

**Item 7.**

The hall has run smoothly this year with a gradual return to regular bookings, although we have not yet returned to the numbers of bookings we had prior to the pandemic. Sadly, the Bowls Club has stopped meeting and other bookers have had increased cancellations. However, we continue to hold successful events for the village - the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee was a particular highlight - and the hall continues to serve its purpose as a venue where the village community can get together.

We still need a permanent Booking Clerk. I have taken on the role for most of this year and can confirm that although it is not hugely time consuming, it does require frequent attention at unpredictable times.

I'm pleased to report that we have seen a decrease in antisocial behaviour in the hall car park this year. This may be partly due to the signs indicating that CCTV is operating, and it may just mean that the activity is displaced to elsewhere. We need to continue monitoring and report any incidents to the police.

I want to thank Jim Bird who quickly came to the rescue when the shed roof was damaged in high winds.

The bulk of the hall maintenance, though, has been carried out by our caretaker, Colin Williamson who has spent many hours working on, amongst many other things, the noticeboard, the fire alarm system and in arranging for the windows at the rear of the hall to be replaced. Thank you, Colin.

As always, thanks go to David Lugo and his able assistant Ian Watson, for keeping the grounds so smart. The clearance of undergrowth alongside the drive has been a big improvement.

Ian's work as treasurer becomes increasingly more demanding as our costs rise dramatically and our income remains stunted. We have decided to raise our hire charges to help cover the rising energy costs. The precept of £500 from the Parish Council is much appreciated, and means that we can keep the rise in charges as low as possible and remain competitive with other halls. Ian has put in a great deal of work ensuring that we have the best deals for our insurance and energy supplies, so a big thank you to him for that.

Finally, I'd like to thank Jo for her continued efficient work as secretary, it is much appreciated.

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**Item 8.**

**Fly tipping** A number of incidents of fly-tipping have been noted in local villages, including on the road through Playford and on Moss Lane near Westerfield.

Residents are encouraged to report any signs of fly-tipping using the web site:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping/how-to-report-fly-tipping/>

**Vehicle Security** In September 2022 two Tuddenham residents reported their cars being tampered with during the night. One vehicle had been left unlocked and personal contents were stolen (some of which was recovered after being left in the churchyard). A second resident reported that their car had been opened and moved overnight (possibly an attempted theft of the vehicle). Police reports were made.

Residents can find information on how to secure vehicles, outbuildings and garages on the Suffolk Police website:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/roads-and-vehicles/car-security>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/homesecuritychecklist1.pdf>

**Reporting tools** Regular updates on the Facebook community page provide links to the Report Something website and other Suffolk Police resources for safety and security.

Report Something website: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>

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**Item 10. b)**

Policy reference	Parish	Site Address	Number of dwellings	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Post 31.3.27	Evidence of deliverability
SCLP12.66	Tuddenham	Land off Keightley Way, Tuddenham	25	0	0	0	12	13	0	Landowner has stated that negotiations are underway with a developer, and that a draft layout for the site is being prepared. This shows progress in the site and it is therefore considered reasonable that delivery will occur within the 5 years.
SCLP12.24	Rushmere St. Andrew	Land at Humber Doucy Lane, Rushmere St Andrew	150	0	0	0	0	0	150	Land in the same ownership and forms part of a cross-boundary allocation with adjoining land within the Ipswich Borough Council area (allocated in the Ipswich Local Plan under Policy ISPA4). As per the allocation policy development will only come forward as part of a masterplanned approach. The land in East Suffolk can only come forward with the land in Ipswich and it is anticipated that infrastructure provision at Ipswich Garden Suburb will affect the timing. It is therefore anticipated that the site will come forward beyond the 5 year period.

**Item 11. b) and c)**

Coming towards the end of the year, I am giving a looking back on the year comments as part of my update.

