

STAMBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 23 July 2026 at 7.30pm in the village hall. We were pleased to welcome Richard Van Dulken – Braintree District Councillor and Nathan Robins – attending in his capacity as both Parish Councillor and Essex County Councillor.

Pavilion – *The pavilion is open for bookings throughout the summer and autumn. If you would like to book, please contact me – details at the bottom of the page.*

Playingfield – *Thank you to Malcolm who has done a great job repainting and tidying up the play equipment and the telephone box in Church Road. Thank you also to Mick who has very kindly been tidying and repainting the telephone box in Chapel End Way.*

Highways - *Could you please ensure that hedges and trees are trimmed back from the roads in accordance with the ECC guidelines below:-*

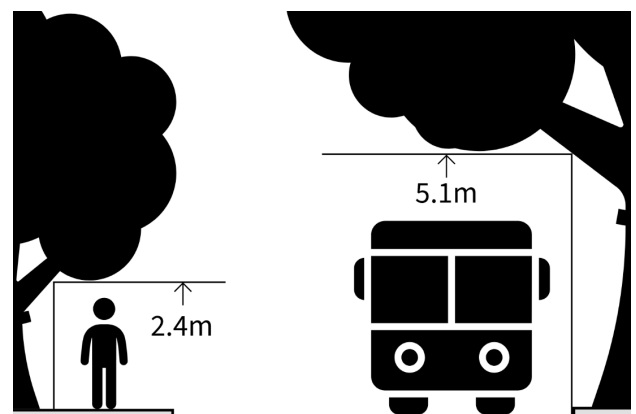
Overgrown vegetation- *Along with our grass verge cutting and weed spraying residents can do their bit to help by looking after the area outside your home or property and encouraging your neighbours and community to do the same.*

Vegetation on (or from) private land

Essex County Council do not 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 – Proposed solar farm at Robin Hood End – There is a public information event organised by Qualitas taking place on Wednesday 5 August 2026 at Stambourne Village Hall between 3pm and 7pm.

Next meetings are Thursday 24 September and Thursday 19 November 2026 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Date for your diary - Bonfire Night – Saturday 7 November 2026

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

Debbie Hilliard

Parish Clerk

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DIGIGO

What is DigiGo?

DigiGo is an on-demand and pre-bookable public transport service operating across parts of Essex and Suffolk. There is no fixed route or timetable, which puts you in control of your journey. As a shared transport service, you may travel with other passengers heading in the same direction. Wheelchair-accessible vehicles are also available and all DigiGo drivers are enhanced DBS checked.



Where can I travel?

Stambourne Zone

In this zone, DigiGo operates 7 days a week from 7am to 10pm (excluding bank holidays).

As part of our launch offer, all travel in this zone is free until 31 August 2026 (normal fares are a maximum of £3). Whether you're commuting, shopping, attending appointments, visiting friends and family, or exploring the local area, now is the perfect opportunity to try DigiGo at no cost.

Journeys can be booked up to 7 days in advance by calling **03330 137 138** (Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm).

Next day journeys must be booked by 5pm on the previous working day.

Where can I get to?

As well as travelling between destinations within the zone DigiGo can take you to key TravelEssex Connect Points, making it easier to continue your journey further afield, including:

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| • High Street, Halstead | • Sudbury Train Station | • Clare Memorial Bus Stop |
| • Halstead Hospital | • Sudbury Community Health Centre | • Stour Valley Community School |
| • Halstead Youth Centre | • Ormiston Sudbury Academy | • Haverhill Bus Station |
| • Halstead Leisure Centre | | |
| • Sudbury Bus Station | | |

Check <https://www.travelessex.co.uk/about-demand-responsive-transport/ddrt> for more information.

ST. PETER & ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH

The Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 4th October at 9:30am. Decorating the Church from the Friday onwards will be greatly appreciated as will donations of tins, packets and jars (plus any toiletries) as these will be forwarded to the food bank.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS:

Date	Time	Service	
2 August	-	NO SERVICE	-
16 August	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Tia Stickland
30 August	11:00 am	BENEFICE SERVICE @ GREAT YELDHAM CHURCH	Archdeacon Kate
6 September	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Rev. Tia Stickland
20 September	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Tia Stickland
4 October	9:30 am	HARVEST FESTIVAL	Rev. Tia Stickland
18 October	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Tia Stickland

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STAMBOURNE CHAPEL

Hi All,

We are hoping Stambourne Chapel, after many years of being a hive of activity and a source of comfort to many, and a source of enjoyment with the many things that went on, to again fully enable the building to be used for what it was built for: to support the community from birth to the grave, to provide a source of education and learning about things Christian, and to be a place where peace can be found. One thing we can say is that **it is not closed!** There are a few Sunday services happening there as you can see below and we hope to fill in a few more slots over the coming weeks. We also have a funeral for the late Kenneth Ernest Gunn whose ashes will be laid to rest with his wife's ashes over the coming few weeks (date to be announced as the family have travel plans to make).



