

EARL STONHAM RECORDER



~ SUMMER 2026 ~

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Earl Stonham Play Park



If you have visited the Play Park recently, you will probably have noticed that it is looking rather shabby. It has served the village children well over many years but the time has come when it really needs a major overhaul and upgrade.

Earl Stonham Trust looks after the Play Park and would like to hear from anyone who would like to assist with this. Things that we need help with include:

- Determining what the village would like from the park
- Raising (probably significant!) funds to pay for it
- Managing and helping with the upgrade work
- Help looking after the Play Park once it is completed

If you think you can help at all please contact:

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EARL STONHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Welcome to the latest edition of the Recorder, which is appearing as usual, in both print and online versions. This is my annual report for 2025/26 which was presented to the Annual Parish Meeting in May. During this year Karl Wilkinson and Sally Baker stepped down as Parish Councillors and I should like to express my gratitude for their contribution during their term of office and to wish them well for the future.

We welcomed Di Brenig-Jones (who has previously served both as Parish Councillor & Chair) and Derek Cawston on to the Parish Council. We still have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. We would like to hear from Residents who wish to apply to become a Parish Councillor – if you wish to know more, please speak to one of the existing Councillors or contact the Parish Clerk by email at parishclerk@earlstonham.org.uk

Highlights

In the year since May 2025, the Parish Council has:

- Held 7 meetings, including planning meetings.
- Considered 6 Planning Applications and submitted views to Mid Suffolk District Council as part of the planning process.
- During 2025/26 the Speed Watch Team undertook 8 sessions and reported 148 speeding motorists to the Police.
- Following a successful fundraising campaign we were able to purchase 2 Speed Indicator Devices which have been operational since August 2025. The devices record data on the speed of vehicles coming towards the sign and as they depart the sign in the other direction. **For the Quarter 1 January to 31 March 2026 134,926 vehicles drove into the 30 mph limit past the SID outside Crest View. Of these 93.2% were travelling below 35 mph, with 6.8% travelling at 36 mph or more and of these 10 were driving at speeds of between 61-70 mph, with 3 driving at speeds up to 100 mph. 109,078 vehicles drove into the 30 mph limit past the SID outside Bishops Cottage and of these 96.94% were travelling below 35 mph, with 3.06% travelling at 36 mph or more and of these 9 were driving at speeds of between 61-70 mph.**

- A group of residents living along the Debenham Road and Middlewood Green have come together to lobby for a reduction in the speed limits on Debenham Road and Blacksmiths Lane. The Parish Council agreed a donation of £300 to fund an initial report by Suffolk Highways which will determine whether a case can be made for a reduction in the limits. If successful there will be an approximate cost of £12,000 to progress this through the formal process. Councillor Matthew Hicks and Stonham Parva Parish Council also contributed to the cost of the initial report.
- We have also been asked to support residents living in the 30mph zone on the A140 with the installation of a Speed Indicator Device. This is currently being investigated.
- Low Carbon's application for a Solar Farm Development on land adjacent to Blacksmiths Lane was approved by Mid-Suffolk Planning Committee in the summer of 2025. Low Carbon are expecting to be notified of their Gate 2 Offer (connection to the grid) between October 2026 and March 2027 at which point preconstruction activities can be progressed.
- The Planning Inspectorate have commenced their Examination of National Grid's Development Consent Order. The first public meetings took place during the week of 9th February, and the process is due to last 6 months. The Parish Council has registered as an Interested Party so that we can participate fully in the examination of the application and attempt to minimise and mitigate any adverse impacts. You can keep up to date with the Examination process through the following link <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020027>
- In May 2025 we celebrated the 80th Anniversary of VE Day starting with the lighting of the beacon followed by refreshments. There was a themed supper on the following Saturday 10th May.
- Earl Stonham Theatre Group entertained us with another successful pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, in January.

Finance Report

The Parish Council is funded by a Precept levied on the Council Tax. In 2025/26 the total precept was £8,586, equating to £31.89 per household for a Band D Property. At the year end the Parish Council held £8,013 including fixed reserves. The Precept for 2026/27 is £9,453 equating to £34.98 per household for a Band D Property. This reflects the increased day to day costs faced by the Parish Council. The Parish Council funds a number of activities, of which the key items of expenditure are the Parish Clerk, insurance, subscriptions, grass cutting, street lighting, grants & donations and dog bin emptying.

The Parish Council has successfully completed its Internal Audit which was undertaken by Suffolk Association of Local Councils. The Audit Report was presented to the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 18 May.

Community Engagement

- We try to keep everyone informed through the Recorder, which is published 3 times each year, via the website and through emails to the village mailing list.
- We rely heavily on volunteer effort, without which we would not be able to run many of the events or activities that we do. If you do have a little time to spare, please consider helping and supporting one of our projects.

Future Plans

- The website will be refreshed during the coming months. This will link to the Parish Council's move to a '.gov.uk' website domain and associated email addresses. This is a recommendation identified in our recent audit and is being encouraged by National Government.

Acknowledgements

I should like to express my gratitude

- to my fellow parish councillors, volunteers and community groups for their contributions and support
- to our Parish Clerk, Susan Edgar, District Councillor, Cllr Nick Hardingham and our County Councillor, Cllr Matthew Hicks for their continued support

Next Parish Council Meetings

Will be held on 20 July, 21 September & 16 November and will all start at **7.00pm** in the Club Room at the Village Hall.

Mark Gillett

Chair, Earl Stonham Parish Council



TREE GUARDS – THE MYSTERY SOLVED!

When the tree was removed on the Green, metal rods were found embedded in it and this article (found in the archives) explains why!



Did you see this man? Well, some of you did, so it's good to know the Neighbourhood Watch is on its toes! The photo explains why one of the two remaining tree guards had to be removed before it caused unwanted damage to the tree, although they have certainly done their job over the last 80 years.

This particular tree guard was made by William (Bill) Thurlow whose daughter-in-law, Mrs Thurlow, still lives in the house opposite, and was sad to see it being removed. Her daughter, who visits most days, came out to see what was happening, and told us the story. Well, we managed to get the guard out in one piece, so we carried it across the road and into Mrs Thurlow's back garden where she will be able to keep an eye on it. We feel sure her grandchildren will put it to good use again one day in some way or another.

The other tree guard was of much lighter gauge and not in nearly such good condition. It had to be cut into pieces to extricate it from the branches. The pieces were taken to the Stowmarket HWRC to be recycled.

Next time you admire these glorious trees, looking so good with all their blossom at this time of year, spare a thank you for those kind folk who planted them all those years ago.

Does anyone know why they were planted? Perhaps someone, somewhere, has a photo of the planting ceremony?

