

# Marks Tey Parish Council Newsletter

Spring 2021

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## Welcome to the Parish Council Newsletter.

Welcome to the Spring newsletter, hope springs eternal and I look forward to things returning to something near normal. I think we all have to expect things will be different from now on but perhaps we will be able to manage Covid much the same as we do flu.

My thanks to the Parish Councillors who have continued to work hard through the lockdown with our meetings being held on Zoom and much has continued to happen. Our Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted and the Community Group have continued, the first defib installed, reports on all are included in this publication. The Premises Committee have been busy and projects to improve the decor of the halls and the grounds are in progress. The playground is now fully open and from what I have seen it is being well used.

We are continuing to talk to Highways England regarding Junction 25 and I understand the public consultation will take place in June.

You will have received your Council Tax Bills showing the percentage increases for each category. The bill shows an increase of 2.7% for the parish rates, the amount the parish Council receives will remain the same as last year as the Parish Council did not ask for an increase. The percentage uplift is due to less households contributing to the overall sum.

To close, an appeal for more councillors. The elections should take place in May and I ask that anyone interested in serving their community puts their name forward for election. Details are available from the Parish Clerk.

Gerald Wells, Chair Marks Tey Parish Council

## Community Defibrillators

You may have noticed that one of our new Community Defibrillators is now fully operational and we hope to have the second installed very soon. The defibrillator is situated in the old BT telephone box just outside Popular Nurseries.

This would not have happened without the support of our sponsors and the fantastic number of donations we received from everyone in the collection boxes that were situated around the village. As part of the support package from the company we acquired the Defib's, we will be organising a training course for anyone that is interested on how to use one of these life saving devices, once restrictions have been lifted. Once we have arranged a date, we will advertise this on our Facebook page, website and by placing notices in our information boards.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the community with this project. If we listed all the names of everyone involved it would take up all the space of this newsletter (so apologies for not doing so) but we felt it was right that we made special mention of local business, Penny Meadow who helped us 'kick start' the fund raising back in 2018.



## Neighbourhood Plan

Colchester Borough Council's consultation on the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan will finish on 5<sup>th</sup> April, so we hope that by now many of you will have made your comments via its website, or will do so soon. Our contribution to this has been the recent leaflet, posters around the Parish and details on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page. Both websites have all the documents and the Borough's has some additional ones. The really important one is of course our draft Neighbourhood Plan and in order to help people make comments our website has some extra information. One is a comparison between the two draft neighbourhood plans, as it sets out the changes we have made to the policies because of the many comments sent in last year. The second is a guide so that people can find where to go to see just residents' comments and how they changed on the Plan. For those who want paper copies of the response form, Colchester's website has the details.



Remember, the Neighbourhood Plan's success depends as much on your support as on us writing a Plan that complies with all the regulations. Once Colchester Borough Council has completed its consultation, the evidence goes to the Independent Examiner who reports back to the Council on the Plan, which is then published and prepared for the referendum. Please rely on our website and Facebook page for news on its progress.

CBC website - <https://www.colchester.gov.uk/info/cbc-article/?id=KA-03580>

John Wood, Chair of the Steering Group

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021

We have pencilled in 24<sup>th</sup> July for a Village Fun Day this year, all being well. If possible, this would be some local stalls, fete games, bouncy castle, music, food, bar and tea room. On a smaller scale this year, to give us an opportunity to get together as a community.

If you have any ideas and would like to get involved please contact  
Mo 07928 810404, or Kate 07850 695154

## Community Events

With the easing of restrictions, we are all looking forward to getting together again as a community!! Hopefully, our Community Picnics will start again this Summer, and the Library and Community Café and Young at Heart groups will open from June onwards. It will be great to see everyone again. The Parish fields have been well used during lockdown, which is good to see.

