

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – THORNDON

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.00pm, Thorndon Village Hall on 8th May 2025

1. Election of Chairman – As the Chairman of the Parish Council was not present, Cllr Tim Cherrett, chaired the meeting.
2. Minutes of the meeting held 9th May 2024 were accepted.
3. There were no actions from the minutes.

4. Reports:

- a. Parish Council: submitted by Cllr Milton and read on her behalf:

To start I would like to acknowledge the day on which this meeting falls VE Day. A time where we celebrate Victory in Europe but also remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and for that we will be eternally grateful and give thanks.

For the Parish Council the year 2024/25 has been productive and seen several projects move forward and will continue into 2025/26. However, there are still challenges we need to monitor.

We continue to form as a council and have been successful in bringing on board a new councillor who is very welcome, as well as seeing others leave their position.

Our main challenge for this year and continuing into next remains the sale of the Kerrison Trust Land and rental properties. We will endeavour to support the community in time, as further information is released.

Our successes have been:

- engagement with the local school on the replacement of Thorndon's playground provision
- installation of new gym equipment in the play area
- completion of our Housing Needs survey to inform our future housing provision and neighbourhood plan
- the purchase of three new solar powered SIDs for the community

Looking forward the Council have future initiatives and ongoing objectives:

- to re write our objectives for 2025/26
- to pull together a CIL bid for the replacement of the playground equipment
- to review the PIIP information we have received and consider for CIL bids

As for last year and this year coming I would like to thank all Councillors and the community for their hard work over and look forward to progressing our plans and engaging with you throughout the year.

Other reports were received from the following groups and are included in full as appendices to the minutes:

- County Councillor Stringer
- Mid Suffolk District Councillor Stringer
- Thorndon Community Shop
- Community Council
- All Saints Church
- Neighbourhood Watch

These minutes have been prepared from reports received as original minutes were corrupted – apologies to any group who spoke at the meeting but did not submit a hard copy of their presentation as they have not been included in these minutes.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed: _____

Date:

Annual Parish Report – 2024/25

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Motions

Our group passed three successful motions at council over the year:

1. In May 2024, we proposed that the council lobby the government for proper, long-term funding for local councils and support policies to address the long-term funding of adult social care. We tabled this motion as the Local Government Association had recently estimated that councils in England will have a funding gap totalling £4bn over the next two years. Suffolk County Council is predicting a 'budget gap' of £33.1m for 2026-27 so this is a very real concern for Suffolk and will affect Suffolk's local services.
2. In July 2024, my group tabled a motion that the council would do everything it could to avoid delays with local infrastructure funded by developer contributions. We were aware that a lot of local projects that are due to be paid for by developers are very overdue, in some cases for years – for example, new pedestrian crossings for roads where there is new housing. Sometimes these works are due to be undertaken by the developer and the delay is caused by them, but our motion acknowledged that the design and programming of works by Suffolk County Council was also often delayed.
3. In December 2024, my group successfully proposed a policy for the council of 'Roofs before Rural' regarding solar panels. The motion noted that the new Labour government was proposing to triple the amount of solar power in the UK by 2030 and set out the council's position that rooftop solar was preferable to 'solar farms' which are becoming an increasing sight across the county. The council agreed to write to the government to seek assurances Suffolk's best quality agricultural land would be protected.

My group also proposed the following motions which were voted down by the Conservative administration at council:

1. In October 2024, my group tabled a motion to revise the Highways Maintenance Operating Procedure so that repairs to footways and pavements would be prioritized in areas with heavy footfall, or where a recent fall had been reported. This motion was rejected by the Conservatives.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganization

Since the publication of the government's White Paper in December 2024, Suffolk councils have been scrambling to develop their proposals for reorganizing local government. Under the new system, Norfolk and Suffolk will have a joint mayor (with elections held in May 2026) leading a mayoral authority, with two tier government (county councils and district/borough councils) replaced by unitary councils – single councils that undertake all local services like

education, adult care, waste collection, housing and highways. Suffolk County Council's administration have been clear that they would prefer a single unitary council for Suffolk, and they ratified this decision by voting for it in the council chamber on 13 March and at Cabinet on 18 March. Opposition councillors, like my group and the Labour group, are less convinced that one mega council would bring decision-making closer to the communities, which is what devolution is supposed to enable. Councils had to submit interim plans to the government by 21 March, then detailed proposals in September, with a decision from government by the end of the year on what will happen. It is likely that councillors for the new council/s would be elected by Suffolk residents in May 2027, a year after the mayoral elections.

