



NEWS LETTER



AUTUMN 2017

'SEEK THE COMMON GOOD'

Mix of opinions at Parish Review meeting in June

The report on the Parish Review meeting held on 20 June 2017 has now been received from the Active Communities Team at Suffolk Coastal District Council. The report totalled 18 pages and copies are available to download on the parish website at <http://rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/parish-review/?stage=Live>

The responses on the evening provided an interesting mix of opinions regarding life in the parish which, in the 2011 census, had a population of 6,185.

The provision of infrastructure, lack of shops, attitudes to the parish council, perceived lack of synergy between the north and south of the parish, problems with cutting of hedges and verges, problems

with potholes and road markings, bus services, doctors, shops, etc, etc.

The aim of the Review was for the SCDC Planners, Active Community Team and the Parish Council to try and gain an understanding of whether there was any requirement for the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

In order to analyse this requirement a meeting between the Active Communities Team, Planning Policy Team and the Parish Council was held on 12 September at East Suffolk House, Melton.

The agreed opinion was that all the above items raised at the Review fell outside the scope of a Neighbourhood

Plan and were local issues which in most cases could be dealt with given sufficient funding by the next tier at County and District Council level or facilitated by the parish council.

It was further acknowledged that there was little by way of potential development area in any parts of the parish which was not already covered by existing planning policies.

The Planning Policy Officers further stated that strategic planning matters from HM Government would also override Neighbourhood Plans as would certain aspects of

the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Another interesting aspect of Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) was that the view by the Planning Officers was that NPs were better for shaping development rather than being able to prevent it completely.

The dichotomy of the situation is that residents want shops, doctors, better transport links etc, but nowadays these only come with housing development, as without customers commercial enterprise is unsustainable.

There are notable exceptions of course in the shape of 'community' shops and facilities provided by the local populace working together.

At the Parish Review meeting the 100 or so people attending were asked on three occasions during the meeting that if anyone wanted to volunteer to help, should

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Review



20th June 2017

Rushmere St Andrew Village Hall

Neighbourhood plans can only be created by the involvement of members of the community with Parish and District Councils facilitating the process, which is likely to take up to three years to complete

a Neighbourhood Plan be considered viable, they should sign the sheets being circulated. Only blank forms were returned to the top table at the end of the meeting!!

In the next newsletter, there will hopefully be a breakdown of some of the concerns raised by those attending the Review Meeting along with progress on addressing those concerns.

Overgrown verges on Bixley Farm



Overgrown roadside vegetation on one of the roads in Bixley Farm

As a keen environmentalist, I always like to have an article about nature in Rushmere St Andrew. Once again, this year we have seen a massive growth in the hedgerows and wildlife areas within Rushmere St Andrew. Looking around there is an abundance of berries which bodes well as a good winter stock for the birds and other animals.

Of course, coupled with this huge fruit crop all the grass verges and hedgerows beside footpaths have put on a significant growth spurt. As a Parish Council we continually receive calls regarding the state of the grass verges etc. We don't have a responsibility for any of these (apart from areas within our play spaces and two open grass areas which lead to play spaces).

So, 'who owns what?' is the question. Throughout Rushmere St Andrew grass verges and (mostly) grassed open spaces are maintained by Suffolk Coastal Norse on behalf of both Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council. Typically for example, will be a street with a grass verge beside the footpath. If the grass is directly next to the highway then it'll most likely be County Council. They are also (as Highways Authority) responsible for maintaining street and footway lighting so

the first metre from the road is where most of those supplies run.

In parts of the Bixley Farm area of the Parish, Chater Land Holdings Ltd retains a responsibility to care for some grass verges and public open spaces. There were some problems with maintenance work normally carried out by the Chater Group and the Parish Council received a number of requests from residents regarding overgrown areas. Some of these maintenance issues have now been resolved.

With the advent of 'cut-backs' open grass areas, grass verges outside house and public open spaces which should be continually maintained by those local authorities are receiving far less attention than they ever did. There is a published schedule for cutting but that got well behind this year. As a consequence, several locations in the Parish have begun to look really 'scruffy'.

