

Barham Parish Council – JANUARY 2024 InTouch Report

Barham Parish Council would like to wish Everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. Please be assured that we are working hard to respond to any concerns raised by the community and we strive to represent the community.

THANK YOU TO THE WOMBLES AND THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

The Parish Council would like to thank the volunteer Wombles for their work throughout the year, helping to keep the village clear of litter. Also thank you to the volunteers of the Good Neighbour Scheme for giving their time to support the village and all the volunteers on committees that run all the organisations that make our community.

LIAISON MEETING WITH TAYLOR WIMPEY – NORWICH RD/CHURCH LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

After another productive liaison meeting with Taylor Wimpey the following information may address issues on the new building site:

The main road through the new development is narrow but actually it is 6 metres wide compared with current Church Lane 5.3 metres and Thornhill Road at 5 metres.

Church Lane will not be closed for at least 3 years (hopefully not until end of build in 2028) and the bollards stopping access will be above the Thornhill Road junction. So, from Norwich Road you can go up Church Lane to Thornhill Road but not as far as the Church.

Traffic down Church Lane from above the Church will have to go through the new development.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are very keen to get Community Speed Watch back up and running but need more volunteers. If you are concerned about speeding in the village and can you spare one or two hours every week or fortnight, get in touch. This will enable frequent speed checks to be conducted in the village with the portable speed camera device. If you are interested in being part of the Barham Community Speed watch team, then please contact the Chair – Gail Cornish on 0793 247 8878 or the Clerk.

FREE INSULATION

Mid Suffolk District Council has a scheme for free insulation upgrades for homes under a new £2million initiative.

You will need to meet the following criteria to qualify, properties need:

- an EPC rating below a C.
- an annual household income under £60k. Savings of no more than £16k.
- to be in Council Tax bands A-D
- Insulation options must be viable in the property.

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/mid-suffolk/w/mid-suffolk>

DATES OF FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council Meetings scheduled 7.00pm in Barham Church Hall.

Monday 15th January. **Date change for the February meeting to 19th February & 8th April 2024.**

Members of the public are very welcome to attend and voice their concerns in the public forum at the start of the meeting.

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