Jen Hamilton

ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE EARL STONHAM



There are currently allotments available
so if you would be interested in one or
know someone who would like to rent
one, please contact

Susan Edgar (Parish Clerk)
on **07833 242561** or by email at
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~ VILLAGE INFORMATION ~



The Recorder is published **three** times a year. Don't forget you can advertise in the Recorder which is delivered to every house in the village. The cost for a full page is £30.00 (payable in advance) and the money helps towards the cost of producing the Recorder. The advert will be included in three issues, with the option of it appearing on the website via **editor@earlstonham.org.uk**

There is an e-mail address (Recorder@btinternet.com) so if you would like to send your contributions or advertisements electronically, it helps reduce preparation time of the Recorder. Payment can be made directly to Earl Stonham Parish Council – we will send you an invoice with details.

MOBILE LIBRARY & COFFEE & CAKE FRIDAYS

Do look out on the Village Email list and website for future developments on the Mobile Library, Coffee & Cake & much more. **Coffee & Cake** will be held on **17 Jul, 21 Aug, 18 Sep & 16 Oct** at the Village Hall starting at 10.30am until 12 noon. The Mobile Library Van will be there on **31 Jul, 28 August, 25 Sep & 23 October** at 12.20pm.

If you would like to join the Village Email list, just send an email to Recorder@btinternet.com. It is a great way of keeping up to date with activities etc in our village.

**EARL STONHAM
VILLAGE FOOTPATH WALK
SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026**



We will be walking the **BLUE** route this time finishing at the **Village Hall** for refreshments. **Parking will be in the overflow car park at the Village Hall**

Join us at the **Village Hall** for a 2.00pm departure. The walk will be led by Tony Stevens & dogs on leads are very welcome

By the way - on a previous walk a fossil was found which was a 60 to 100 million year old relative of the oyster called a Devils Toenail with the correct name **Gryphaea**. They aren't exactly uncommon but this one was intact which is unusual. It's 7cm long which is fairly rare. There must be lots of other ones, it's just a matter of looking!





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For more details, ring Halstead on
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A great way to start the weekend !!

Stonham Theatre Guild

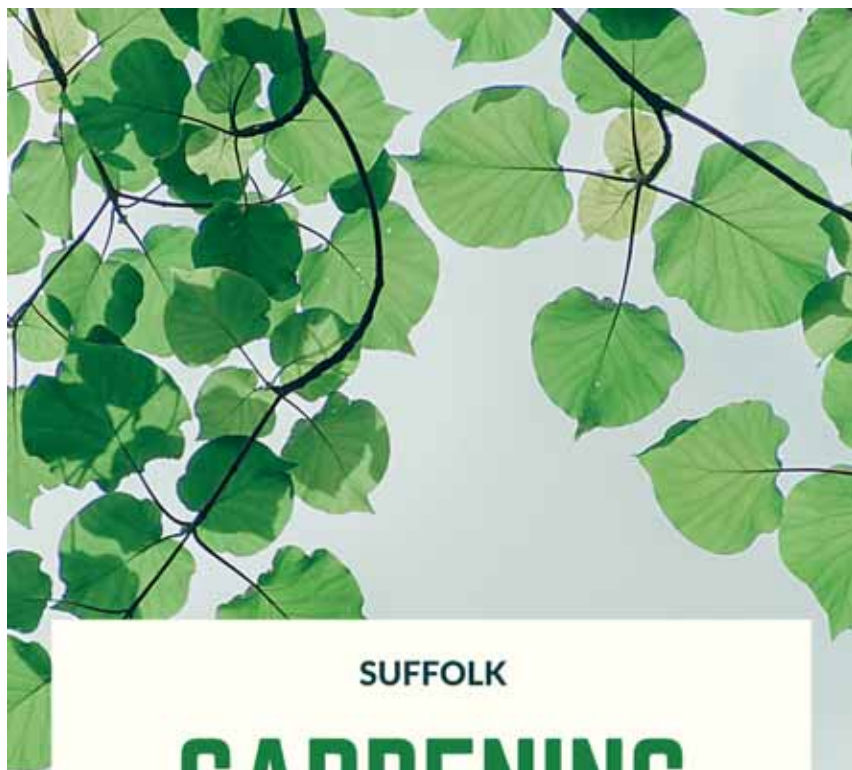
Change is in the air for the Stonham Theatre Guild.

The first thing to tell you, is that this year we are celebrating our 20th anniversary. We are inviting everyone to come along to the village hall on **Sunday 26th July from 2pm to 4pm** to help us mark the occasion. **Booking is essential** so please contact Kathryn Burston by email at kathburston@hotmail.co.uk by 17th July.



So if you have been in the audience at any of our performances; if you are, were, or maybe want to be a member of the group, please come along to celebrate with us. There will be refreshments, some fun activities and some exciting news about our future plans.

Unfortunately, we will not be putting on a pantomime in the village hall this year as we are looking at new ways of moving forward for the future. But, if you have ever wanted to have a go, on stage or backstage, at any of the many different skills involved with putting on an amateur dramatic production (not just acting - and not just pantomimes), please either come along on Sunday 26th July to hear what we have to say or contact Linda Johnson on 07909 065511 for an informal chat. All you need is an interest - we will help you with the rest!



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FRIDAY 14 August

Greek Pastitsio

SATURDAY 12 September

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FRIDAY 9 October

Pork Stroganoff

SATURDAY 14 November

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FRIDAY 11 December

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EARL STONHAM VILLAGE HALL 2026



‘Coffee and Cake’ mornings are held in the village hall on the **third Friday of each month** and everyone is most welcome to drop in between **10.30 and 12 noon**

17 July
21 August
18 September
16 October
20 November
18 December

A selection of home-made treats to suit all diets is served with proper coffee and tea for a small donation to cover the hire of the hall.

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14 September
12 October
9 November
14 December**

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open from 7pm.**

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Suffolk Community Libraries (SCC) mobile service operates three vans stopping at hundreds of rural towns and villages across the county. The service allows you to borrow and return books, access free reservations and pick up small items like NHS hearing aid batteries.

The mobile library visits Earl Stonham Village hall car park every **FOUR** weeks on a **FRIDAY** between **12.20 and 12.50.**

FRIDAY

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23rd October

20th November

18th December



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Cllr Matthew Hicks – June 2026 Report for the Thredling Division



I was humbled and honoured to be re-elected as your County Councillor in the May 2026 elections. I look forward to continuing to represent this wonderful part of Suffolk, as the best I can. Once again, a huge thank you and as always please do get in touch if I can help in any way.

Suffolk Conservatives announce new team at Suffolk County Council

Following the local elections on 7 May, the Leader of Suffolk County Council, Councillor Matthew Hicks, formally stood down as Leader of the Council at the Annual General Meeting on 21 May. Matthew has also decided that the time is right to step back from leading the Conservative Group. At the Suffolk Conservative Group's Annual Group Meeting, Councillor Richard Rout was elected as Leader and will now lead the group in opposition at Suffolk County Council. The Deputy Leader role will be shared, with Councillors Joe Mason and Beccy Hopfensperger being appointed.

