

Barham Parish Council – November 2021 InTouch Report

DATE OF FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 7th December 2021, 7.00pm in Barham Church Hall.

All meetings of the Parish Council are advertised on the village noticeboard (outside the Co-op) and on the village website www.barham-suffolk.org.uk and the In Touch Magazine (however Extra Ordinary Meetings may not make the deadline to be advertised in the In Touch)

Further Meetings 2022;
TBC

KIRBY RISE PLAY AREA



We are delighted to be able to report that the Parish Council has finally completed on the new lease for the green space land at Kirby Rise. Therefore, the order for the new play equipment has been placed, installation date to be confirmed.

We have order 5 small pieces of play equipment comprising of a double swing, a log swing with bird's nest basket seat, see saw, springer and a climbing tower with slide.

The Parish Council has successfully bid for funding from BMSDC S106 Developer Contributions and Community Projects Grants. We are also hopeful for grants from the District Councillors and County Councillor also from SUEZ.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2021

There will be no door-to-door collection again this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. However, there will be poppies available and the collecting boxes can be found as follows;

One Stop Shop
Coop Shop
Budgens Shop

People who need wreaths can still order from the area organiser Sheila Harvey

BARHAM COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH



The team has had their training and now out in force in Barham – **“WATCH YOUR SPEED”**
The Police has approved 4 sites in the village which the speed watch team can patrol, it is hoped to add more sites in the future.

Albeit a small team so far, more volunteers are desperately needed. The speed watch patrol teams need a minimum of 3 volunteers per patrol. If you are interested in becoming part of the Community Speed Watch team in Barham please contact the Chairman or Clerk.

Community Speed Watch is an educational scheme to help people reduce speeding traffic through their community. The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally. Community Speed Watch incorporates poster campaigns and a pledge system linked to direct action using speed detection equipment. The use of the radar devices will not lead to prosecution – drivers will get a letter from the police instead – but will help to underline the community’s commitment to reducing speed. The scheme can only operate in 20mph and 30mph speed limits not in a 40mph speed limit. You can read up and find out more about community speed watch and what is involved on www.communityspeedwatch.org.uk/get-involved/

BARHAM FISHING LAKES

The Parish Council support the works which are being carried out at the fishing lakes and a full report has been posted on the Parish website.

The reason for select tree removal is to promote other vegetation, we had water quality specialists view the lakes last year and they recommended we remove some trees that are close to the waters edge in order to promote marginal vegetation. Marginal vegetation such as reeds absorb all the nasties in the water column helping to promote good water quality which in turn helps all aquatic life to thrive, marginal vegetation also helps with bank erosion and provides an abundance of habitat space for many species, we have planted over 5000 marginal plants this year alone, these are mainly yellow flag iris which have a beautiful yellow flower in the springtime.

THE WORKS WHICH ARE PLANNED FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR IS AS FOLLOWS;

- Tree planting along the river and around the back of Brook Pool.
- Trackway improvement works along the A14 side of the lakes.

- Movement of fence line down the very end of site nearest Claydon to help keep us secure the fishery during flooding. This will be moving further away from the river.
- Habitat improvement works along the river and general fishery maintenance.

We continue to work hard at the lakes to give this special place a sustainable future and to protect it from flood erosion that we see every year.

Further information can be found on the website www.barhamlakes.co.uk this also has a contact us page.

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