



News from Yoxford Parish Council



January 2024

With January over half way through, it feels a little late to be wishing you a happy 2024 but nonetheless, everyone on Yoxford Parish Council sends you best wishes for a successful and peaceful year.

Village Matters

Update following the floods since October 2023. The floods remain a key focus for the village and, at its last meeting, District and County Councillors presented their update. This is included in full minutes which are available on the village website here: <https://www.yoxford.org.uk/meetings-and-minutes/>. In summary, both Councillors confirmed that initial payments of £500 had started to be issued to affected households. Further grants which should have been applied for, have not yet been processed. Do contact Yoxford Parish Clerk if you'd like any help. To contact the Councillors:

East Suffolk District Councillor **Julia Ewart**: Julia.ewart@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

Suffolk County Councillor **Richard Smith**: richard.smith@suffolk.gov.uk

As a result of the significant flooding in the village, under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Suffolk County Council will undertake a Section 19 investigation. Yoxford Parish Council will contribute to this. For more information and updates, please see Suffolk County Council's website:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/storm-babet>

Parish Council Precept: Aware that Council Tax bills will rise and not wanting to add to parishioners increasing costs, Yoxford Parish Council voted to implement a 0% increase to its Precept request for 2024/5.

Winter Jobs: With near on 1000 bulbs planted around the village by the brilliant Yoxford Volunteers the next jobs have been scheduled. If you're able to join the Team, please let the Parish Clerk know or just turn up at **10am** on any of the following dates:

February 10th & 11th: Litter pick & road clean

March 16th & 17th: Litter pick & road clean

And, if you're able to do so, please continue to keep the pavements outside your home as clear as you can. Since last month, many of you have done this since and it's made such a difference; thank you. Please also remember to keep the pavements clear for pedestrians by not parking on them.

Planning Matters: Planning applications are available for anyone to see here: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications-and-enforcement/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

Speeding traffic: Further to County Councillor Richard Smith's rejection of Parish Council's request to support a review of road speed limit policy, Council remains committed to a 20mph policy for the village but will also be exploring further, what it can do to encourage drivers to take care on village roads. Measures are expensive and take time to implement but rest assured that Yoxford Parish Council is looking into best practice and best value.

Grant success for village's Meet up Tuesday Group: Yoxford Parish Council was delighted to learn that an application for a Winter Cost of Living Grant was approved. Over the next six months, this will support the group to continue to offer weekly meet ups with hot drinks, cake, fruit and a monthly lunch. Do join them if you can. Tuesdays 11am-12pm at Yoxford Village Hall.

Join us for Village Hall events

January:

- **January 19th:** Film Night *The Great Escaper* with Michael Caine. Doors open 6.30pm. Bar open.
- **January 20th:** Craft Fair 10am-2pm
- **January 26th:** Pub Night 6-11pm

February:

- **February 16th:** Film Night *Wonka*. Doors open 6.30pm. Bar open.
- **February 23rd:** Pub Night 6-11pm