

STAMBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held its Annual Parish Assembly and Annual General Meeting on 22 May in the village hall. We were pleased to welcome members of the public and the District Councillor Richard van Dulken.

At this meeting roles and responsibilities are confirmed for the year:

Neil Pyman – Chair

Andrew Drysdale – Vice Chair and tree warden (playing field)

Val Kerrison – Footpaths

Wendy Anderson – Village Hall representative

Nathan Robins

Karen Grant

Martyn Fall

Pavilion – The pavilion is open and available for booking over the summer months. Please contact me if you would like to book it.

Playing Field – Thank you to Michael Turner who cuts the grass on the field and keeps it looking extremely tidy. Please remember that dogs are allowed on the playing field between 1 October and 30 April.

Highways – It was good to see that the road through the village has been resurfaced, and potholes filled in. This was at very short notice and apparently due to issues around other scheduled works elsewhere which meant the contractors were redirected to Stambourne.

It has been mentioned that there are some roads where hedges and trees on private land are overgrowing and encroaching onto roads. This is the advice from ECC Highways which might be helpful:-

Overgrown vegetation

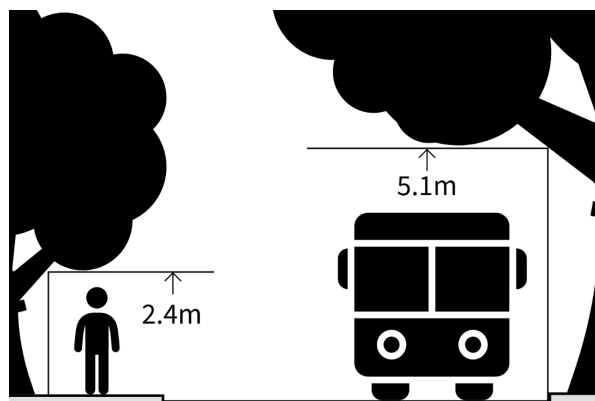
Along with our grass verge cutting and weed spraying residents can do their bit to help by looking after the area outside their home or property and encourage their neighbours and community to do the same.

Vegetation on (or from) private land

ECC don't look after trees, hedges and shrubs on private land, including land that is next to roads and pavements. Most trees and hedges by roads are on land owned by private landowners, district councils, city council, parish councils, housing associations and homeowners. It is the landowner's responsibility to look after these areas. They have a duty of care to take reasonable steps to prevent or reduce as far as possible, the risk of injury or damage that could be caused to anyone else - [Highways Act 1980](#).

Examples are:

- overgrown vegetation reducing the available pavement width for pedestrians - vegetation should be kept back to the property boundary.
- overhanging vegetation reducing the height for pedestrians or cyclists on the pavement or cycleway - low hanging vegetation should be cut back so there is a clearance of 2.4m (8ft) over a pavement or cycleway.
- overhanging vegetation that reduces the height or clearance of the road for tall vehicles such as double



deck school buses - low hanging vegetation should be cut back so there is a clearance of 5.1m (16ft 9in) over a road.

- overhanging vegetation reducing the width or blocking the view of the road - vegetation should be kept back to the property boundary.
- a damaged or diseased tree that is in danger of falling onto the road or pavement - these should be treated or removed, where possible.
- overgrown vegetation obscuring road signs or streetlights - vegetation should be cut back for visibility.

Planning - There has been a great deal of discussion about the government's plan to increase housebuilding across the country. Braintree District Council are reviewing its Local Plan and part of this was the "Call for Sites" across the district for any potential areas of building. Any sites in Stambourne will be considered at the Braintree District Council meeting on 25 June 2025. This is one part of a long process, and any sites will still be subject to the formal planning process. One of our Parish Councillors, Nathan Robins, will be attending the meeting and will report back. Details of the Local Plan Review and sites can be found here:

[About the Local Plan Review – Local Plan Review – Braintree District Council](#)

Finance – The Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 have been finalised and approved by the internal auditor. They will now be sent to the external auditor.