So, what is the remedy? In many cases it's quite possible for the adjacent householder to take the mower out a few yards and trim the verge. Lots of you already do so.

We would never advocate that you trim anything beside the highway that would place you in danger.

Another continued problem is where a hedgerow, clearly part of someone's garden

is allowed to grow out over the public footpath. So, please take a look. Is your hedgerow causing a problem? If so, now is the time to do the work as the bird nesting season draws to a close.

Bixley Farm/Boadlands Way

A significant part of Bixley Farm (off Broadlands Way) was developed by other builders rather than the Chater Group. There have been several issues regarding areas of vegetation 'outside' people's gardens. A couple of years ago one such case was followed through back to the company which took over from the builders many years ago. They (the company) set about tracing historical documentation including Land Registry searches.

The results clearly show that in most cases where there is a brick wall or a wall with some wooden fence parts as the 'boundary' with vegetation growing beyond that up to the public footpath, then the curtilage of the property includes that area of vegetation. As such it means that it is the householders who should maintain those areas.

However, we've recently seen more than one attempt at building a fence or wall beyond the original garden 'boundary' to include such areas of vegetation. The next step witnessed is that the original boundary wall is then demolished.

Quite naturally such moves have a significant impact on the street scene and, not surprising, generate complaints to the local authority. This could then lead to enforcement action via SCDC Planning Dept.

So, if you have any plans in mind along these lines you are strongly advised to seek advice from SCDC Planning Dept. Far better to get official permission rather than be notified of pending enforcement action.

I think the summary of all this is 'civic pride'. If you don't like the look of the long grass verge outside your house why not do something about it? There is so much we could do for ourselves on this subject.

One thing for sure is that the phrase 'why don't they do something about it' may trip off the tongue very easily but I'm afraid the 'they' in that phrase may simply not be available!!

Councillor James Wright
Chairman of the Parish Amenities and Services Committee



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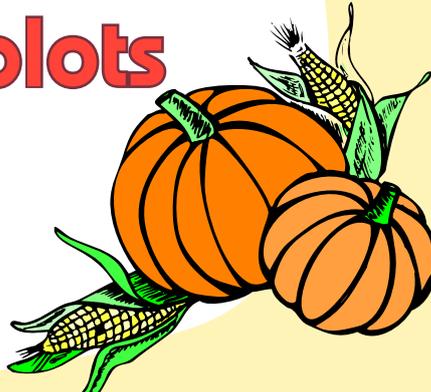
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Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Rushmere St Andrew, Tower Ward (south of the A1214). However, even if you live in the Village Ward you are eligible (subject to conditions below).

If you are interested in this rewarding role and would like to have a say on how your parish is run then please apply without delay. Please call the Clerk on 01473 711509 for more information or send your contact details to Mr M Bentley, Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council, Tower Hall, 5 Broadlands Way, Rushmere St Andrew, Ipswich, IP4 5SU or email mel.bentley@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk.

Applicants should note that Councillors are expected to attend regular monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month plus any additional meetings as may be arranged and to represent the electors of Rushmere St Andrew Tower Ward in raising and discussing those issues of interest and concern on which the Parish Council is empowered to act.

Applicants should note that membership of the Council is open to electors who are citizens of any state in the European Union or of the Commonwealth and whose residence is in Rushmere St Andrew or within three miles of Rushmere St Andrew, or whose principal place of work is in Rushmere St Andrew, and who is not disqualified (by reason of a criminal record, bankruptcy or involvement in corrupt practices).

For further details of eligibility, please contact the Clerk as above.



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The Parish Council is pleased to announce . . .

that Mrs Sylvia Stannard, our current Assistant Clerk, was successful in the recent interview process for the post of Clerk to the Council.

Sylvia will take over from Mr Mel Bentley who retires at the end of December this year following 15 years as Clerk and previously 10 years as a Parish Councillor.