Councillor Matthew Hicks said: "Following the local election results last week, while I remain Leader of the Council until its AGM on 21 May, it will then be time for a new administration to take control of Suffolk County Council. I would like to thank the many councillors, staff, stakeholders, businesses and community groups I've worked with for their hard work and diligence on behalf of our great county over the last eight years. Following the AGM, I have decided that I will return to the backbenches and, from there, do all I can to continue to achieve the very best for Suffolk's residents."

Locality Budgets and Local Highway Budgets

In 2026/2027, Suffolk's county councillors have been given a locality budget of £420,000, divided between them; each councillor has £6,000 to spend. Councillors are able to make recommendations about funding from this budget for local projects in their division, which should benefit the community. Last year groups and projects that benefitted included: village halls, sports and social clubs, and toddler groups. If you have a project that needs funding, please contact myself to make enquiries.

With Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) confirmed, and the creation of three unitary authorities from the 1st April 2028, a two-year allocation has been for the period to 31st March 2028. The total Local Highway Budget is £1,050,000, which is shared equally between the 70 County Councillors. This equates to £15,000 for each County Councillor. Local Highway Budgets are primarily intended for use on minor transport improvement schemes

that are supported and/or promoted by the relevant County Councillor to address local needs and quality of life issues. It can only be used to fund capital work to Suffolk's highway and transport infrastructure and may be used in combination with other funding.

SCC Reform Group call for a Judicial Review of Local Government Reorganisation

Cllr Richard Rout, Leader of the Conservative Group at Suffolk County Council, has today responded to the decision by the Reform UK Group to call for a judicial review of the Local Government Reorganisation decision made by the Government in March. Responding to the announcement, Cllr Rout said: "It's well known that we believe the government reached the wrong decision on LGR. In fact, their proposals contain nonsensical boundaries and will doubtless cost more than the current system. However, not liking a decision is not grounds for judicial review. What has been described by Reform thus far sounds like a spurious scatter-gun approach – they don't even seem to know on what grounds they are challenging. To succeed, a judicial review needs to show the decision was illegal, irrational, or procedurally flawed. A few short weeks ago, council staff were advising us none of those tests are met here. The irrationality bar is ludicrously high and even if a procedural flaw were found, the Secretary of State could simply make the same decision again. A judicial review that costs a fortune, goes nowhere but drags on for months.

Removal of Ukraine flag by new Reform UK administration

The Suffolk Conservative Group has condemned the decision by the new Reform UK administration at Suffolk County Council to remove the Ukrainian flag previously displayed at Endeavour House, describing the move as sending the wrong message at a time when Ukraine continues to suffer devastating losses due to Russia's illegal invasion. The decision also comes amid continued warnings from UK security agencies about growing Russian cyber threats targeting local authorities and public infrastructure in the country. The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has repeatedly warned that Russian-aligned groups are actively targeting UK councils because of Britain's support for Ukraine.

It's hugely disappointing and divisive that one of Reform UK's first acts controlling the County Council is to take down the Ukrainian flag, which has flown here since Russia's illegal invasion. It would have been quite possible to install an additional flagpole to fly the St George's Cross, had they wished to do so. Reform's leader in Suffolk famously said, 'Russia is not my enemy' - it hasn't taken long for him to prove this. Clearly, he doesn't stand with Ukraine and is no friend of the displaced Ukrainian families that now call Suffolk home. In Essex, Reform UK at least had the courtesy to try to find a new home for the Ukrainian flag and attempted to liaise with the Ukrainian community. In Suffolk, no such steps have been taken, and we're simply told the flag is being stored by the council's facilities management team. During the previous Conservative administration, Suffolk County Council unanimously approved a motion condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine and supported efforts to assist refugees fleeing the conflict. Since then, the Homes for Ukraine scheme has supported more than 1,700 refugees who came to Suffolk fleeing the war.

Reform UK leader's controversial social media past overshadows first SCC Council meeting

At the first meeting of Suffolk County Council's new administration was plunged into chaos and overshadowed by the new leader's refusal to distance himself from past controversial statements on social media. A point of order raised by the leader of the opposition led to

the Chairman of the council opening the debate, with challenges coming from across the chamber. Councillors called on Reform UK's new leader of Suffolk County Council, Councillor Hadwen, to distance himself from his previous conduct on social media, which included:

Stating that Russia was not his enemy, around one month after the Salisbury poisonings
Stating Enoch Powell 'was right'

Stating he would like controversial political commentator Milo Yiannopoulos to be his Public Relations Manager

Cllr Richard Rout said: "It's hugely disappointing that the first meeting of this new council administration was totally overshadowed by the new leader's controversial social media past. This wasn't just a single comment; it is a pattern of behaviour that scares and alienates people across Suffolk. Not least the Ukrainian residents who now call our county home due to Vladimir Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine. Given these comments were made some time ago, we thought it only fair, in the light of the huge public and staff outcry at these remarks, to give the new leader the opportunity to publicly address his past comments and distance himself from them. That he chose not to do so, and remained silent, is a huge shame as it was a real opportunity for a fresh start with our communities and council staff."

Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division

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Summer Safety and Community Spirit

Patrick Spencer MP



As summer arrives across our towns and villages, many of us will be looking forward to spending more time outdoors, enjoying local events, exploring our countryside, and making the most of the longer days.

One of the things I value most about Central Suffolk and North Ipswich is the strong sense of community that runs through both our villages and the town of Ipswich. Whether it is a village fete, a local sports club, a church event, a charity fundraiser, or simply neighbours lending a hand, there is a spirit of generosity and involvement that makes this part of Suffolk such a special place to live.

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy everything our area has to offer. From our beautiful countryside and green spaces to the many events organised by local groups and volunteers, there is always something happening. It is also an important season for many local businesses, cafés, pubs and attractions that contribute so much to the character of our communities, so please do support them by shopping local wherever you can.

The warmer months can bring challenges as well, particularly during periods of very hot weather. One of the real strengths of our area is the way people look out for one another. A quick phone call, a knock on the door, or an offer to help with shopping can make a real difference to a friend, neighbour or family member who may need a little extra support. Small acts of kindness often have a greater impact than we realise.

Summer can be some of the busiest times on our rural roads, with walkers, cyclists, horse riders, visitors and agricultural vehicles all making use of them. A little patience and consideration goes a long way in helping everyone travel safely and enjoy all that Suffolk has to offer.

Our parks, playgrounds, footpaths and public spaces are among the many reasons people choose to live, work and visit here. They are enjoyed by residents of all ages throughout the year and are often maintained and enhanced through the efforts of local volunteers and community groups. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gives their time to local charities, churches, sports clubs and community organisations. Much of their work happens behind the scenes, but it plays a vital role in bringing people together and strengthening our communities.