Suffolk's Library Service

At Cabinet in March 2025, the council administration voted to bring Suffolk's libraries back in-house at the end of the current contract for the library on 31 May. Suffolk Libraries, who have held the contract since the service was divested in 2012, were the only bidder for the contract, but negotiations broke down and the council felt it had no alternative but to bring the libraries back under council control. The proposal to do this was passionately opposed not just by Suffolk Libraries, but also over 22,000 Suffolk residents and the many volunteers and Friends groups who work for and raise money for libraries in their communities.

Norwich to Tilbury Pylons

At Cabinet in May 2024, the council voted to object to the proposed Norwich to Tilbury 400kV grid reinforcement and call for a pause until alternative options had been explored. The proposals which were reviewed included 183k of pylons, with four sections of underground cabling through and near the Dedham Vale National Landscape (the new name for an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the Waveney valley. The council were keen that more underground cabling take place in the Waveney valley than proposed, and it was agreed more generally that energy projects in the county needed to be coordinated better to reduce the impact on residents and the local environment, particularly as so many of them are due to be under construction at the same time. Other councils in the area have also objected to the plans. Since then, the National Grid has confirmed it will not be proposing any further underground cabling in the plans, holding several consultations with local residents which have been largely negatively received.

Suffolk's Roads

In July 2024, a report was brought to Scrutiny Committee which looked into the condition of Suffolk's roads, the amount spent by the council to repair them and how repair works were prioritised. The findings were that amount of funding available for repairing highways was around £17m per year, but £50m per year would be needed for an optimal programme of resurfacing. Works are prioritised by the council's Highway Maintenance Operational Plan, which sets out the parameters for repair work and the order of priority repairs. Unsurprisingly, main roads and roads which have a lot of traffic are prioritised over quieter roads which do not. Having said this, the council is currently undertaking a scheme of resurfacing residential roads which have fallen into disrepair, having announced an additional £10m of funding for this project in May 2023.

Council Budget 2025-26

In February 2025, the council voted to adopt its proposed budget for the 2025-26 financial year. This included approving a maximum rise in council tax this year of 4.99%, including the 2% social care precept for adult care. The budget this year does not include borrowing from the council's reserves, which was a concern last year. Instead, the budget relies on delivering £28.4m of savings across many council services. Cost pressures for the council include care purchasing for adult social care, Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and placements for children in care. There is still a lot of concern about the level of debt the council is carrying from the Designated Schools Grant (DSG), a debt which is due to increase this year by £62.175m. Councils are allowed by the government to hold this 'negative reserve' until March 2026. The government is yet to come up with a solution for this issue after that date; many councils are holding enormous levels of this debt which they would not be able to pay off if they had to. In addition, the councils have to borrow money to cover the interest on the debt which affects their finances every year: over 2025-26, the debt will cause a £6.8m cost pressure for the council. The rising DSG debt is mostly for council services for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The council is also forecasting that in the next few years, it will have budget 'gaps' that will only grow: £33.1m for 2026-27, and £96.2m in 2028-29. The council has lobbied the government for better funding – my group proposed a successful motion on this in May 2024. The council hopes that Local Government Reorganization (see above) will make enough savings to improve the medium and long term picture for local services.

Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services

In June 2024, the council was subject to an Ofsted inspection of its social care services for children and young people, known as an ILACS inspection (Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services). These inspections are undertaken approximately every three years to judge how the council are performing in their function to support children who are vulnerable and in need of protection. Previously, in 2019, the council had been rated as 'Outstanding', but in 2024 it had dropped two grades and was assessed as 'Requires Improvement'. This meant that the council had to prepare an action plan for improvement, which was submitted to Ofsted and the Department for Education. The council has recruited extra staff to and has organized peer reviews with other local authority to learn how to improve practice. It has also established a new Strengthening Services for Children and Families Board chaired by the council's Chief Executive, Nicola Beach. The council particularly needs to improve services for care leavers and ensure that young people leaving care are aware of the support they can access until they turn 25.

Improving Services for Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)

Following the poor Ofsted/CQC inspection report published in January last year, the council has been trying to improve SEND services. In May last year they produced and submitted a SEND Strategy, and in June they produced a Priority Action Plan for improvement, including extra funding of £4.4m to recruit more staff, including Educational Psychologists. In July the council approved an additional £9.1m over three years to increase capacity to clear the council's backlog of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and Annual Reviews. This was funded from council reserves.

In January 2025, the council's Public Health team presented a SEND Needs Assessment for the county at the Health and Wellbeing Board, which forecast that SEND demand in Suffolk has risen sharply in recent years and was likely to continue to rise. It also found that delays in EHCP assessment, ADHD and autism assessment and support, and access to mental health services for young people were unsatisfactory and in some cases getting worse, like speech and language therapy.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Inspection

In February 2025, the government published a report following its recent inspection of Suffolk's Fire and Rescue Service. Inspections for fire services are relatively new, with the first ones undertaken by the Home Office in 2018. The inspection report was not complimentary; it found that the service was good at preventing fires, protecting the public and that it met requirements for responding to major incidents, but also that it needs improvement in several areas, including improving culture and morale, and behaviour of senior leaders, who it advised should act as role models and show they are committed to the values of the service through their behaviour, improving communication with fire service employees and making sure they felt confident about raising concerns. This report was followed shortly afterwards by allegations in the press by the Fire Brigades Union that Suffolk County Council had made mistakes processing firefighter pay and pensions for years and has not addressed them properly or listened to employee concerns about the errors. The council subsequently announced additional investment of an extra £1.6 million over two years to improve the service.

Warm Homes in Suffolk

This year saw the end of the Warm Homes Grant fund, in which £5m of government money intended to improve insulation and make houses more energy-efficient was returned to the government unspent by the council. The reason given for this was that the criteria for the scheme, which was set by the government, was too stringent and meant that many Suffolk families who needed help were unable to access the funding. There are still schemes available to help with making homes more energy-efficient though – The Suffolk Loft Insulation Offer is funded by the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders Group (which includes Suffolk County Council) and this scheme will only close once the allocated funding has all been spent. Suffolk County Council is also running a new scheme to offer residents interest-free loans to upgrade the energy efficiency of their homes, that includes insulation but also solar panels, glazing and heat pumps. Loans are from £2k to £15K to be repaid over a maximum of seven years at 0% interest, but in order to be eligible, properties must have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) band below C. Increasing insulation and making homes more energy-efficient will not only save people money on their heating bills, it is also helping the environment as less fuel will be consumed to keep homes warm. Please signpost people to these schemes using the links below:

- For the Suffolk Loft Insulation Offers, residents should visit <https://highloft.co.uk/pages/suffolk-council-200-loft-insulation-contribution> and fill in the form to receive a discount code
- For the interest free loan scheme, homeowners can check to see if their property has an existing Energy Certificate with an EPC band and record of their property size at gov.uk/find-energy-certificate. They can apply for the vouchers by visiting

suffolkenergyassessment.co.uk. This scheme started in November and vouchers are being distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Update on Flooding

Following the Storm Babet flooding in October 2023, the council announced it was investing an extra £1m in investigating the causes of flooding and taking action to prevent further floods. As the lead local flood authority, the council undertakes investigations into flooding in the county regularly, but the level of flooding in autumn 2023 meant that far more investigations would need to be made than in other years. A year later, in November 2024, the council announced it would be allocating a further £1.5m from its reserves to deal with recommendations made in the 10 investigation reports published so far. A further 38 investigation reports have been commissioned by the council relating to Storm Babet flooding. The council also announced it would be writing to the government to request £20m to protect Suffolk from flooding, given that extreme weather will become more likely due to the effects of climate change.