We congratulate Sylvia on her successful promotion, but of course this means the Parish Council are now seeking to recruit an Assistant Clerk to commence work as soon as possible. By the time this newsletter is published we are hoping to have the position filled or at least be in the final stages of interviewing.

The work of Volunteers in our Parish

We have numerous volunteers in our parish that help to keep Rushmere St Andrew a pleasant place to live in.

They all contribute in many ways such as checking play areas for damage and litter, locking gates at the Broke Hall Play Area to ensure anti-social behaviour is not a problem at night time, delivering the Parish Newsletters twice a year, and working with the Community Speed Watch (CSW) team.

Volunteer maintenance and conservation work in the Local Nature Reserves at the Sandlings and Mill Stream is carried out by the Greenways Countryside Project.

More information about the project or how to become a volunteer is available on their website: <http://www.greenlivingcentre.org.uk/greenways/>.

[greenlivingcentre.org.uk/greenways/](http://www.greenlivingcentre.org.uk/greenways/).

We must not forget of course that your Parish Councillors are all volunteers and give substantial time, effort and goodwill as your elected representatives.

We would like to thank all the volunteers in the Parish for their time and effort, this is very much appreciated.

If you are able to help or contribute in any way please contact the Parish Office either by phone or email.

In particular we are short of volunteers locking and unlocking the gates at the Broke Hall Play Area in Salehurst Road.



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Continuing the research into the people from our parish who died fighting in WW1 – part two

1917 saw the highest number of deaths of Rushmere men, and significantly three were recorded at Arras, one at Tyne Cot and outside France and Belgium in Palestine and Malta.

I have not been able to obtain photographs for these men, but if anyone has copies or further information on any of the men from Rushmere killed during World War One, it would be much appreciated to add to the records I already have.

Frederick Arthur FISK

Born: 1883, Dennington

Died: Reported Missing October 1917.
Died 4 October 1917. Remembered with Honour at Tyne Cot Memorial.

Rank: Private 235170.

Regiment: 8th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment.

Medals: Victory and British.

Parents: George and Florence Fisk of 89 Orwell Road, Ipswich. Husband of Annie Eliza Fisk of The Drift, Rushmere. Annie and Frederick married in 1907 and were living at Stoke by Nayland in 1911, where Frederick was working as a shepherd. They had two children at that time Stanley, 3 and Ernest, 6 months.

George Frederick MINTER

Born: 1895, Trimley St. Martin, Suffolk.

Died: 30 December 1917. Remembered with honour at Chatby Memorial, Egypt.

Drowned at sea on board HMS Aragon, a troop ship ordered out of port at Alexandria Roads (Egypt), destroyed by German submarine torpedoed – 610 killed. On her arrival at Alexandria on 30 December 1917,

the ship was permitted to enter the harbour, but later was ordered out again. She anchored outside without any protection from submarine attack, for which she was an easy target. This piece of indiscretion on the part of the authorities did not remain long unpunished, for the Aragon was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine UC-34.

Rank: Private 8511.

Regiment: 3rd Battalion Norfolk Regiment.

Enlistment Location: Ipswich.

Date of Entry Therein: 16 August 1914.

Medals Awarded: Victory, British War and 1914 Star + Clasp.

Brother to ARTHUR HENRY MINTER.

George is also remembered at Ipswich War Memorial.

Bertie William SPURGEON

Born: 1888, St. Clement's, Ipswich.

Died: 11th October 1917; age 29. Died – Cottonera Military Hospital. Buried in Pieta Military Cemetery C.XV.6. Malta.

Rank: Private 50017.

Regiment: Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 84th Coy. Formerly 17469, Suffolk Regiment.

The Machine Gun Corps was formed in October 1915 as the machine gun proved to be held affective as infantry support in trench warfare. Cavalry and Motor Branches, followed in 1916 by the Heavy Branch. A depot and training centre was established at Belton Park in Grantham Lincolnshire also a training base depot at Camiers in France. The men were trained to a higher technical standard, capable of

stripping down and mending the guns in the field.