I hope everyone across Central Suffolk and North Ipswich has the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable summer, spending time with family, friends and neighbours while making the most of everything our beautiful part of Suffolk has to offer.

As always, I am keen to hear from residents across Central Suffolk and North Ipswich. If you would like to share your views, seek assistance, or stay informed about my work, please do get in touch. You can email me at Patrick.Spencer.MP@Parliament.uk, call my office on 01728 726612, or sign up for my monthly e-newsletter at www.patrickspencer.co.uk.





Mid Suffolk District Councillors' Annual Report (2025/26)

- **Local Government Reform**

Following Government's announcement that unitary councils will be created across the whole of England, it has now been decided that Suffolk will be split into three unitary councils. Parts of Mid Suffolk will be in all three areas. Earl Stonham will be in the Eastern and Central Suffolk area. Suffolk County Council elections were held on May 7th 2026 and there are expected to be elections for the new unitary councils in 2027. Elected unitary councillors will not take on all their powers and responsibilities until 2028 so there will be a year of overlap before the existing council structure is fully handed over. The formation of the Strategic Authority covering both Norfolk and Suffolk with a directly elected Mayor has been delayed, and we are expecting elections for the Mayor to also be held in 2028.

- **Budget**

The District Council's share of Council Tax is to be raised by 2.99%.

This rise is unavoidable as the Government has now linked future grant monies to the assumption that the share of council tax has risen, so if we had not taken a small increase this year we would be facing a "cliff edge" of funding in the near future.

In addition to the day-to-day provision of council services and activities, the 2026/27 budget includes funding for a wide range of programmes, including:

- Implementation of the new food waste collection scheme
- Enhancements to our current waste depot in readiness for this, plus further support for recycling education
- Cost of living support
- Council Tax Support scheme
- Grants programmes for towns and rural communities outside of Stowmarket
- Investment in leisure centre maintenance
- Stowmarket sports facilities delivered through the SHELF Project, plus support for wider Stowmarket regeneration
- Support for the Cosy Homes insulation scheme which has been expanded to help residents obtain solar panels
- Grant funding for nature recovery and community biodiversity groups
- Support for new footpaths and cycle ways
- Completing the build of the Stowmarket Innovation Gateway
- Expansion of the area's temporary accommodation (which avoids homeless residents being put into bed and breakfast accommodation and saves on costs going to private providers).

- **Recycling and Waste**

MSDC has been working on the Better Recycling scheme which will be fully launched in June. Food waste will be collected weekly and additional items such as soft plastics and tetrapaks will be able to be recycled. A second (blue) recycling bin has now been delivered to all homes across the district as well as the smaller food waste bin and caddy. The blue-lidded bin will be for glass bottles, jars, tetrapaks, plastic bags, cans and plastic bottles. Paper and card will go in the existing green-lidded bin. More information can be found at www.suffolkrecycles.org.uk

- **Nature recovery**

A new scheme was launched in January offering small grants up to 2K and larger grants up to £50k for projects that protect and expand wildlife corridors and habitats within the district – including tree planting, wildflower meadow creation, or other environmental initiatives to safeguard natural spaces for future generations. Organisations such as environmental groups, schools and town and parish councils can apply.

MSDC also introduced a new £525,000 fund to support ambitious nature recovery, flood mitigation and water management projects across Mid Suffolk. The fund opens for applications next week. The Catchment and Landscape Nature Recovery Grant promotes larger-scale, collaborative initiatives which could span multiple sites and landowners. With a focus on river catchments, it will support projects that benefit communities as they address biodiversity loss, with a particular emphasis on priority habitats and species. It will also support natural flood management, as well as projects to improve water quality and security [Funding opportunities and support - Mid Suffolk District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/babergh/w/call-for-sites)

Mid Suffolk District Council has purchased eight acres of land in the heart of Stowmarket to preserve it as a future riverside haven for nature and wildlife for future generations. The land, between Takers Lane and the River Rat, adjoins the council's existing open space at Pikes Meadow – unlocking potential for a new riverside walk, connecting Combs Ford and Gipping Way.

- **Planning and Housing**

The Government introduced new increased housing targets earlier this year so MSDC made a decision to update the existing part 1 Local Plan which included the planning policies, and to include a new settlement hierarchy and allocated sites. Work is still ongoing, making good progress. A 'Call for Sites' took place and a map of submissions has been published: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/babergh/w/call-for-sites>. Submitted sites do not benefit from any presumption of development. Officers are now assessing those sites against planning policy, constraints, evidence and deliverability criteria.

- **Supporting the community**

Projects in the ward which have been supported from my Locality budget this year include: Improvements to Village Halls :New curtain rail for Crowfield, Heaters for Framsdon, and a contribution to a new floor in Stonham Aspal.

Sports and Play: Electronic scoreboard for Earl Stonham Cricket club, Play equipment in Mickfield, and interim expenses for Stonham Aspal Football club.

Coach outing for Earl Stonham Over 60's club.

Funding towards the Upper Gipping Farm Cluster.

Mid Suffolk District Council information is available via www.midsuffolk.gov.uk or by phone **0300 123 4000**

I would like to thank the Parish Council for all their work throughout the year.

Nick Hardingham, Cllr Stonhams Ward & Member of Planning Committee

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HOW THINGS CHANGE!

Another local scene, photographed in October 1986...



The brick-built extension, about to be demolished when this photo was taken, served as the village Post Office for several years. It was run by Mr and Mrs Tomley.

Previously the Post Office was immediately opposite, in the kitchen of Yew Tree House, where the stamps and postal orders shared the kitchen table with whatever was being prepared for the next meal.

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EARL STONHAM PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following have been submitted for consideration by the Parish Council

- Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed Change of Use of Buildings on Agricultural Units and former Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (C3) which may include extension of the building and/or building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion – **Building East of Hagers Mead, Forward Green, Earl Stonham IP14 5JA - Application DC/26/02088**
- Application for Listed Building Consent – Removal of existing modern floor pavement tiles and lay new flagstone style floor tiles – **Water Run Farm, Blacksmiths Lane, Earl Stonham IP14 5ET – Application DC/26/02445**

If you wish to comment on any planning application, please contact
MSDC Planning Department or go to :
<https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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comments are noted*

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EARL STONHAM VILLAGE HALL – ANNUAL REPORT



Hall income for the 2025-26 was similar to 2024-25 and despite us not increasing rental charges for the last 4 years, it covered our operating costs and most repairs. The attendance charge for quiz nights amounted to nearly £1000 for the year and this has been donated to the St Elizabeth Hospice. Attendance at Supper Evenings is still very good and the profit from these is what pays for the improvement works so please do keep coming along!