In October 2024, Cabinet agreed a £2m contribution from the council towards protecting the A12 from flooding at Benacre, south of Lowestoft. Erosion of the coast meant that road would likely be flooded at that location at nearly every high tide within a couple of years. The total cost of the works, which includes two new pumping stations, clay embankments and a new saltmarsh, will be many millions, with the Environment Agency committing over £30m and Sizewell C agreeing to fund the rest. Since then, it has been revealed that the cost may be higher than expected, and the council has agreed to allocate and put aside an additional £2.7m contribution in case it is needed later in the construction period.

During this year a number of Section 19 reports have been completed with some of the works identified being carried out, most notable, works to church road Wetheringsett. Which has seen highway drainage improvement works finally carried out after years since the first report.

All in all a challenging year and I would like to thank all parish councillors and Clerks for their hard work and diligence this year..

Andrew Stringer April 2025

**Mid Suffolk District Councillors' Annual Report (2024/25)
For Annual Parish Meetings in April/May 2025**

- **New devolution and local government reform affecting Mid Suffolk**

Following on from the election of the Labour government in July 2024, the new government has proposed widescale changes across the UK regarding devolution and council re-organisation. This includes two proposals affecting Suffolk as a whole, including Mid Suffolk District Council, which may lead to its eventual abolition.

The first proposal is a strategic authority covering both Norfolk and Suffolk, which is likely to have a directly elected Mayor for both counties, and an increase in local powers for Suffolk. The election for this Mayor is currently scheduled to take place in May 2026.

The second is the re-organisation of the current two-tier system within Suffolk into either a single or multiple Unitary Authorities, where all of the council's general services are ran by one coherent entity. Should this proposal go ahead, it will likely result in the abolition of MSDC in the late 2020s. Suffolk has applied to be on the fast-track for this scheme, which has resulted in the postponement of the Suffolk CC elections that were due to take place in May 2025. The election for any new authorities is currently unclear, but is likely to be held after the Mayor election, in May 2027.

Talks for both are currently an ongoing matter, although new information will likely be updated frequently throughout the year.

- **Budget**

For 2024/25, net expenditure on services was budgeted at £18.5 million with a 2% increase in council tax. Council home rents increased by 7% and sheltered housing service charges also increased. This has been done to ensure the Council can afford the repairs and maintenance that are needed. All these increases are due to inflation, costs of energy and other cost increases.

The Council has reserves of over £28 million as at the end of the financial year plus an expected dividend from the Gateway 14 business park. Plans for this are on a variety of work including new foot/cycle paths, land for biodiversity and green spaces, regeneration of Stowmarket town centre, improved sports provision in the district and enabling community-led housing.

Approval was also given to increasing council tax on empty homes in 2024/25 and implementing increased council tax on second homes in 2025/26.

For the 2025/26 budget, recently agreed in the February council meeting, the administration committed to a capital programme of £36m for the district, which is partially funded by the council's reserves. This includes investment in health facilities, primarily including the ongoing SHELF project, investment into new skills and innovation within the district, and an increase in funding for the communities across Mid Suffolk's smaller towns and villages. In addition to these spending plans, there was also no planned increase in council tax, which was frozen at its current rate of £175.03 for a Band D property. Finally, the council is additionally estimated to have a surplus of £2.4m at the end of the financial year.

- **Thriving towns and villages**

As part of Mid Suffolk's Rural Transport Grant Scheme, two new community transport routes were launched, utilising the council's new Taxi Bus scheme, connecting Stowmarket with the surrounding villages and communities across Mid Suffolk. Initially, there were the two routes looping around villages of Mid Suffolk, beginning in Stowmarket, the first of these goes via Thurston, the second via Bacton, with further communities eventually being added, including Eye and Debenham. These have allowed for further connectivity between the villages across Mid Suffolk and Stowmarket in the heart of the District.