The Machine Gun Corps had 62,049 casualties, including 12,498 killed out of 170,500 officers and men, earning it the nickname 'the Suicide Club'. This was mainly as machine guns were static or fix positions, becoming prime targets for the enemy.

Enlistment Location: Ipswich.

Date of Entry Therein: 12 May 1915 – France.

Medals Awarded: Victory, British War and 1914-1915 Star.

Parents: Arthur and Agnes Spurgeon of 38 Holland Road, Ipswich.

In 1912 in Ipswich, Bertie married Rose Page, born 1886 at Bentley, Suffolk. They had 2 children:

Bertram Thomas Spurgeon, born May 1913 in Ipswich; and Edith May Spurgeon, born January 1915 in Ipswich.

Bertie is also remembered at Ipswich War Memorial.

Reginald Victor WHENT

Born: 1898, Long Melford, Suffolk.

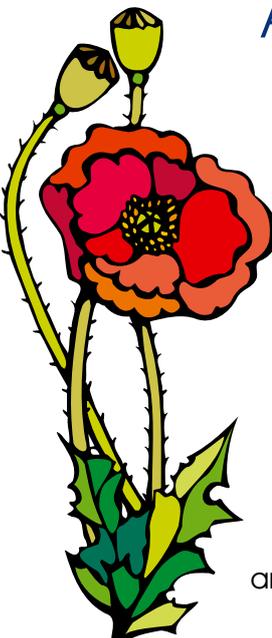
Died: 24th September 1917. Died of wounds. Buried IIA.5. Locne Hospice Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Enlistment Place: Ipswich.

Rank: Private 31488

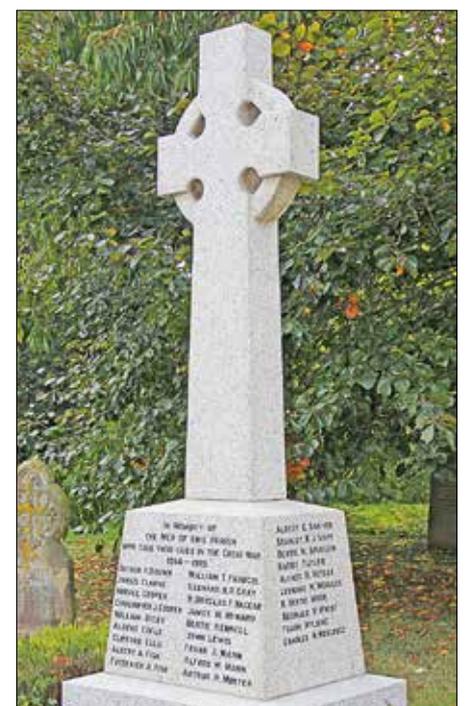
Regiment: Suffolk Regiment, 1st/4th Battalion.

Medals: Victory and British. Reginald's medals were sent to his father, Mr H. W.



Annual Remembrance Service 2017

The Parish Council invites all who wish to pay their respects to those who gave their lives in war to come to the Annual Remembrance Service to be held round the two memorials in St Andrew's Churchyard and Church on Saturday 11 November at 10.45-11.30 am. The Revd Heather Marsden will lead a short service with appropriate readings. Kesgrave Royal British Legions will join the Service. We particularly welcome relatives of those at present serving their country, ex-service men and Royal British Legion members, all of whom can wear any medals they are entitled to.



Whent, 23, Pellatt Road, East Dulwich, Southwark. Soldiers' Effects to Henry W. Whent – father.

Reginald is also remembered on the war memorial at Dance East, Jerwood Dancehouse, Ipswich formerly Cranfield's Flour Mill and Ipswich War Memorial.

Frank WILDING

Born: 1892, Baylham, Suffolk.

Died: 8 November 1917. Accidentally Killed. Remembered with honour Panel 66 to 68. Tyne Cot Memorial, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Residence: Little Ouseburn, Yorkshire.

Enlistment Location: York, Yorkshire.

Rank: Private; Service Number: 41316.

Regiment: King's Own Scottish Borders, 2nd Battalion.

Formerly 201396, Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Medals Awarded: Victory and British War.