**Road Signage** - We are still awaiting action on additional signage recommendations made over a year ago.

**Speedwatch and enforcement** - The team have been active through the year with some periods of inactivity due to limited volunteer numbers and other demands on myself as Speedwatch coordinator. Thanks to our current volunteers and welcome to an additional resident who will be undergoing training very shortly. We were active during Road Safety week coordinating our timings with other villages as part of a small campaign to make an impact and convey the message about safer driving. On three sessions in Main Road we recorded 7 speeders on 2 occasions and 9 on another. Andy Joliffe will be presenting a report about the Road Safety week and data recordings to the next Road safety forum meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December which I will be attending.

**SID's** - The Main Road SID needed work to restore its battery function and thanks to Jim and a resident with relevant electrical skills this is now back and functioning. It continues to be effective in reminding drivers of the speed limit but active enforcement is still needed for those who continue to exceed the limits.

**SAVID** - has continued its activities through the year and Rushmere and Martlesham have joined and Westerfield and Otley re-joined the group. At our recent AGM I was re-elected Chair, Andy Dungey (Witnesham) Vice Chair, Colin Hedgley will continue as Treasurer and our Secretarial support comes from Tracy Herrington. We have acquired an additional SID so Tuddenham now share with one other village Grundisburgh increasing the availability of the SID to alternative months. We are researching acquiring an additional solar powered SID and continuing to gather shared data across the various SID sites which we hope can be used to inform possible additional police enforcement.

**ANPR scheme** - This pilot has been slow to get established. A number of trial sites (one in Grundisburgh) have been used to test the pilot approach and we are awaiting further news about a roll out to ourselves and other villages who submitted applications for inclusion in the pilot.

**Quiet Lanes Project** - The Westerfield Lane route which is part of the Wave 4 of the project has been passed to receive Quiet Lane status but unfortunately it does not include the part of the route from the junction of The Street and High Street up to Keightley Way. This was challenged by some residents and myself and we have been advised it is to do with there being no suitable site for a Quiet Lane notices. I have approached David Chenery myself about this and am awaiting a response.

**Road Safety Forum and East Suffolk Community Partnerships Budget** - Tuddenham is benefiting from participating in the activities of the Road Safety Forum which continues to have Road safety as one of its priorities for action. Common concerns are being identified and through the activities of Road Safety week additional engagement with local schools and businesses was undertaken and the report on this will be made available to us.

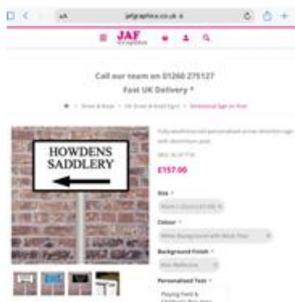
**Future plans** - Please can the meeting consider the purchase of signs for wheelie bins in locations within the 30mph restrictions in the village. This has been raised on previous occasions and is something which many other villages have set up and will serve to continue to remind drivers about the need observe the speed limit. I have checked a sign site and it looks as if the costs would be approximately £5 per household to have two stickers. I have not yet done a calculation of the total cost and how many households would need. An agreement in principle would be helpful.

## 12. Playground & Playing Field improvements

### 1. Playground

- a) The new equipment has been installed and we have had several positive comments from villagers. Many thanks to Jim, David and their helpers for all their hard work.
- b) A kind resident has kindly offered to build a sandbox – I have no specific details as yet and assume that this will be for next summer. I hope to have more details for the next meeting
- c) In the Spring we will look at seating – the current picnic benches are in a sheltered location and other seating in sunnier or more central locations might be beneficial.

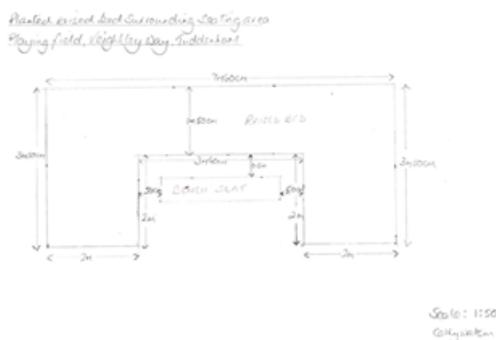
**2. Signage** We can obtain funding for new signage from the Play space fund. I had initially thought I'd having a rustic wooden sign in keeping with our rural location, but after discussing various types of signs with a number of other councillors, I am proposing this type of sign which is clear and similar to a road sign. The costing including cement & incidentals would be about £200.



