relationship between those in need & the charities that can help them by providing year-round services & support.

Our impact continues to grow thanks to the generosity of people like you, who take the time to find & donate their unwanted coats, & the incredible volunteers that give their time. Our campaign is run by small teams of hardworking volunteers throughout the country.

**From all the Wrap Up team, thank you so much  
Warm a Heart , Give a Coat " ♥**

**If you would like to donate a coat to support  
this very worthwhile cause**

**please leave at 59 The Street, Icklingham or call 0774 8998 164  
to arrange collection.**



### BURY ST EDMUNDS RECYCLING CENTRE NEWS

Get Composting: special offers ! The Suffolk Waste Partnership have once again teamed up with getcomposting.com to give Suffolk residents the chance to buy home composting bins for under £20 each!

Through the scheme you can buy a range of heavily subsidised items, which can help you to compost both your garden & kitchen waste at home. The scheme also includes subsidies on a couple of composting systems which can deal with cooked food waste. There's also the opportunity to get another compost bin of the same size for half price! So there's no better time to get composting! To find all the offers on compost bins & more you can: Visit GetComposting & enter your postcode to view special offers or call 0800 316 4454 & quote SUF 25L

SPRING CLEANING ? Following a spring clean, you might visit a Recycling Centre. If any of the items you're trying to dispose of are still in good condition they can be donated at Bury St Edmunds Re-use shops (on-site at the recycling centre). A range of items are accepted for re-use: TVs, PCs/laptops, DVD players, gaming consoles, audio equipment, power tools, bikes, vacuums, small furniture, books, toys & many more. Currently, you must book an appointment to visit any Suffolk Recycling Centre, but you don't have to, to visit or donate at the Re-use shops. Your donations will be sold there, & all proceeds will go to the Benjamin Foundation, which is the largest charity in East Anglia fighting the growing issue of youth homelessness. You can read more about Re-use shops & the Benjamin Foundation on our website.

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**Icklingham Parish Council** - Draft Minutes from Parish Council Meeting Monday 17th March 2025 These draft minutes will be approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 19th May. Present: Cllr Darren Baugh (Chair), Cllr Veronica Halford (Vice Chair), Cllrs Karrie Baugh & Joe Fisher. Cllr Susan Glossop, Clerk Justin Hook, Beverley Curtis (The Icklingham Villager) & 4 members of the public.

Chairman's welcome, opening remarks & to receive apologies for absence The Chair opened the meeting at 19:44 & welcomed all in attendance. No apologies received. The Chair advised that Cllr Moss had stepped down from the Council, & thanked him for his many years' serving the village.

2. (i) To receive members Declarations of Interests - none received. (ii) Council to consider any new written requests for dispensation which have been received - none received.

3. To approve & adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on 20th January 2025 Council resolved to approve & adopt the minutes, the Chairman signed them.

4. To receive County Councillor's report from Cllr. Noble Report received & circulated.

5. To receive Borough Councillor's reports from Cllr. Susan Glossop & Cllr Colin Noble Report received & circulated. Cllr Glossop encouraged Council to consider getting involved with the Great British Spring Clean - Beverley Curtis has already been organising & details were in The Icklingham Villager. Equipment is available. Local Plan: all the information is available online & comments can be filed online.

Devolution update: SCC are pushing for one unitary council, the districts are pushing for an east & a west & Ipswich are looking for independence. Cllr Glossop is attending a meeting on 18th March 2025 where Cllrs will be voting on these proposals.

6. Public open session up to 10 minutes - questions & issues on matters arising from the agenda & from the village i. Resident questioned Elveden Estate's proposal for 20 new homes in the village. Cllr Baugh reiterated that this was a pre-application only, that the estate is not bound to disclose, but that initial feedback was not positive anyway on the basis that the village was category B & that part of the development sat outside of the village envelope. Resident complained Council not doing enough. Council unable to act on a pre-application.

ii. Resident raised the poor condition of repair of the empty Elveden Estate properties in the village. Cllr Baugh advised that the properties are privately owned & that therefore the Parish Council has little power to force owners to re-purpose or repair the properties. Cllr Glossop suggested that if there is a valid concern, Council could write to WSC Building Control & advise that they had received complaints to see if they had any concerns or could survey the properties. **ACTION: Clerk to obtain list of empty properties from Beverley, & WSC contacts from Cllr Glossop, to then write to Building Control, copying in Andrew Blenkiron.**

iii. Residents concerned Elveden Estate are not putting back into the village. Council disagreed, citing the playing field is leased to the council for peppercorn rent, much help was received to alleviate flooding in West Street, plus the provision of allotments for residents etc. iv. Residents raised concerns over ongoing flooding in West Street.