Frank's mother, Charlotte Maria Wilding, died 1905, Great Blakenham, Suffolk.

Frank is also remembered on the Ipswich War Memorial.

Ruth Silburn
Local History Recorder
Rushmere St Andrew

Community Speed Watch

As we move into the Autumn it gives us the opportunity to reflect on reports of road traffic collisions which continue to occur across our region, and hopefully encourage drivers to plan ahead for winter. Analysis of crash scenes repeatedly shows that inappropriate speed is a significant factor when the outcome is serious injury or worse.

Indeed 'SPEEDING' is nationally recognised as one of the four main contributing factors in all collisions where there are fatalities and/or serious injury. The other three are 'DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRINK OR DRUGS', 'USING A HAND-HELD DEVICE WHILST DRIVING' and 'FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS'.

As ever when you try to discuss some of these issues there are the same 'disbelievers' who will try to find every alternative to justify why they should be excluded from facts! These are facts established by the Police who have the dreadful task of sorting out the aftermath of these terrible incidents.

For our part, the Community Speed Watch (CSW) team is a group of volunteers who are trained to use a sophisticated radar gun. The Speedar device is recalibrated every time it's used and is returned annually for an overhaul and manufacturer's recalibration. When we commence a roadside check the radar gun is set to check any speed although, following strict Police guidelines, we only record vehicles travelling at 35mph or more. All our checks are conducted in 30mph zones and the locations (of which there are 13 in Rushmere St Andrew) are all ratified by the Police High Speed Road Team.

Once we identify a vehicle travelling at excess speed the details are forwarded to the Police who then send an 'advisory warning' letter to the registered keeper of the vehicle. Repeat 'offenders' are likely to receive a visit from the Police.

We've now conducted more than a dozen speed watch surveys and in doing so have identified around 100 vehicles travelling at excess speed. We have noticed that in Rushmere Village itself, along The Street, the possible presence of CSW has had an effect in reducing the overall speeding along that stretch of road. Early days yet but we will continue to operate there.

One disappointing location is that of Playford Road. This is well within the 30mph section (which commences outside the village close to the now redundant Falcon Pub) for traffic heading into our area. The entire stretch of Playford Road from Woodbridge Road East past the IIFC Training Ground and beyond the Bent Lane junction is all 30mph.

I have to say that some speeds recorded were 'frightening'. This includes several vehicles travelling well in excess of 50mph including a young motorcyclist 'caught' doing 57mph. This was mid-morning when local residents were coming and going to and from their houses; the postman and other people were making deliveries and there were several cyclists and pedestrians. Indeed the 57mph motorcyclist was required to brake heavily to negotiate another vehicle. This was on a dry day in relatively bright conditions. The consequences could have been so much different on a wet road.

As a result of our continued surveys at that location, Police action has been stepped up. We are also hopeful that some kind of (physical) speed reduction initiative may be carried out – NOT speed bumps. Such plans are at an early stage of development.

MEANTIME IF YOU TRAVEL ALONG PLAYFORD ROAD IN EXCESS OF THE 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT YOU WILL STAND A CHANCE OF BEING CAUGHT!

Councillor James Wright, Community Speed Watch Coordinator

WW1 Beacon of Light event 2018

You may be surprised to see us mention an event which we are planning to hold in a year's time. Well, the whole point of this article is to seek your support to make this occasion a truly 'once-in-a-lifetime' event.

At 7.00pm on Sunday 11 November 2018 there will be a ceremonial lighting of a beacon in Rushmere St Andrew.

This is to commemorate exactly 100 years to the day that the First World War ended.

Our proposed event means that we have already 'signed up' in respect of being included in this nationwide initiative. In doing so we have joined the ranks of several Parish and Town Councils across Suffolk along with hundreds across the UK.

Our proposed event is being staged at Ipswich School Sports Centre in The Street and will be held in conjunction with Ipswich School (the tenants of the Sports Centre). The school celebrates the significance of Armistice Day each year and naturally the 100th anniversary will be particularly poignant.

