



Coddenham Parish Council Newsletter

A warm welcome from your Parish Council. Working for You

February 2023

Welcome to our Newsletter. This newsletter keeps you in touch with the work of the Parish council as it is vital that everyone in the community feels involved and connected. There are contact details at the need of this letter if you need to ask anything at all.

Highways Working Group November 2022.

We know that traffic through the high street remains a huge concern for many and the parish survey was a great success in highlighting the issues.

We can report some positive progress. With the support of our County and District Councillors, Mathew Hicks and Tim Passmore, we were able to meet with Suffolk County Highways, SCC Trading Standards (Lorry watch) and SCC Cabinet Member for Transport, Richard Smith, on 17 the October.

We discussed lorry movements in the High Street and vehicle speeds throughout the parish. We commented that people had stopped reporting over-weight lorries as no action being taken. In addition, reporting HGV's on SCC website goes to SCC Transport and there is no link to Trading Standards. SCC is to look into reports to SCCT transport linking with Trading Standards.

Suffolk Police have created a commercial vehicle unit which will aid enforcement.

Tim Passmore is now in discussions with the Suffolk Police to install an Auto Number Plate Recognition (APNR) camera in the High Street.

Defibrillator

The "eagle eyed" cannot have failed to notice that Coddenham now has a second defibrillator. Funded by the Gardemau Trust, Day Foundation, Parish Council, Roy Gudgin and County Councillor Matthew Hicks's Locality budget, this has been installed on the outside of the Community Shop. We are also grateful to the Community Shop for providing the power source.

There is also a defibrillator outside Haysel House.

In emergency both can be accessed via the 999 service.



What's going on in your Parish ?

Community Litter Pick

Working with The Coddensham Centre, the Parish Council has held 2 Community Litter Picks this year. In June we "Cleaned for the Queen" and we also collected litter in September.

We are fortunate that within the village there is a relatively small amount of litter left. However, the quantity of litter thrown from cars and "fly tipping" on the B1078 within Coddensham Parish is shocking.

In September 14 sacks of litter and various bits that had dropped off vehicles were collected from the verges of the B1078, from the bridge to the A140 alone. This is over three times more than the total collected from the village itself.



Thank you to all who helped
and please dust off your hi-vis
to join us again in 2023.

ALL WELCOME

Also thanks to everyone who
joined the working parties on
February 18th and the 25th in
Mill Hill and Broom Hill. It's all
of us doing a little that's makes
the biggest difference.!



There's no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy"

The days are rapidly approaching when we prepare for Spring and enjoying the lovely walks around our village. However unlike the '@Tooth Fairy' who visits to retrieve teeth from under pillows, all responsible dog owners know that "There is no such thing as the dog poo fairy!"

Disappointingly, there has been an increasing number of incidents of dog fouling on our village roads, pavements, footpaths and around the children's play equipment.

Whilst the majority of dog owners are caring and responsible there are still some who do not clean up after their pets. The Village has dog bins near the church, Coddensham Centre and Recreation ground.

Remember: Pick it ,Bag it, Bin it

Important information –Broom Hill and Mill Hill



The Parish Council owns four parcels of land in the village on Broom Hill, on Mill Hill, at Three Cocked Hat and the allotments. When Broom Hill was purchased in the late 1980's, it was placed in a charitable trust by the then parish councillors to preserve and enhance Broom Hill for the public benefit of Coddenham residents.

Councillors Groom, Soanes and Stanley-Bell have recently become the Co-operative Trustees and responsible for day to day management of Broom Hill under those trust arrangements.

It is the intention of the Parish Council to place Mill Hill in a similar trust to likewise preserve and enhance Mill Hill for the public benefit of Coddenham inhabitants etc.

The Parish Council has also applied to the Land Registry for voluntary registration of title to the land on Broom Hill and at Three Cocked Hat, as these pieces of land were acquired in the 1980s before registration was required or possible, so that details of the Parish Council's ownership is transparent and to protect against possible fraud.