Dates of next meetings - 17 July, 18 September, 20 November 2025 all in the village hall at 7.30pm

Full minutes and agendas are available on the village website at www.stambourne.com

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ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

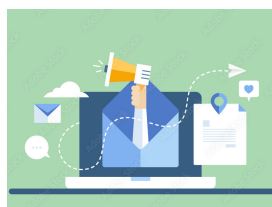
Date	Time	Service	
15 June	11:00 am	Holly Communion	Rev. Graham Ridgwell
29 June	11:00 am	BENEFICE SERVICE	@ TILBURY JUXTA CLARE CHURCH ALL WELCOME
6 July	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Tia Stickland
20 July	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Graham Ridgwell
3 August	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Tia Stickland
17 August	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Graham Ridgwell

Val Kerrison, Churchwarden

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Contributions for the next newsletter (to cover events in August, September and October) to Karen Crago at kcrago@btinternet.com or the post box at Tagley Farm by Friday 25 July, please.

STAMBOURNE LADIES GROUP

GAMES in the PARK – Wednesday 11 June

7:00 for 7:30 - free for members; £5 for Guests

Buffet supplied courtesy of SLG members

Come along and get immersed in a fun evening of games on the Playing Field.

Fear not, if the weather decides not to play ball, we'll take refuge in the Pavilion!



FISH AND CHIPS SUPPER – Wednesday 9 July

6:30 for 7:00 at the playing field.

Vegetarian options available. Followed by a surprise dessert and a fun raffle with great prizes



ALL WELCOME!

£6 for members; £8 for non-members

Pre-booking essential

PICNIC in the PARK – Wednesday 13 August

6:30 pm onwards

An informal get together to mark the Summer; free for members and guests – bring whoever / whatever you want to make a fun afternoon / evening!

For all events please contact **Lorna** on **07980 922 636** or **Zoe** on **07740 723 057** for more details.

KNIT AND NATTER CLUB

Every Thursday — 5pm – 7pm at the Green Man, Toppesfield
(Meet-ups are subject to variations, **please check** before attending)

Whatever your levels of craftiness, join in! Everyone welcome!

£5 (cash only) includes one drink and room hire.

Contact **Anna** on **07944 696 527** for more details.



TOPPESFIELD ALLOTMENTS



There are currently some available allotment plots in Toppesfield. The charge is £20 per year. Different plot sizes are available. If interested please call Paul or Clare Thompson on 07824 665915 or 07825 957625.

THE CREAMER FUND

Dear Residents,

We know that The CREAMER Fund has some wonderful supporters out there and we are hoping some of you might like to get involved in helping the Charity in some way. Well, here's a way you can! We are looking for someone from each of the villages who fall under the reaches of Freshwell Health Centre to act as our 'eyes and ears on the ground'! We would really value people's insights and opinions on how to develop CREAMER - both in outreach / PR and in the services we offer in the community. In essence you would:

- Help to co-ordinate representation of the charity at local village events (equipment provided)
- Help deliver occasional publicity materials
- Obtain feedback on services provided
- Generally help to raise the profile of CREAMER within their communities



If you think you could help out, and it really wouldn't be more than a couple of hours a month maximum, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email Alexandra Cox at hellorubyred@outlook.com to express your interest.

Thank you!

The CREAMER Fund

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Village Hall is for hire - £8 per hour for residents; £10 for non-residents.

Ring Rosemary Horton on 01440 785339.

What would the residents of Stambourne like to see our village hall used for?

Below is a list of suggestions. Please tick any of the activities you may be interested in:

Activity	Please tick one box per line per person interested					
	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4	Person 5	Person 6
Indoor Bowls						
Table Tennis						
Bingo						
Sitting Keep Fit						
Music Jamming Sessions / Open Mic on the Pop Up Pub Days						
Line Dancing						
Yoga						
Walkers Club						
Art Group						
Jumble Sales						
Open Gardens / Plant Swap						
Mother and Toddler Group						
Any other suggestions warmly received						

Please email Wendy at wendy.anderson1953@yahoo.co.uk or telephone her on 01440 788702 with your thoughts. Alternatively you could pop the above form through her letterbox – Cedars, Dyers End.

Hopefully we can reintroduce a few more activities into the village hall.