So as well as drawing your attention to this proposed event I'm looking for your help and support. In particular you may have names and/or photos of those you would like to be remembered on that day if they had their origins and roots in the Parish of Rushmere St Andrew.

You may also have historical photos and memorabilia relevant to the First World War. It is our intention to have a display of photos/maps and artefacts. If you are able to supply anything appropriate it will be most welcome.

I'm also looking at the possibility of locating someone living in Rushmere who was born on 11 November 1918 in that it may be possible for such a centenarian to actually light the beacon for us.

On the day itself, as well as the display mentioned, there will be refreshments and one of our local district councillors, Mark Newton, is particularly keen to make this occasion an opportunity for a village party.

Plans are still unfolding and at this stage we are looking at the idea of an 'all-ticket' affair (no charge will be made) in order to gauge numbers likely to attend. Further details in respect of tickets will be in the Spring Newsletter 2018. We have a small working group planning this event and you may wish to consider joining the group.

If you are able to help or contribute in any way please contact the Parish Office either by phone or email.

Councillor James Wright
Vice Chairman, Rushmere St Andrew
Parish Council

Childrens activities at Broke Hall Primary School and Kesgrave Library

How quickly the year is passing! Since my last item in the Spring Newsletter, I have enjoyed taking part in several other activities involving our youngsters and I would like to share these experiences with you.

At the end of June I attended part of the Broke Hall Primary School's Languages Day. I saw hands-on activities such as designing and making pizzas and drawing maps and flags, language learning activities which the children were keen to try out on me and general knowledge quizzes. It was a very enjoyable and educational day for all concerned. Many thanks to Mr Smith and all the Teachers and Learning Assistants who worked hard to put on this event.

On a sunny day at the beginning of July, the Home School Association organised a splendid fund raising event in the form of the annual School Fete. The Fete ran for most of the day with brilliant stalls and all sorts of fun activities to encourage physical participation. Tasty snacks and drinks were also available. Both children and parents clearly enjoyed themselves and a good sum of money was raised for the School. Well done HSA members and helpers.

One last School event was the Leavers Assembly at the end of the Summer Term. What a moving experience this was. In many cases the leavers were obviously sad to go. A selection of Year 6 pupils read out memoirs of their time in the school, mentioning favourite friends and teachers and recalling happy days. There were tears from both the children and their mums and dads, but there was also a good measure of fun, with photos from over the years and plenty of music to cheer people up.

It was a lovely occasion and I felt privileged to attend. We wish all those

Claim submitted to register Bixley Lane as a Public Right of Way

As you may remember we reported in the Spring Newsletter that Bixley Lane is at present not recorded on the Definitive Footpath Map as a Public Right of Way and we made an appeal to residents that use the footpath to complete a questionnaire stating this.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone that took the time to complete and submit a questionnaire. We are pleased to report that the Parish Council received a total of 36 questionnaires and this was enough evidence to submit a claim (in July) to Suffolk County Council.

Suffolk County Council have acknowledged receipt of the claim and they will investigate the claim. We will keep you posted regarding progress with the claim and officially registering Bixley Lane as a Public Right of Way.



Tasty pizzas made by the pupils

moving on to High School a very happy and successful continuation of their education.

In a completely different arena, I have once again enjoyed helping with the Summer Reading Challenge at Kesgrave Library. It is always a pleasure to meet so many lovely children, a good number of whom come from within our Parish. As well as talking about their books, the youngsters can join in with the free craft activities, as indeed they can every Sunday. The children are given stickers and small rewards for each book they complete.

Once all six books have been read, they are invited to a special awards ceremony where they are presented with a certificate and medal. Every year there is entertainment. This year the children are being treated to a display by a magician. The Reading Challenge is a very demanding programme to organise, as it involves several hundred children, their parents, the Librarian and her staff and a large team of helpers. Huge thanks to all who worked to enable the Challenge to take place.