The building is looking good and we hope people with an interest in the history of the place, in particular it's connection with Charles Haddon Spurgeon and of course with Henry Havers, the one who started it all back in 1662 (not the Havers family related to Nigel, the actor as we saw on the TV program "Who do you think you are"!!) will come to find out more and take on things at the Chapel. It has been part of village life for so many years and it would be sad to have to close it - your support would be appreciated and if there is anything we could use the building for to support the village please let us know!

If you are inclined please pray for those who still attend and that the building will find an appropriate use and if you would like a Christening, Baptism, Wedding, Renewal of Wedding vows, or Funeral there, please contact me.

And as you probably know Chapel Community Care, started in Stambourne Chapel and is now run out of Ridgewell Chapel, continues to provide support in all the villages between Braintree, Sudbury and Haverhill - around 70 people still. Their volunteers help people socialise and feel less lonely by visiting and supporting

people, providing transport to medical appointments and social occasions, providing a monthly lunch at Ridgewell Chapel for around 30 people, and arrange a monthly outing that is accessible to all!
 If you would like to be part of that as a volunteer or as a user of our services, then please do contact either me or Jill Holmes on 07396 746674. A Newsletter is available - please give us a call to receive one!
 Adrian Burr (Rev'd)
 Tel: 07983 656166

SERVICES AT STAMBOURNE CHAPEL:

Date	Time	Service	
2 August	10:45 am		Jill and Bob Holmes
30 August	10:45 am		Chris Stirling
6 September	10:45 am	Harvest	Jill and Bob Holmes
13 September	10:45 am		Penny Bloom and Bob Pearson
4 October	10:45 am		Jill and Bob Holmes
1 November	10:45 am		Jill and Bob Holmes
22 November	10:45 am		Chris Stirling
6 December	10:45 am	Christmas Celebration	Jill and Bob Holmes

STAMBOURNE LADIES GROUP

Next get together - Wednesday, 12 August — 6.30pm onwards – an INFORMAL picnic in the park.



Following meetings on 9 September and 14 October.
 Contact **Zoe** on **07740 723 057** or **Anna** on **07944 696 527** for more details.

STAMBOURNE TRACTOR RUN



We would like to thank all our supporters and volunteers who helped us raise an amazing **£3132** which was divided between **HERO PAWS** and **HELP FOR HEROS**.

Thank you again,
 STAMBOURNE TRACTOR RUN COMMITTEE

**HELP for
HEROES**

STAMBOURNE.COM

Remember to use the above website as it is a comprehensive guide to all things Stambourne!!
 For those interested there is a new page to do with the proposed solar farm at Robinhood End.
<https://www.stambourne.com/category/solar-farm/>



Contributions for the next newsletter (to cover events in the second half of October, November and December) to Karen Crago, preferably by email to kcrago@btinternet.com, WhatsApp or place in the post box at Tagley Farm by Friday 2 October, please.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE - NEWS and UPDATES



YOGA for all abilities, including seated yoga is at the village hall every Tuesday between 6.30pm and 7.30pm please do pop along.

Breast Cancer Awareness afternoon tea event

Please join us for games, quiz, tombola plus tea and cakes or a full afternoon tea (sandwiches, snacks scones, cake and as much tea as you can drink) for £15.00. Please book in advance for the afternoon tea, the numbers are on the leaflet below or pop along to support this worthy cause.



STAMBOURNE VILLAGE HALL
CHURCH ROAD, CO9 4NP

Community Market

Love Boutique

Sweet Treats

Crafty Creations

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

10.30 - 1.30PM

**HAND MADE CRAFTS
CHARITY TOMBOLA
REFRESHMENTS
FOOD & MORE!**



FOR MORE INFO:

0787 655 3332

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TOPPESFIELD and GAINSFORD END Village Show

Saturday 12th September

2:00 pm

Toppesfield Village Hall

Competitive Show

Raffle Stalls Competitions
Refreshments

A great afternoon for all the family

For further information and to obtain a form to
enter the competitions contact:

Ann Read - 01787 237464