We have seen a number of changes of hall trustees this year. On a very sad note, Maddie Roles died before Christmas after fighting cancer for many years. She was always cheerful and the first to volunteer to help with every event and will be sorely missed by the committee. We have welcomed Anne Stanford onto the committee as the PCC representative, the first time we have had a church representative for many years.

Anne Perkins has decided to stand down as Treasurer after her move to Stowmarket and the committee are very grateful for all the work she has done to keep the finances in order for nearly 10 years. Ruth Mann has joined the committee and has taken over as treasurer and has quickly come to terms with the role. We have also had a new auditor appointed (J Farrow) this year as our previous one retired.

We continue to undertake improvements to keep the hall at a high standard. The main hall floor has been re-sealed and we have recently purchased a new commercial freezer for the kitchen as the existing one was getting unreliable. We have also replaced the large screen TV in the club room with a larger and more modern one that is both simpler to connect to and much easier to see!

Work continues to improve the ex Bowls Club site. The club house (now the Garden Room) has been timber clad to solve structural issues and improve weather tightness as well as greatly improving its appearance. The old portacabin has been disposed of as it was no longer needed and this area will provide a new grassed area. In addition the old Bowls toilet block has been stripped out and reconfigured as a store area for gardening equipment.

Our long standing cleaner Jeff decided it was time to retire this year. He kept the hall in great shape and was clearly going to be a hard act to follow. We have been very fortunate to welcome Collette as our new cleaner and she is certainly a great find!

As well as our normal regular bookings, we are pleased to have had a number of new exercise classes start this year. We have a yoga class on Mondays, Chair Fit class on Fridays and Pickleball on Mondays.

Car Park Update

With high levels of bookings, together with regular use by the Cricket Club, the hall car park is very heavily used. The Overflow car park has therefore been a welcome addition and helps us to manage parking for large events. Sadly however, we still get continuing issues with inconsiderate use of the car park.

Firstly we have had a further instance of a car doing 'donuts' which makes very large ruts in the surface as well as risking damage to the hall windows. This time the car was clearly identified on CCTV and the police followed this up.

We regularly get users of the recycling bins leaving bags of bottles and papers when the bins are full as well as all manner of other items (most recently a column fan!) which we then have to dispose of. Fortunately, with the new recycling rules, there will be no need for the paper recycling facility and so over the next few weeks, the paper bins will be removed as a first step, so **PLEASE do not leave paper** at the hall once that happens.

Despite very clear signage and cones to mark off the overflow car park entrance, we still have people moving the cones and parking across the entrance. This is a particular problem as we frequently open the overflow car park after other events are in progress. We will therefore be installing more permanent bollards to prevent this happening as well as ones in the middle of the car park to keep access to the overflow car park clear and to deter those tempted to do 'donuts'!. Please take care once these have been installed and help us by using the car park in a considerate way. Thank you.

Tony Turner – Chairman – 07710 018743
Earl Stonham Village Hall Management Committee



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL?

There is a large hall with dance floor & stage. Ideal for barn dances, parties, discos or drama productions. Tables & chairs can be set up for dining or for Quizzes or Bingo evenings & there is a club room where smaller groups can gather.

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Charges for the hire of the Village Hall from April 2024:

For Earl Stonham Residents

Club Room	£ 8.00ph
Hall	£10.00ph
Hall & Club Room	£16.00ph
6 Hours & Over (All Areas)	£105.00
6 Hours & Over (Club Room)	£50.00
6 Hours & Over (Hall only)	£65.00

For Non-Residents

(Minimum hire is two hours)

Club Room	£11.00ph
Hall	£14.00ph
Hall & Club Room	£23.00ph
6 Hours & Over (All Areas)	£150.00
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Once a month Christians in the village, who attend different churches, meet together to pray for issues affecting the parishes of Earl Stonham and Stonham Parva (including issues arising out of national and international affairs) and for individuals who would like prayer for a particular need.

Meetings will normally be held at 2pm on the third Monday of the month in the Parish Room. To confirm the date and venue if you would like to join us, or if you would like to request prayer for an issue or individual, please contact Maggie Podd (07939 912080) or Henry Stanford (01449 711742).

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EARL STONHAM WI



Earl Stonham WI currently has 25 members which include those from Stonham Parva, Brockford, Stowupland, Needham Market and Creting St Peter as well as our own village.

Our past year has consisted of 9 meetings in the Clubroom which included speakers on Beekeeping, Flower Arranging, The Good Old Days, Hand Cranked Sewing Machines, Nutrition in Later Life and the Role of an Undertaker.

We held two Zoom meetings in November when we heard a lady talk on her Love of Italian Cookery and January when Dr Ian Bedford talked on A Butterfly Garden in a Changing Environment. We also had a visit to Green Island Gardens in July and a Christmas meal at Thornham Four Horseshoes. We also belong to the Dove Group when we meet up with 6 other WI's – last October we were entertained by a Magician. This year, in June, we are the Hostesses for the Group and have arranged for local girl, Kate Elliott, to come and talk on her career at Columbine Hall where she has worked in the gardens since leaving school in 1997.

We have also been able to join in with events arranged by our head office in Ipswich – these have included Speakers Showcases where we have the opportunity to listen to possible new speakers for our meetings and also a Dabble Day, a Women Crime Writers Literary Afternoon Tea and a Walking Treasure Hunt in Framlingham.

Two members are on their final year of a Creative Stitch course. Members also joined in with the Kurling sessions at our Village Hall – our Head Office like our Hall and have held 3 events there this year so far. 4 members attended the Federation Annual Meeting in March at Trinity Park along with representatives from every WI in East Suffolk. The two main speakers were Lucy Lewis, the first Bomb Disposal Officer in the Army and Astrid King who spoke of her mother Peg Lynch who was the first woman to write, produce and star in radio

and then TV comedy. At the Annual SEFWI Quiz in June our team were runners up after coming third the previous two years – we are now hoping to go one better this year and actually win it! We also enter a team in the monthly village quiz and have won there as well.

We have a Mahjong Group that meets monthly when around 12 of us come along to play – this includes 4 ladies who are not WI members and one drives from Felixstowe to join us! But we are probably still best known for our catering skills. We served the usual refreshments after Carols (in the Village Hall this year) and raised £163 which was divided between The Moses Project (for newborn babies) and YANA which provides mental health support for those involved in agriculture. We provided one funeral tea last year and were involved with the Celebration for Maddy in January this year – she was a dearly loved member and we miss her terribly.

Membership for our WI is set at £54 for the year which includes 11 monthly meetings, a monthly magazine from our Federation Office and 4 seasonal magazines from our Head Office.

Our monthly meetings are held in the Clubroom at 7.30pm on the **third Tuesday** in each month. We listen to the speaker first then have refreshments, followed by the business. Why not come and give us a look?

