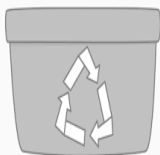


HELP TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF YOUR RECYCLING

Mid Suffolk District Council are having a push to improve the quality of the recycling put into wheelie bins. You might have had a leaflet through the door about this. The key message is...



- * Put glass in a bottle bank, not in your wheelie bin.
- * No bagged items. Keep your recycling clean and dry.
- * Keep all food out of your recycling bin. Put any food you cannot eat or compost into your rubbish bin.

Please do all you can to make the most of recycling.

ANNUAL VILLAGE LITTER PICK

SUNDAY 23 MAY 2021

10.00—12.00

Meet at Wattisfield Village Hall

The annual litter pick is taking place later than usual this year and will be managed in a Covid secure way. Please do come along and spend a couple of hours, or as long as you can, litter picking around the village and help make the village look smart.

Please come suitably prepared with your own gloves, pickers and high viz vest if possible. A limited amount of equipment will be available. Black bags will be provided. Remember please to wear a face mask at the meeting point.

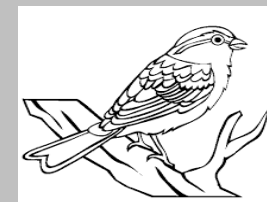


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THE FIRST EDITION OF A VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this newsletter! The Parish Council for a while now have been conscious that it hasn't been good at communicating to residents. So the plan is to publish a regular newsletter ten times a year. There will be a combined edition for December/January and July/August. The newsletter will be distributed free to as many houses in Wattisfield as possible.

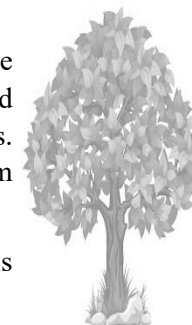


Going forward, rather than print and deliver, the Parish Council would like to move to distribution by email as delivery to houses could be onerous. So if you are happy to receive the Wattisfield Warbler in future by email, **please email the Parish Clerk at wattisfieldpc@outlook.com** and let him know together with your address. This in time will hopefully reduce the number of physical deliveries. A copy will also be posted on the Parish Council website at www.wattisfield.onesuffolk.net.

TIME TO TIDY TREES

The Parish Council have responsibility for the trees on the recreation ground, the village green and in the churchyard and have recently commissioned a report on the condition of the trees. There is a need to have some work done on the trees to keep them in good shape.

So over the coming months, a contractor will be asked to do this work which will then keep them looking good for a few years.



PLANS AFOOT TO RESTORE CHURCH CLOCK

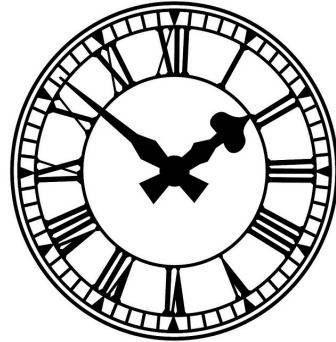
There are plans to restore the clock on St Margaret's church to working order. The Parish Council are working with the Reverend Philip Merry and the Diocese to look at options for getting the clock working again and chiming.

As well as restoring the clock, the plan is to install electric winders so there is no need to have a clock winder. Part of the reason that the clock has remained dormant is because there hasn't been anyone willing to take on this weekly task of winding.

There is the need to repair the access route to the clock. The route is not safe and there needs to be repairs to the floors and ladders. So this work will be part of the project.

The Parish Council now have permission for the project. There are still some estimates needed, but it is expected the work will cost around £8,500. If the project proceeds, then some of the cost will be funded by the Parish Council, some by our County and District councillors' locality budgets and the remainder, hopefully, by grants from charitable trusts.

The next stage is to secure funding from charitable trusts. To date the Allchurches Trust have donated £1,800. When all the funding has been secured, then contractors will be engaged which will hopefully be sometime this summer.



WATTISFIELD CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

St Margaret's Church—Sunday 23 May 2021 at 11.00 am
(said Holy Communion)

United Reform Church—Every Sunday at 11.00 at Chapel
Road, Wattisfield

Remember to wear a face mask and HANDS—FACE—
SPACE.



QUIET LANES SUFFOLK



Suffolk County Council have announced that funding is available to designate more roads in Suffolk as quiet lanes – roads where motorists must exercise additional caution.

The Parish Council are working with the Quiet Lanes Suffolk team and in principle three lanes in Wattisfield will be designated as Quiet Lanes. These are Honeypot Lane, Bobby Hill and Chapel Road. These lanes typically have few vehicles and are often used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists. It means motorists must drive with additional caution such as slower speeds. There will be appropriate signage to warn drivers. More information can be found at www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk.

The next stage is to consult with residents and seek their views on the viability of this project. This will be discussed during the public forum at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 17 May 2021 at 7.30 pm. Alternatively, you can telephone your thoughts to the Parish Clerk on 01359 221600 or send an email to wattisfieldpc@outlook.com.

WHERE IS SID?

Back in January 2020, the Parish Council purchased a Speed Indicative Device (SID) which will warn motorists of their speed. You will probably have seen them in other villages. The SID will be used at three locations on the A143 and two on Walsham Road.

However, despite having had approval for the device from Suffolk County Council in December 2019, it has taken over a year for SCC Highways to install or adapt posts for the SID. These are now in place and the SID is being tested in various locations

The next stage is to have a trained volunteer team who will assist with the charging of the batteries and moving the SID around the locations. Would you possibly be willing to help with this? If so, please let the Parish Clerk know—wattisfieldpc@outlook.com or 01359 221600. When there is a viable group of volunteers, a training session will be arranged.