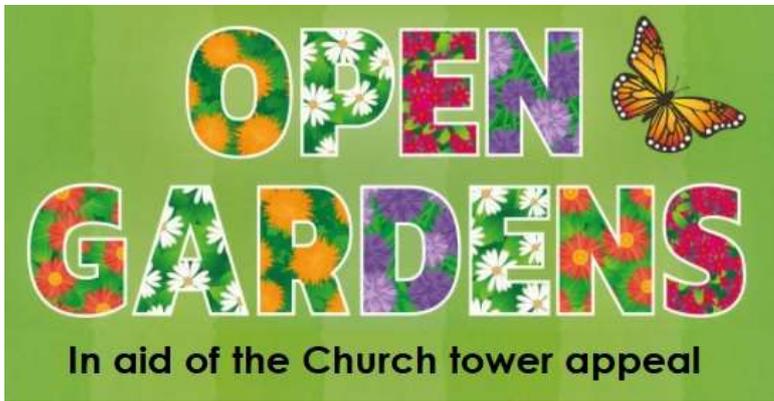
Volunteers have remained very busy. Working outdoors on the Parish Fields to ensure that it is litter free, clearing the mini woodland, planting a new hedge, bramble cutting, and tree planting. More than 550 hours have been spent, and we hope you notice a difference. We will also be installing some new benches in the coming months.

## Fix it Group

We plan to start the men's fix-it Saturday morning group as soon as possible. This was planned before lockdown and aims to give practical support to the community. The garage on the field has been cleared as a temporary base, and it is equipped with a fridge and kettle!

All are welcome. You don't need any specific skills, it's an opportunity to get together, share existing skills and learn new ones. Please let us know if you are interested in joining this project, or if you have any tools etc that you would be happy to donate.

One immediate need will be to assist with assembling and installing the new benches which will be on the field – please contact Tim Dooley [tim64dooley@gmail.com](mailto:tim64dooley@gmail.com) (or leave a message at the Parish Council office for him to contact you) if you would like to come along.



**Save the date.....**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Yvonne Norman is organising an Open Gardens day on 10<sup>th</sup> July to raise funds for St Andrews Church tower appeal.

This will be Marks Tey's first Open Gardens.

There will be refreshments in the church hall

and hopefully flower displays in the church for people to view.

Would you be willing to open your garden however large or small?, Can you help with volunteering before or on the day? Yvonne would like to know by 1st June if you would be willing to open your garden so the programmes can be produced, promoted and sold.

There will also be a raffle. If anyone has items suitable as prizes they would like to donate Yvonne would be very happy to receive them.

Please contact Yvonne on 07709064599 if you would like to open your garden, volunteer or have items for the raffle.

## **WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH**

62 bags full to be precise!

Since November we have 14 Litter Warriors signed up to keep our village clean and tidy and between us we have collected 62 bags of litter plus other larger items, mostly car parts. Considering the weather has been cold, wet and windy for a lot of that time with snow thrown in for good measure this is a brilliant effort.

The March Community Litter Pick couldn't take place due to Covid regulations but, hopefully, we can hold one later in the year. Watch this space.

If you would like to become a litter warrior we could do with one or two more, especially if you could adopt London Road (east of the A12). You choose when and where you want to pick, how much or how little and keep a tally of the number of sacks collected. You will be issued with a litter pick stick, a hoop, sacks and a high viz jacket. If you want to sign up then email [pat.wynnewillson@gmail](mailto:pat.wynnewillson@gmail.com)



**If you are a Facebook user please join the group called 'Marks Tey Litter Warriors' to keep up with our activities and maybe suggest areas in need of a clean.**

In the meantime, please TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME and encourage others to do the same.

## Save the Dates

- July 10<sup>th</sup> Open Gardens
- July 24<sup>th</sup> Village Fun Day



## Parish Office

In line with current government guidelines the Parish Council continue to hold meetings online. Details of how to join can be found on the agenda for each meeting on the Parish Council website.

[www.marksteyparish.org.uk](http://www.marksteyparish.org.uk)

Office staff are still available to help with queries and can be contacted via email or telephone.

## Recycling Materials



If you require garden waste sacks, green boxes, food caddies or clear sacks please complete an online request for delivery to your home address by Colchester Borough Council.

Please note this is a temporary solution until normal service resumes.

[www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling-containers](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling-containers)

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