Further meetings are as follows:-

Jul 21 st	The Development of Minsmere with the RSPB	
Aug 18 th	Silver & Gemstones	<i>Marianne Brame</i>
Sept 15 th	Shanty Songs with The Orwellermen	
Oct 20 th	ANNUAL MEETING & Social evening	
Nov 17 th	Searching for my Parents	<i>Tony Friedlander</i>
Dec 15 th	Christmas Meal	

Also regular afternoon Mahjong sessions are held in the village hall on the fourth Thursday of the month 2pm – 4.30pm. You don't need to be a WI member to take part and you are very welcome to come along even if you've never played mahjong before. There is a small charge of £3 to cover the cost of hiring the hall but tea and coffee are provided.

For any more information please contact me as below

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EARL STONHAM TRUSTEES – ANNUAL REPORT



Introduction

The Trustees continue to work on behalf of the village community, upholding the purposes of the trust and seeking to maintain and improve the assets and opportunities available to residents of Earl Stonham.

Activities and Highlights - Past Year

During the past year, the Trustees have focused on the following areas:

- Land maintenance: The Trustees have continued to oversee the upkeep and maintenance of trust land and associated assets, ensuring they remain safe, well-maintained and available for community use. The trees and hedges were surveyed and pollarding has taken place.
- Education grants: The Trustees have administered grants to support educational opportunities for residents and Christmas grants, in accordance with the trust's charitable purposes.
- Play equipment on the village green: The Trustees have continued to take responsibility for the care and safety of the play equipment on the village green, carrying out inspections and addressing any maintenance requirements to ensure it remains safe and enjoyable for all children in the village.
- Guildhall Cottage: The Trustees continue to maintain this property.

Governance and Trustees

Donna Taylor-Burman took over the Chairman role and Caroline Shield stepped into the secretary role. Henry Stanford has been co-opted as Church representative.

Financial Position

The Trustees continue to manage the trust's resources prudently to ensure its long-term sustainability.

Unaudited Financial Report for Earl Stonham Trust for Financial Year
1/10/24 to 20/09/25

The Trust's Income for the Year was £7196.37, this predominately was from the rent on Guildhall Cottage and Divided Income from our Investments with Black Rock and CCLA. The Expenditure for the Year was £9591.78.

The highlights of this were:

A full detailed Tree Survey of the Recreation Ground including action needed for Health and Safety- (This work was carried out late 2025.)

A contribution to the new Village Speed Indicators.

Insurance for the Bowls Club land, Recreation Ground and Guildhall Cottage.
Relief In Need Grants.

Educational Grants (the Principal Trust Aim) only £737.

The main maintenance of the Recreation Ground is done by The Earl Stonham Cricket Club who do an absolutely fantastic job of keeping the grounds in an excellent physical and visual appearance and are a real asset to the Village. Their lease to use the ground covers the maintenance of the grounds. The Recreation Hedges are neatly cut in kind by Rice Farms.

The Trust holds a reserve but this is invested and is there to cover future needs of the Trust's buildings and land to keep a healthy income for the Trust.

Philip Hurt - Treasurer

Plans for the Coming Year

Looking ahead, the Trustees have identified the following priorities:

- Repairs and improvements to trust assets: The Trustees intend to progress a programme of repairs and improvements to trust assets, including the play equipment and any land or buildings within the

trust's responsibility, to ensure they continue to serve the community effectively.

- Growing community use: The Trustees are keen to encourage greater community engagement with and use of trust assets and activities. This may include reviewing how the trust communicates with residents and exploring new ways to benefit the wider village community.

The Trustees look forward to continuing to work constructively with the Council and the wider community for the benefit of Earl Stonham. The Trustees welcome any questions or feedback from parish councillors and residents.

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EARL STONHAM GOLDEN CIRCLE



The Golden Circle has 30 members.

We started our year off with the Harvest Festival. Mr Smith had come to talk to us about the Stowmarket Food Bank and how it is much more than a food bank - they also do gardening and other small jobs that some people cannot do themselves.

Other speakers we have had include Mr Davidson - "The Ups and Downs of Dr Barnado's"- some children came to live in Wickham Skeith and other villages nearby. Mr Alan Hopkins - "The Confessions of a Driving Instructor" which were quite amusing. Lynne Mortimer - "Her Life as a Major" in Ipswich. She told us all about her role as a Mayor, the different charities, council meetings and fetes to name just a few.

Mr Horry Parsons talked on his last assignment of the St Edmunds Cathedral Tower. He described the work that went into designing and building the ceilings of the tower. The decorations include heraldic shields representing all the dioceses of the country. In June Mr Turland spoke about Suffolk women in two World Wars. He showed photos of the women at work on the farms and being car mechanics among other jobs that needed to be done.

Our Christmas Party was held in the Village Hall, Mrs Johnson did the catering of a lovely Christmas meal. In August we will be having an informal barbecue lunch in the Club Room at the Village Hall.

By the time you read this we will have had an outing to Anglesey Abbey. Hopefully the weather was good.

There will be an open meeting in September when we are having a performance from the Ukelele Band. Anyone interested in hearing their music and songs is welcome. Entry fee for non-members is £5.00

If you are 60 or over, we would love to have you join with us. We meet in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm unless we have an outing. Our subscription is £12.50 a year. We would love to get some new members and you would be made so welcome. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Joan on 711294.

Dates for your diary:

5 August	Barbecue at 1pm
2 September	Ukulele Band
7 October	Harvest Festival
4 November	AGM and games afternoon
2 December	Christmas Party

Vera Ivory



EARL STONHAM CRICKET CLUB



As the Cricket Club enters its 36th season since being reformed in 1988, it's a good chance to reflect on what was a successful year for the club in 2025. I'm pleased to report that our Saturday team achieved promotion back to Two Counties Division 6, while the Sunday team secured their place in Hunts County Bats Division 4.

We were pleased to welcome several new members to the club during 2025, including some much needed youth! We have continued to build on this, recruiting more playing members for the 2026 season.

We improved our facilities by completing our long term goal of installing an electronic scoreboard. This has made a significant difference on match days, with live scores at the ground and online, meaning supporters can follow along if they're not at the ground. The project was made possible thanks to generous donations, fundraising and support from Mid Suffolk District Council's Locality Fund. I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for their support, particularly Tony Turner, who kindly assisted with connecting the scoreboard to mains power.

Unfortunately like many clubs, we continue to feel the impact of ever increasing fuel and running costs. In the past year, the club spent over £600 on diesel, primarily for the outfield mower and other heavy equipment, and a further £130 on unleaded fuel for the mowers used to maintain the square. We have worked hard over several years to mitigate rising costs by running a tight profit and loss, increasing annual memberships and reviewing match fees annually. This has helped us remain in good financial health, but it's getting tougher each year.

We are now in the early stages of the 2026 season and I am delighted to report a strong start.