- **Environmental sustainability**

Mid Suffolk District Council previously launched their Cosy Homes scheme for Winter 2024, which included plans to improve insulation and energy efficiency within private homes across Mid Suffolk. This is a readily

available scheme for residents, and has made great progress in improving energy efficiency and sustainability across homes.

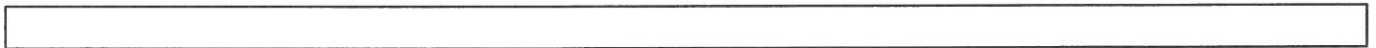
- **Planning and Housing**

Over the last year, Part 1 of Mid Suffolk and Babergh's Joint Local Plan (JLP), which was first created back in November 2023, had its first year of full operation. The purpose of the plan was to provide essential clarity for communities about how the district was to develop until 2037, and assisted in allowing for a structured response to housing and planning targets, of which Mid Suffolk had always excelled at, and delivered Mid Suffolk's aim of 535 new houses annually. In January 2025, the plan has since come under review, as a result of new housing targets set out by national government. Whilst MSDC have previously exceeded with housebuilding targets, there is a possibility that the new national housebuilding guidelines take priority over the JLP if the council cannot prove there is a 5-year land supply for housing. The Council has published an updated Local Development Scheme to accommodate the increased housing targets announced by government back in November. These new targets will present a challenge, but it is one we will endeavour to overcome, if we are to continue to maintain our control over where development takes place. This year saw another Gypsy and Traveller application at appeal, The appeal clearly laid out that Biodiversity and flooding had to be taken seriously, but that the need for more sites for travellers still is an area that needs to be addressed.

- **Supporting the community**

We support local events and community groups where we can and particularly link local groups with external fundraising via the Mid Suffolk community team. Almost £550,000 was allocated by Mid Suffolk District Council Direct to communities across the district from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

Mid Suffolk District Council information is available via www.midsuffolk.gov.uk or by phone **0300 123 4000**



Parish Council Annual Report

Thorndon Community Shop (the Shop) presents their annual report.

The Shop was founded in August 2011 as a Community Interest Society, later to become a Community Benefit Society.

The Shop is managed by a Management Committee consisting of nine volunteer members. The Committee are responsible for all aspects regarding the running of the Shop.

The Shop is open 7 days per week. During the year the Shop was manned entirely by volunteers who work on a shift basis with two shifts taking place each day.

Our volunteers are mainly retired people from Thorndon and surrounding villages. The Shop also caters for individuals wanting to gain retail experience in the hope of finding future employment and for those students wishing to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The shop also supports local voluntary organisations for example, Friends of Thorndon School, Thorndon Community Council and other small village charities by making space available for advertising events and displaying leaflets etc.

There is no doubt that the shop is the hub of the village. The place where people come to if they want information on anything from, pub opening times, bus times, post office van times, bin collections etc.

The BT WIFI connection installed last year continues to operate a much faster card payment option for customers.

In keeping with most other retail outlets, it's only right for me to report that we have seen a small sales drop in sales recently. Partly due to the changing demography of the village in that Thorndon has lost several people who walked to the shop daily.

The Shop's motto '*Run by the Community for the Community*' is as true today as it was when first published. Without our volunteers the shop could not function so a big thank you to everyone whether you work behind the till on a regular shift, help with deliveries or with the many other tasks which take place behind the scenes.

Thank you to our customers for supporting your Shop over the past years, we hope you continue to do so in the coming years.

Marion Ravenhill

Chair

Thorndon Community Shop Management Committee

Community Council

One year in the Chair of Community Council - it feels like a lot more! However, it's been most enjoyable experience and right from the outset I'd like to thank you, Community Council members for your amazing support, encouragement and friendship.

So, a brief summary of our year.

Our first event was in May, when we enjoyed a really informative and entertaining evening with ex DCI Colin Sutton. True-life, high-profile crime solving stories at their best.

In July we strengthened our ties with Thorndon School by attending and running two stalls at their 150th anniversary fete. We also supported the school by funding playground markings that were loved by the children.