Coddenham – knowing 'what's on'

In their Survey responses many residents asked for details of how they find out what's happening in Coddenham, beyond noticeboards, posters and word of mouth. The short answer is that there are many ways as its accepted that we all use different channels to source information. We believe the list below is exhaustive and where appropriate we've provided

Coddenham Parish Website - The most comprehensive and up-to-date place for information	https://www.coddenham-parish.uk .
Coddenham Parish Council Website - Updates from the County Council, MSDC and meeting materials etc from the Parish Council. (The Parish council also issues a Newsletter twice a year).	https://www.coddenhampc.org.uk
Coddenham Village e-mail cascade - key items of interest posted on the Coddenham Parish Website	Contact: Julian Hall at coddenhamvillage@gmail.com
Ten Village News - Monthly magazine for the 10 villages which make up the North Bosmere Benefice. Includes a Coddenham section.	Contact: John Pelling 01449 760676
Facebook Site - key items of interest posted on the Coddenham Parish Website	https://www.facebook.com/Coddenham Contact: Julian Hall at coddenhamvillage@gmail.com
Twitter/Instagram - key items of interest posted on the Coddenham Parish Website	@CoddenhamCentre
Nextdoor Coddenham – Adhoc postings from residents. Parish organisations don't tend to post, but will respond to questions raised.	https://nextdoor.co.uk/news_feed/

Turning Off the Lights

We all know that energy costs have soared and environmental needs are pressing so, for reasons of energy cost containment and environmental improvement, the Parish Council has decided for street lighting in the Village to be turned off between the hours of 11.30pm and the earlier of dawn or 6am.

This had previously been shared as an idea with other Parish organisations and residents via the e-mail cascade and on Facebook, with only messages of support received.

Warm Homes Initiative

From late February into March next year a Thermal Imaging Camera is being made available by Suffolk County Council, which will enable us to work with householders to identify those which might be able to avail themselves of Warm Homes grants and/or advice to reduce their carbon footprint and their energy bills, through the Warm Homes initiative or through the Energy Saving Trust.

If you are interested please contact :

Your Parish Council – engaging with you.

Thank you to those of you who made use of the Parish Council Surgeries that we piloted at the Community Shop earlier this year. We didn't have a huge take up, but we proved the concept. To further the trial, we are likely to hold surgeries on Saturday mornings in the New Year, supplemented by ad hoc "Meet your District and Parish Councillor events". Councillors will also be part of the Coddendam Community Response Group team presenting the Parish Plan.

Remember prior to each Parish Council Meeting there is a 30mins opportunity for residents of the Parish You, to question Councillors and make comments, starting at 7pm.

Current Councillors allocated to work with community groups or who have areas of responsibility are:

Cllr Denning (Rob) Day Foundation, Highways and Planning

Cllr Gregory (Sarah) Planning

Cllr Groom (Roy) Green Spaces, Footpaths, St Mary's Churchyard and Highways

Cllr Kenning (Mike) Website

Cllr Mills (Nick) Coddendam Community Response Group, The Coddendam Centre

Cllr Soanes (Jane) Green Spaces and Footpaths

Cllr Stanley-Bell (Joanna) Green spaces, Footpaths and Gardemau Trusts

All questions/comments to councillors maybe routed via the All questions/comments to councillors maybe routed via the Clerk to the Parish Council, Sue Frankis:

clerk.coddendampc@gmail.com or 07548 152181.

Thanks to those of you who did make use of the pilot project when you attended our Parish council surgeries in the Summer months. We didn't have a huge take up so this is being reviewed to see how this better serve you going forward.

Remember that Parish Council Meetings are still starting half an hour earlier so that members of the Parish..you! Can come and ask questions and raise issues.

The councillors allocated to work with the various groups/who have certain areas of responsibility are as follows:

Cllr Mills	Coddenham Community Response Group (CCRG), Coddenham Centre (Nick)
Cllr Soanes	Broom Hill, Mill Hill, allotments and footpaths (Jane)
Cllr Stanley-Bell	Broom Hill, Mill Hill, allotments and footpaths ,Gardemau Trust (Joanne)
Cllr Kenning	Website (Mike)
Cllr Burgess	Suffolk Association of Local Councils Representative (Isabel)
Cllr Groom	St Mary's Churchyard maintenance, Broom Hill, Mill Hill, allotments and footpaths, Highways (Roy)
Cllr Denning	Day Foundation, Highways (Rob)