**ACTION: residents to email photos & exact location to clerk to raise with SCC & Colin Noble.**

v. Resident questioned whether byways closures are to all traffic, having witnessed at least 9 motorbikes on a byway which is temporarily closed. Clerk confirmed not all byways are closed, & that the closed ones, are technically closed to all traffic, pedestrians included.

**ACTION: Resident to forward photos, dates, times to clerk for reporting.** vi. It was raised that the lack of lighting at The Old School House was a health & safety issue & that the ineffectiveness of the heating was still an issue. **ACTION: Clerk to speak to David Fisher.**

7. Planning: No new planning applications for Council to discuss.

8. To receive updates on the following matters:

a. Highway gates installation update - Clerk confirmed that new licenses need to be applied for & will action.

b. Quiet lane sign replacement (Temple Lane) - Clerk Works were to be completed by 14th Feb. Cllrs Baugh to check & confirm.

c. VAS data report - Cllr Fisher At the Mildenhall end, average incoming speed was 31mph & outgoing was 37mph, with a top speed of 115mph & a compliance (to speed limit) rate of 60%. Bury end, average incoming speed was 26mph & outgoing was 30mph, with a top speed of 92mph & a compliance (to speed limit) rate of 87%. Worst times recorded as 12am - 2am. **ACTION: Clerk to speak to USAF base to see if that coincides with base shifts.**

d. VAS repair - Clerk reported unit appears to be working well on solar & holding up on just one underpowered battery. Two new batteries have been delivered. **ACTION: Cllr Baugh to install new batteries.**

e. Basketball resurfacing - Clerk has received three quotes **ACTION: Cllr Baugh to raise funding request. ACTION: Clerk to check warranty detail on any the works.**

f. .gov.uk domain & offer of new website - Clerk advised that there would be an increase in the cost of web hosting from One Suffolk of £6 per annum to £66. A third party had contacted the council about FOC web building services for charities. Hosting for this would be circa £18 per month. Council were unclear if web traffic was significant enough to warrant any greater investment. **ACTION: Clerk to investigate website traffic figures.**

g. Street light upgrades - Clerk Cllr Halford confirmed that all units had in fact been replaced. The Clerk noted savings of over £700 between 23/24 to 24/25 billing. Item closed.

h. ANPR devices - Cllr Baugh Ongoing. Clerk advised that ANPR units were due in the A1101 area in the coming weeks.

9. To receive Clerks report The Clerk gave the following update: i. Online banking set up & active, with SO set up for Clerks Salary as agreed ii. Damaged signs reported in the village. Residents also advised further damaged /fallen signs by B112 junction & sign for play park on West Street. **ACTION: Clerk to report to SCC.** iii. Clerk raised question over defib & who is responsible? Parish Council own the box & the equipment, with another person maintaining it, Check handover for details. iv. Tuddenham Parish Council still wishing to get together to discuss matters affecting both villages. Council still keen to be a part of this, Clerk to organise. v. Lots of website improvements carried out to re-order, restructure & make it more cohesive. vi. SALC West Suffolk Forum on Devolution is 25th March 7pm online, clerk hoping to attend & open to any Cllrs to join. vii. CILCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) introduction session attended - full training begins in April, which Council have agreed to part fund & allow extra hours for Clerk to complete

10. Finance update

11. Play park inspections Cllr Fisher had not received latest report, but a physical inspection raised no major concerns. **ACTION: Cllr Fisher to check on requirements for equipment cleaning & advise Council if this would be a volunteer job or if an outside company is required.**

12. Donations to community groups - S137 monies Council to discuss request from PCC for donation/contribution towards to the work to repair the church wall. Repair costs are estimated to be in the region of £1,500 to £2,000. Council questioned if this were not more a project for the Church on England to fund? Council budgeted £500 in 2024/2025 for S137 donations, & the same again for 2025/26. Cashbook suggests no donations have been made. **ACTION: Clerk to check whether anything was previously agreed or paid, potentially under grass cutting.** On the basis that assistance is no longer required with cutting the grass, Council resolved to allocate an equivalent amount toward the costs of repairing the church wall.

13. Correspondence a. Resident email via Cllr Glossop re: concerns of increased dog fouling on byways & footpaths, as well as bikes on byway behind Hall Farm Close Cllr Glossop arranged for a range of signage to be provided, which the Clerk has identified potential locations. Need to allocate some time in the warmer weather for a working party to install. Clerk advised that he had met with residents & confirmed that the section of Byway behind The Hall Close was in fact not subject to the temporary closures. b. Resident email via Cllr Glossop with videos of 4x4's on the track behind The Hall Close Clerk advised that he had met with residents & confirmed that this section of Byway was in fact not subject to the temporary closures. c. Resident email re: fallen post by bridge on road to Cavenham Clerk has reported to SCC. d. Potential resident email re: allotments Clerk spoke to Elveden Estate who confirmed some plots had recently been cleared & ready for tenancy. Details have been added to the website & in The Icklingham Villager.

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