July also brought us the 70/80s party, a total sell-out and a huge success. Fancy dress was so well supported and great fun!

In October we had our 2nd Annual Quiz night, attended by teams from Thorndon and a number from nearby villages. Another success, with prize money of £100, donated again by an anonymous supporter.

A month later, Community Council supported the Village Hall's Christmas Fayre, which went very well.

In December we had the Over 65s Christmas Lunch, which everyone attending seemed to enjoy so much. Community Council efforts were outstanding and a special mention to Lianne and the kitchen /serving team.

A week later we saw the All Stars return to a sell-out crowd of partygoers. The band's performance was brilliant and went down so well. A great night!

Of course, during the winter Community Council ran the TLC initiative and my thanks goes to all involved, in providing the village with this opportunity for an afternoon of fellowship and cakes!

Membership

After 54 years joint service we say farewell to Sheila, Rav and Prem. Thank you to them for their huge contributions over the years. During the last 12 months however, we have welcomed new members, Lianne, Andi, Lyn and Avril, each bringing their own personal input. Thank you.

Membership remains one of my priorities, particularly those who can assist with some of the weightier duties!

Review of the year - All Saints Church, Thorndon

PCC and Standing Committee

The PCC met 6 times in 2024 either as an individual PCC or part of the Combined PCC meetings held with Rev Loxton during the vacancy. The Site Committee met as needed to discuss the need for the new shed, pathway and emergency works on the trees in the churchyard. The PCC and the Lay Elder teams managed and supported the organisation of the services in 2024 during the vacancy.

Fabric

Due to the vacancy, limited activity was undertaken in respect of changes to the fabric. The glass door proposal has been paused as the work is estimated to cost more than £50,000. There was emergency work needed on the electrics as well as repairs to leaks in roof, the latter giving rise to the issues of the former. Delays to the roof repairs were caused due to the present of Bees on the roof which prevent access to the slipped slates. My thanks go to Gerald, John and Brian for opening and closing the church on a regular basis. In 2025 discussions are needed on whether to cancel plans for the glass doors and perhaps look at other areas, such as re-lime washing the internal walls. There were also discussions in 2022 and 2023 about improving the facilities at the west-end to add additional rooms about the toilet and kitchen areas as well as renewed focus on the repairs that are reported in the 2019 QI report. A new QI report is needed in 2025

Churchyard.

The Community Payback Team regularly attend the church grounds each week, and continue to split their time with All Saints, Wetheringsett. Their work was hampered by the theft of the lawn mowing equipment which was stolen following a break into the wooden shed at the rear of the church. The Payback continued to attend, but sporadically, and did what they could to maintain the grounds. Emergency tree work was necessary throughout 2024 due to the continue issues with honey-fungus and the un-checked heigh/regular maintenance of some trees as well as ash die-back. I try to ensure that the church yard regulations are followed without being unnecessarily unaware of individual needs, but there was an issue when I removed items which were permitted and cause upset and for which I apologised. The pathway continued to deteriorate, and plans were started to overhaul it. Discussions also started about our responsibilities for the graveyard at Rishangles which added to the workload of managing Thorndon in addition to Wetheringsett.

Fund raising

The Friends of Thorndon Church scheme continues to provide a small income to assist with fabric repairs.

The income from T Plus continues to make a significant contribution to church funds thanks to Mary and Liz (and everyone involved). The Parish Share, which covers the costs of mission

and ministry, has continually been increasing over time. Regular giving helps the management of these expenses, and we encourage anyone not already doing so to consider giving by Standing Order or through the Parish Giving Scheme (which pays us back Gift Aid each month). There is a growing fund in the Thorndon Church Estate Accounts which can be used to supplement funds required to assist with the costs of maintenance and repairs to the fabric..

Safeguarding

A Safeguarding policy is in place and displayed on the church notice board. There were no safeguarding issues reported and all Safeguarding Training is up to date. Safeguarding is a regular PCC agenda item.

Health and Safety

A Health and Safety policy is in place and displayed on the church notice board. There are no health and safety issues reported. Health and Safety is a regular PCC agenda item.