The Saturday team have won all of their matches so far and currently sit top of the league. The Sunday team have played once and were unfortunately on the losing side. However, it was encouraging to see the next generation of cricketers take to the field, with two young bowlers making valuable contributions.

On match days it's been great to see the Club well supported, with many people enjoying the cricket with a drink from the bar. Seeing the ground busy highlights the social aspect of the club and its place at the heart of the village.

Luke Edgar - Club Secretary
Earl Stonham Cricket Club





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Special Services

Sunday 23rd August Choral Evensong 6.30 p.m Stonham Parva

Sunday 27th September Harvest Worship 11 a.m Earl Stonham

Usual Services

Usually, we have services at 11 a.m on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. On the 2nd Sunday these alternates between Holy Communion and Morning Worship, with July being Holy Communion. The 4th Sunday is Morning Worship; in August this is replaced by Choral Evensong at Stonham Parva (see above). When there is a 5th Sunday in a month, we have one service shared across the 8 parishes, normally at 10 a.m. In August this will be at Stonham Aspal.

A weekly Notice sheet is available which sets out the services for that week and the following week. If you would like to receive one by email, please contact **Liz Ince** at northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com. Should you not have access to email, please telephone Liz on **01449 711365** to arrange for a copy to be posted to you.

In addition to the services held in Church, a **midweek service is held in the Parish Room** on the second Wednesday of each month at 10.30 a.m.



The Parish Room

Available to hire for meetings, rehearsals, parties with parking just outside. £6 per hour - please contact John Jones :

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Church Contacts

If you would like a visit in hospital or at home, or need any other help, please contact one of the following:

Henry Stanford, Reader - 01449 711742
Mark Parry, Churchwarden & Lay Elder - 01449 711816

Church Noticeboard

You can check the new Church Noticeboard on the Village Green for the latest news on events at St Mary's Church.

MARRIAGES

9 May 2026 – Chloe Lowe & Edward Lay

DEATHS

Colin Edgar

Keith Mitchell

Burial of ashes on 16 June 2026

10 May 2026 (Eye)

Burial on 16 June 2026

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Notes

Approved by Suffolk County Council

CTV: Continue to Spewick from Eye at service 74 with no need to change buses.

CTA: Continue to Spewick from Eye at service 75 with no need to change buses.

Other services

Suffolk 1304/2025

Swatch - Eye - Dies

Service	T4A	T5	T4	T5A	T4A	T5	T4	T5	T4A	T5	T4	T5	T4A	T5	T4	T5
Operator	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM
Notes	1076	1	1076A	1	1076	1	1076	1	1076	1	1076	1	1076	1	1076	1
Chantry, Suffolk One (inside)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swatch, Railway Station (Stand H)	-	-	0740	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1835	1735	1835	-
Swatch, Old Castle Market Bus Station (Stand M)	-	-	0745	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1840	1740	1845	-
Swatch, Tower Ramparts Bus Station (Stand FF)	at	-	0750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1845	1745	1845	-
Swatch, Tower Ramparts Bus Station (Stand FF)	dep	-	0755	-	0820	-	1120	-	1300	-	1500	-	1850	1750	1850	-
Brantford, Gutter Corner (N-bound)	-	-	0825	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whitewater, Acids (adj)	-	-	-	-	0835	-	1135	-	1335	-	1535	-	1735	-	1805	-
Claydon, High School (adj)	-	-	0815	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claydon, The Greyhound (adj)	-	-	0820	-	0840	-	1140	-	1340	-	1540	-	1710	-	1810	-
Claydon, Edinburgh Gardens (adj 85)	-	-	0825	-	0845	-	1145	-	1345	-	1545	-	1715	-	1815	-
Barham, Sturgeon Way (opp)	-	-	0834	-	0844	-	1144	-	1344	-	1544	-	1714	-	1814	-
Little Stanham, Valley Farm (adj)	-	-	0835	-	-	-	1150	-	-	-	1552	-	-	-	1817	-
Little Stanham, Brewery Farm (adj)	-	-	-	-	0852	-	-	-	1352	-	-	-	1722	-	1802	-
Forward Green, Weylands Farm (opp)	-	-	-	-	0856	-	-	-	1356	-	-	-	1726	-	1806	-
Mendlesham, Kings Head (adj)	-	-	-	-	1004	-	-	-	1404	-	-	-	1734	-	1804	-
Brookford Street, Wetheringsett Turn (opp)	-	-	-	-	1007	-	-	-	1407	-	-	-	1737	-	1807	-
Thwaite, The Walnut Tree (opp)	-	-	-	-	1009	-	-	-	1409	-	-	-	1739	-	1809	-
Stoke Ash, White Horse (N-bound)	0603	-	-	-	1013	-	-	-	1413	-	-	-	1743	-	1843	-
Stonham Apple, Pound Corner (adj)	-	-	0835	-	-	-	1155	-	-	-	1555	-	-	-	1805	-
McKeld, Crossroads (Ry)	-	-	0838	-	-	-	1158	-	-	-	1558	-	-	-	1808	-
Debenham, High School (opp)	-	-	0843	-	-	-	1203	-	-	-	1603	-	-	-	1803	-
Apple, Valley Cottage (adj)	-	-	0849	-	-	-	1209	-	-	-	1609	-	-	-	1809	-
Beddingford Street, The Pump (opp)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1612	-	-	-	1812	-
Rhingham, Baptist Church (opp)	-	-	0853	-	-	-	1213	-	-	-	1618	-	-	-	1818	-
Thornham, Black Horse (opp)	0608	-	0858	-	1018	-	-	-	1418	-	-	-	1748	-	1848	-
Occold, The Green (opp)	0703	-	0903	-	1023	-	-	-	1423	-	-	-	1753	-	1853	-
Eye, Town Hall (adj)	0706	0710	0906	0910	1026	1030	1035	1426	1430	1630	1635	1756	1800	1805	1809	2000
Yaxley, Post Office (adj)	-	-	-	-	0813	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brome, Oakmere (opp)	-	-	0713	-	-	-	1023	-	1223	-	1433	-	1638	-	1803	-
Mells, Old Station (opp)	-	-	-	-	0918	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worham, Bus Shelter (adj)	-	-	-	-	0923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Program, Church (adj)	-	-	-	-	0928	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Die, Station Road (N-bound)	-	-	0718	-	0933	-	1038	-	1238	-	1438	-	1643	-	1808	-
Die, Bus Station (adj)	-	-	0722	-	0937	-	1042	-	1242	-	1442	-	1647	-	1812	-