**3. Playing Field seating & garden area** The initiative is to enhance to Playing field (without detracting from its main use as an open play area for sports) by providing facilities so that it can be used and appreciated by more people.

Following from our September meeting, two villagers have agreed to coordinate this project and one of them has worked with Jim to provide costing estimates.

One of them, a qualified landscape gardener, has kindly designed and drawn up this plan (free of charge) to surround the bench which has been kindly donated by a resident (and which is currently well used).



Apologies were given for the faintness of the drawing.

The costing estimates are:

24 sleepers @£40	£960
Bolts etc	£100
Soil	£350
Bark	£190
Plants	£500
Misc (fertiliser etc)	£100
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Total estimate	£2,200

The installation and planting will be done by village volunteers and so there will be no labour cost involved. It is intended to apply to our District Councillor for £1,000 of funding and to Community Partnerships for the remainder. We hope to have funding in place by January /February 2023 for work to start in the Spring so that it will be in place to be used and enjoyed next summer. Once it is in place, we will organise a “gardening club” or Rota of volunteers for upkeep and maintenance.

#### 4. Other Planting

It might be nice to plant daffodils & perhaps some summer flowering bulbs in the wooded area and around the perimeter of the playing field and playground (where it is not mown). Maybe this is a project for next year?

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#### Item 13.

Community Partnerships are groups which meet for workshops and networking events to share ideas and to progress local projects. There are 8 CPs within ESC and we are part of the Kesgrave, Rushmore, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley CP.

Our CP meets quarterly. I am the Tuddenham St Martin PC representative (and hold voting rights on our behalf) however Pauline usually attends when highways & road safety issues are being discussed.

Our CP has agreed that our Priorities as:

- Improving Road Safety Education – particularly relating to Quiet Lanes, Personal visibility and Householders’ responsibility.
- To make our natural environment more accessible to residents and safer to use.
- Supporting individuals’ well-being by strengthening existing community networks.

ESC has allocated funding of £1,73m over 4 years to be available to CPs for local initiatives. Some of the initiatives helping residents in our CP area that have been funded over the past year are:

- Grandpads – several of Tuddenham’s older residents were given these to help them stay connected during Covid restrictions (this initiative has now ended);
- “Happy to Chat” benches were installed at Martlesham Heath, Grundisburgh, Swiland, Bealings & Rushmere
- Robopets – which provide interactive companionship which is helpful in dementia therapy have been purchased for several dementia groups across the district including the Forget Me Not Café in Kesgrave.

Further information can be found in the first Newsletter -

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Community/Community-partnerships/CP-Newsletter-Issue-One.pdf>

The latest meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 where we discussed:

- Warm packs – it was intended to make up warm packs for folk struggling with increases in cost of living and energy prices. We were asked to offer suggestions as to what could be included.
- Ease the Squeeze. We were told about the initiative and asked to advertise the roadshows (which we have done via email Facebook & PC website) we were also advised of various initiatives within or CP area – Carlford Churches are supplying bags of basic groceries for £2.50)
- Road Safety – we were advised that Savid is going well (thanks in no small part to Pauline). During Road safety week (14<sup>th</sup> November) there would be a concerted speed watch effort across our area
- We were introduced to Chris King who is a new addition to ESC – he is a landscape architect and urban designer who is the Design Champion & Specialist Services Manager. He will be working across the District to influence development in keeping with specific areas & locations.
- Youth Voice – Our CP Officer shared feedback received from sessions at Kesgrave & Farlingaye Schools. It was noted that young people concerned not just about issues affecting them but also the wider community.

Since the meeting I have had the opportunity to speak to our CP Officer and mentioned the seating/garden area in the Playing field – as this will be opening up the field for use by more people, he is happy to support our application for funding.