Tim Rowe (Church Warden)

Thorndon Annual Parish Meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator's Annual Report

8th May 2025.

Thorndon Neighbourhood Watch is now in its 28th year.

Neighbourhood Watch.

The Circulation of my e-mails now goes out to 423 addresses. The main areas covered by my e-mails are:
All of Thorndon, Hestley Green and Braiseworth.

Whilst not directly on our Patch, there are:

32 properties in **Rishangles**. 20 are on e-mail list (12 not seen),

14 In **Stoke Ash**, who are on my circulation list. But still wish to remain on my list, although Roger Kember is now acting as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, for Stoke Ash and Thwaite.

And there are 9 in **Occold that are** on my e-mail list .

Braiseworth has 23 Properties. 18 on e-mail, 2 Not on Computer and 3 that have Declined

Residents without a computer, that are not on my E-Mail circulation List.

On the Patch that I cover.

In **Thorndon and Hestley Green** , there are 31 Residents that are not on a Computer, and 2 who have declined to join.

New Residents.

During the year May 2024 to May 2025.

There were 16 New Residents Signed up during the Year. 3 in the last month from Diss, Essex, and Kent.

All replacing the Residents who have left the Village, during the year.

All new Residents arriving from outside of the area were given a 16 Page "Welcome to Thorndon Pack".

Kerrison Gardens

There are 28 Properties in the new **Kerrison Gardens** IP23 7JQ.

Due to the pending sale of the site it is very difficult to maintain a stable service.

There are some property movement to keep an eye on.

E-Mails are sent out **Blind Copy** to 423 Addresses. There are 29 Properties that receive two e-mails.

Items sent out include.

Thorndon Parish Council Agenda's and Minutes of Meetings, plus short notice Information and Items of local interest for various organisations.

Also, copies of District and County Councillor Reports that are presented to the Parish Council, these are sent out the same night.

Information on Crime prevention and awareness are also Circulated and published in Thorndon Village Life.

Animals and Items that have been **Lost and Found** are also circulated.

Found Items Included: Keys, Mobile Phones with Credit Cards, Glasses and ear rings to name but a few.

There have been a lot of Parcels that have been delivered to the wrong addresses, mainly by EVRI. These can usually be resolve without sending an e-mail. Just one phone call.

As Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Thorndon and the surrounding area, I have a register of **every** Property in Thorndon, Hestley Green and Braiseworth, with Names, Phone Numbers and Postcodes. We can then quickly resolve the problem”.

Litter Picking.

The litter pickers go about their picking unseen by most of us. Our thanks to the team of 21 or so Volunteer Pickers, who keep the Village and surrounding area clean and tidy throughout the year.

The Friday pick visit at the play area and Car Park, has greatly improved since the CCTV.

If you see a problem area where litter needs picking, please let me know of the location. Or would you like to join the team? If it's a large dump then report it on line as a Fly Tip.

Police.

Suffolk Constabulary changed its local policing model in December 2023 to ensure they continue to provide the best possible service for the public.

Eye Debenham Area E11 has been allocated 2 Community Police officers, at the moment one position still needs to be filled. There is one PCSO based in Framlingham who also covers the Eye Debenham area.

The new model will be comprised of three parts: Community Policing Teams, Response Investigation Teams, and a County Partnership and Prevention Hub.

On Tuesday the 5th May I met with the PCSO Christian Hassler in the Eye Library at the their new Monthly Surgery's, The next one is Tuesday 3rd June 2025.

Finally.

I would like to thank all the Villagers that have assisted me with information during the past Year.

Also, Sarah Hamilton and the Community Council for providing space in the Village Life, for my NW and other items of information.

Thanks also to, **Thorndon Community Shop** for allowing me to Display Relevant Posters, which also helps to keep Visitors aware of what is going on in the Village .

I hope you have found the information that I circulate has been helpful, and as always my closing remarks are.

Remember! Crime cannot flourish in a community that cares.

Claude Brand

Thorndon Neighbourhood Watch. 01379 678 622

Are there any Questions?