Summary

Service	T5	T4A	T5	T4	T5A	T4A	T5	T4	T5	T4A	T5	T4	T5
Operator	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM
Notes	1075	1	1075A	1	1075	1	1075	1	1075	1	1075	1	1075
Swatch, Tower Ramparts Bus Station (Stand FF)	dep	-	0655	-	1125	-	1325	-	1525	-	1725	-	-
Whitewater, Acids (adj)	-	-	0655	-	1125	-	1325	-	1525	-	1725	-	-
Claydon, The Greyhound (adj)	-	-	0840	-	1140	-	1340	-	1540	-	1740	-	-
Claydon, Edinburgh Gardens (adj 85)	-	-	0842	-	1142	-	1342	-	1542	-	1742	-	-
Barham, Sturgeon Way (opp)	-	-	0844	-	1144	-	1344	-	1544	-	1744	-	-
Little Stanham, Valley Farm (adj)	-	-	-	-	1152	-	-	-	1552	-	-	-	-
Little Stanham, Brewery Farm (adj)	-	-	-	-	1202	-	-	-	1602	-	-	-	-
Forward Green, Weylands Farm (opp)	-	-	-	-	1204	-	-	-	1604	-	-	-	-
Mendlesham, Kings Head (adj)	-	-	-	-	1204	-	-	-	1604	-	-	-	-
Brookford Street, Wetheringsett Turn (opp)	-	-	-	-	1207	-	-	-	1607	-	-	-	-
Thwaite, The Walnut Tree (opp)	-	-	-	-	1209	-	-	-	1609	-	-	-	-
Stoke Ash, White Horse (N-bound)	-	-	-	-	1213	-	-	-	1613	-	-	-	-
Stonham Apple, Pound Corner (adj)	-	-	-	-	1155	-	-	-	1555	-	-	-	-
McKeld, Crossroads (Ry)	-	-	-	-	1158	-	-	-	1558	-	-	-	-
Debenham, High School (opp)	-	-	-	-	1203	-	-	-	1603	-	-	-	-
Apple, Valley Cottage (adj)	-	-	-	-	1209	-	-	-	1609	-	-	-	-
Rhingham, Baptist Church (opp)	-	-	-	-	1213	-	-	-	1613	-	-	-	-
Thornham, Black Horse (opp)	-	-	1018	-	1218	-	1418	-	1618	-	1718	-	1818
Occold, The Green (opp)	-	-	1023	-	1223	-	1423	-	1623	-	1723	-	1823
Eye, Town Hall (adj)	0603	1009	1030	1035	1230	1235	1430	1630	1635	1735	1730	1826	1830
Brome, Oakmere (opp)	0623	-	1033	-	1233	-	1433	-	1633	-	1733	-	1828
Die, Station Road (N-bound)	0628	-	1038	-	1238	-	1438	-	1638	-	1738	-	1828
Die, Bus Station (adj)	0630	-	1042	-	1242	-	1442	-	1642	-	1742	-	1832

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Notes:

1. Reviewed by Suffolk County Council.

2. Continue to Eye from Eye as service T5 with no need to change buses.

3. Continue to Eye from Eye as service T5A with no need to change buses.

4. Summary

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RECYCLING BINS TELEPHONE NUMBERS



Please continue to bring your empty bottles and textiles to the village recycling banks as this helps to raise funds for the village – thank you!

The paper bins will soon be removed so please do not leave papers there if they are full. Papers & card should be recycled at home now.

If you see that the Recycling Bins at the Village Hall are nearly full, please call the following numbers:



Glass
Indigo Waste Management
01842 820804

Textiles/Clothing
0800 090 2321



July 2026

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4	5
			Over 60's Birthday Party V Hall 2pm		Chair exercise 9.30 Library Van 12.20 Village Hall Car Park		
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Chair exercise 9.30	Supper Evening Village Hall 7pm	St Mary's Service 11am tbc
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Quiz Village Hall 7.30				Chair exercise 9.30 Coffee & Cake Village Hall 10.30		
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	PC Meeting Village Hall 7pm	WI Minsmere Village hall 7.30pm		Mahjong Village Hall 2-4.30	Chair exercise 9.30		St Mary's Service 11am tbc Theatre Guild Celebration 2-4pm
	27	28	29	30	31		
					Chair exercise 9.30 Library Van 12.20 Village Hall Car Park		

August 2026

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Over 60's BBQ 1pm Village hall		Chair exercise 9.30		St Mary's Service 11am tbc
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Quiz Village Hall 7.30				Chair exercise 9.30		
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		WI Silver & Gemstones Village Hall 7.30pm			Chair exercise 9.30		Stonham Parva Evensong 6.30pm
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Mahjong Village Hall 2-4.30	Chair exercise 9.30 Library Van 12.20 Village Hall Car Park		

September 2026

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5	6
			Over 60's Ukulele band Village hall 2pm		Chair exercise 9.30		
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Chair exercise 9.30	Supper Evening Village Hall 7pm	St Mary's 11am tbc Village Walk 2pm
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Quiz Village Hall 7.30	WI Shanty Singers Village Hall 7.30			Chair exercise 9.30 Coffee & Cake Village Hall 10.30		
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Mahjong Village Hall 2-4.30	Chair exercise 9.30 Library Van Village Hall Car Park 12.20pm		St Mary's Harvest Service 11am
	28	29	30	31			

October 2026

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3	4
					Chair exercise 9.30		
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Over 60's Harvest Village hall 2pm		Chair exercise 9.30		St Mary's Service 11am tbc
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	PC Annual meeting 7pm Quiz Village Hall 7.30				Chair exercise 9.30		
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		WI AGM & Social Village Hall 7.30		Mahjong Village Hall 2-4.30	Chair exercise 9.30	RECORDER DEADLINE	St Mary's Service 11am tbc
	26	27	28	29	30	31	
					Chair exercise 9.30		

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Police (Non-Emergency)	101
NHS (Non-Emergency)	111
Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit	01473 265321
Suffolk Police HQ (Non-Emergency)	01473 613500
Suffolk Police Direct	01473 613997
Suffolk Fire & Rescue (Non-Emergency)	01473 588888
Environment Agency Incident Helpline	0800 80 70 60
Environment Agency Floodline	0345 988 1188
Suffolk County Council	0345 6066 067
Gas	0800 111 999
Electricity (Power Cuts & Network Emergencies)	105 08007 838 838
Anglian Water	03457 145 145
Essex & Suffolk Water	03457 820 999
Connecting Communities (Dial A Ride)	01449 614271
Suffolk Link	01449 616000

VILLAGE CONTACTS

Earl Stonham Parish Council Street Lighting Fault Line	0800 591055
Earl Stonham Recorder (Deb/Margaret)	711461/711779
Earl Stonham Trust (Donna Taylor)	07859 896640
Earl Stonham Website (Mark Gillett)	07984 518959
Parish Clerk (Susan Edgar)	07833 242561
WI (Lindsey Stone)	711602
Over 60's (Joan & Vera)	711294/710128
Village Hall Bookings (Deb Turner)	711461
Theatre Guild (Tony Turner)	711461
Cricket Club (Simon Edgar)	711572
Parish Room (John Jones)	07776 145689