Councillor Mirabel Brown



New play equipment at Yewtree Play Area installed

During the summer an exciting new piece of play equipment has been installed at Yewtree play area. The new multi play unit adds to the range of play equipment available for children at the play area and it caters for slightly older children too. One of the older see-saws has been removed to make space for the new play unit.

Our sincere thanks to District Councillors Deborah Dean and Mark Newton for providing significant contributions from their Enabling Communities Budgets to fund the new equipment.



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The ongoing rubbish problem around the Tower Hall area

At first glance you might think the car park at Busy Bees Nursery in St Andrews Walk on Boadands Way is a rubbish refuse site or perhaps a piece of wasteland.

This is not an isolated area, litter is also regularly found in the One Stop Shop car park and plaza, as well as the childrens' play area by Tower Hall.

RUSHMERE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors and Officers

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There is a Councillor vacancy in Tower Ward

Clerk to the Parish Council and Responsible Finance Officer

Mr M R Bentley, Email: mel.bentley@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk 01473 711509

With effect from 1st January 2018 Mrs S Stannard will be the Clerk to the Parish Council and Responsible Finance Officer on retirement of Mr M Bentley

Mrs S Stannard, Email: sylvia.stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk 01473 274859

Assistant Clerk – Vacancy to be filled

Parish Office

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Allotment Manager

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Registrar to the Burial Authority

Mr Andrew Duncan 8 Crofton Close, Ipswich, IP4 4QR 01473 727389

Advertising enquiries Mrs Sylvia Stannard, see above

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Tower Ward: To speak with an Officer at **Ipswich East SNT** – telephone 101
Email: IpswichEast.SNT@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Village Ward: To speak with an Officer at **Woodbridge SNT** – telephone 101
Email: Woodbridge.SNT@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 3194 Mike Sarbutts is our Partnership Funded PCSO and covers both wards
Telephone 101 Email: michael.sarbutts@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Further information about Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) including Team Members; Priorities; Campaigns and Meetings, can be found on
www.suffolk.police.uk

Youths with cars are meeting up here just to socialise, and in doing so they have been blocking parking spaces needed by other visitors, disturbing residents with shouting and excess vehicle noise sometimes into the early hours of the morning. Some have been dealt with for driving in an antisocial manner and others have been reported for other traffic offences.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

This act was introduced specifically to deal with ongoing antisocial behaviour which is having a detrimental impact on the community. This is a very powerful act, and it encompasses exactly the type of behaviour being shown here.

Under this act, these youths are being issued with Community Protection Notice (CPN) Warnings which requires them to address their behaviour. The CPN Warnings actually require them to stop parking in these cars parks, to not cause a disturbance in Broadlands Way, St. Andrews Walk and Brendon Drive, and to start using the litter bins instead of just throwing things on the ground. If they ignore the warning and carry on behaving in the way they have, then they will be issued with a full Community Protection Notice (CPN).

If they ignore the full CPN, then they face going to court under the threat of a fine of up to £2,500. A number of CPN warnings have been issued already.

I have been working on these issues in collaboration with the site management company, Rushmere St. Andrew Parish Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council. As well as issuing CPNs, there will shortly be a barrier installed across the nursery car park entrance to prevent vehicles entering when the nursery is shut. Anyone identified dropping litter is to face a fine by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

A big part of my role is to offer advice and guidance aimed at reducing antisocial behaviour in our community. Whilst this is usually taken on board, occasionally it gets ignored and this can lead to this type of enforcement.

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Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

All meetings listed are open to members of the public, and agendas published on notice boards around the parish and on our web site

Full Parish Council

Thursday 9 November 2017, 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 11 January 2018, 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 8 March 2018, 7.30 pm Village Hall

General Purposes and Finance Committee

Thursday 14 December 2017, 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 8 February 2018, 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 12 April 2018, 7.30 pm Tower Hall

Parish Amenities and Services Committee

Thursday 16 November 2017, 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 18 January 2018, 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 15 March 2018, 7.30 pm Tower Hall

Planning and Development Committee

These meetings are arranged as and when we receive planning applications for discussion. Notice of meetings and agendas will be placed on notice boards and web site.