



YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Second Lockdown – Yaxham Cares Re-launch

“We are still here for you”

If you are alone, elderly or vulnerable in Yaxham then Yaxham Cares is here for you.

New Phone Number – 07765 263389; Email yaxhamcares@gmail.com

If you need help – or if you know of a neighbour that needs help, please call

Yaxham was one of the first to set up its emergency group of volunteers during the first lockdown earlier this year – and we are here again to help everyone who needs help with for example:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect Shopping• Collect prescriptions• Friendly phone-calls• Or any non-medical help | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For help with getting to/from the surgery, hospital, dentist etc then as before we are working with the wonderful Yaxham Community Car Scheme |
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We are now a recognised “Good Neighbour Scheme”, so we can help whether your need is because of Covid or something else – you know where and who we are – other Yaxham residents and neighbours willing to help out those in our community who need us in these troubling times.

For more information see the back page of this leaflet which you can cut out and keep – Just in case!

If you would like to volunteer to help then please email or call – the more the merrier!

And a huge thank you to our new Volunteer Co-ordinator, Louise Dye – welcome on board.

Consultation Special

Your Chance to have your say on new proposals:

- **New Bus-shelter and new location in Clint Green**
 - Steel & Perspex or modern wooden bus-shelter? located on Norwich Road or Well Hill?
- **Replacing the wooden bus-shelter in Yaxham**
 - Needs replacing – should it be the like the other new ones of steel & perspex in Yaxham or a modern wooden bus-shelter?
- **Possible Traffic Calming measures on Norwich Road at Elm Close & St Peter’s Close**
 - Chicane or pinch-points to narrow the road and slow the speed of traffic?
- **Broadband upgrade – Bringing Gigabit to your home or business**
 - Are you interested in the opportunity to bring super-fast fibre broadband to your home?

Please fill in the enclosed questionnaire and email it to yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com, or post or deliver it by 4pm 23rd November to Yaxham Parish Clerk, Yaxham House, Norwich Road, Yaxham NR19 1RH

For an electronic version of the questionnaire see www.yaxham.com & [np4yaxham facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/np4yaxham).

For more information see www.yaxham.com/parish-council/ or email yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.

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Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

**Yaxham Waters new Priors Field
application**

Thursday 12th November 7pm on Zoom
Email yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com for a link

Other Planning Matters

42 homes for Elm Close – Appeal submissions made, and awaiting Appeal decision.

255 homes a Dumpling Green – Appeal Submissions made and awaiting decision.

Yaxham Waters Middle Field application is yet to be decided.

The Old Post Office site application for 4 new dwellings has been **refused**.

Lanpro/Glavenhill 25 new homes north of Norwich Road **approved**.

Government planning consultation no 1 – Changes to the current planning system, which uses another mutant algorithm (remember the exams fiasco in the summer) that increases Breckland’s requirement from 612 new homes each year to 1,070 homes each year. George Freeman MP, Breckland Council and the Parish Council have all made submissions robustly rejecting these proposals.

Government planning consultation no 2 – White Paper: Planning for the Future, would make the 1,070 target binding, and remove all consultation about individual planning applications. You may feel that you don’t get much of a chance now – but if this proposal goes through, you will only know about a new permission when the diggers start work next door. Again, George Freeman MP, Breckland Council and the Parish Council have all made submissions robustly rejecting these proposals.

Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 26th November 2020 on Zoom

This is when next year’s budget is set and the amount of Council Tax that will go to the Parish Council to fund the budget.

Please email yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com for a Zoom link so you can join the meeting.

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Parking on Pavements – DON’T!

During the last Lockdown there were a number of instances of parking on pavements, and letters went to some residents asking them not to. Sadly the number of instances has started to rise.

Parking on pavements is inconsiderate, whether it is all 4 wheels or just two. It can force people in wheel chairs or with prams or buggies to have to walk out into the road put themselves in danger.

Please be considerate of other residents and park on your own property or fully on the road.

Village Gateways

Frustrating or what? It has taken 3 years to get these in place. Yes, they were supposed to be in pairs, but that would have removed hedges, so we have 3 gates. Yes, the 2 on the B1135 have been upgraded, because it is the priority route, but the one by Yaxham Waters was wrongly positioned and will now be re-sited. And, Yes, the Clint Green gateway is a mess. It is the type we asked for, but it is too big and in the wrong position. It should have been in front of and below the village name sign. We have listened to residents’ reactions and we have a site meeting with County Highways to try to sort this out.

New Litter Bin At Pinns Corner - Great Success

The newly installed litter bin is being heavily used at Pinns Corner by the picnic table.



Well done to Cllr Anthony Cheetham and everyone involved, who lobbied for this and who helped make it happen – thank you.

Covid Lockdown Cancellations

*The Coffee-Pot Ladies are very sorry to announce that due to the new Lockdown the following are **cancelled**:*

***The Community Café** on Thursday 12th November and Thursday 14th December; and*

***Christmas Gift & Craft Fair** on Sunday 22nd November*

Dog waste – again!

As we have said before – dog-poo is sadly always with us. Residents have asked the Parish Council to do something about this – but frustratingly there is little we can do other than repeatedly ask people to pick up after their dogs – for all our sakes. The parish council has previously succeeded in getting the Recreation Field a “designated area” which means that dog-owners can be fined if caught not clearing up after their pooches – and this can be reported via



www.brecklandgov.uk/reportit/.

The Parish Council has now bought and is putting up new signs to remind people of what their responsibilities are – and you should now be seeing these around. Please pick up – and please encourage who ever you are with to do the same –thank you
Thank you to Cllrs Chris Couves & Bob Gust.



Yaxham Play Area – update

As matters stand the play area remains closed. The Yaxham Parish Council has offered to work with the Yaxham Village Amenities Association Trustees (YVAA) and has offered up to £1,000 to help with any further safety survey work and materials required to get this re-opened.

If we can get it back up and open then we can work to see if we can raise the funds required to bring it up to date. Watch this space.

If you wish to volunteer to help, please email yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com – thank you.

Please be aware:

The YVAA Trustees have, because of their safety concerns, closed and locked the play area until there is a plan of how to make it usable again.

Yaxham Charity News

The new football dugouts on the Recreation Field put in by Yaxham FC and paid for by the Yaxham Parish Charity are now installed – and look very smart. With 3 teams playing, YFC is making good use of these – and its somewhere walkers can shelter in the rain!



At its last meeting the Parish Charity has also made a grant to Yaxham CoFE (VA) Primary School for two-thirds of the cost of installing a pedestrian safety barrier at the front gate to improve the safety of the pupils entering or leaving by the gate. It will look similar to the following picture, but set back from road and actually on school land.



Another example of Yaxham organisations working together – Yaxham at its best.

Yaxham Calendars - 2021

Yaxham Community Café

Yaxham's Favourite Recipes

2021 Calendar Now Available £8.00

To order a copy contact:
yaxhamcommunity@gmail.com
Tel/Text 07765263389

Or message us on Facebook :
[@Yaxcomcafe](https://www.facebook.com/Yaxcomcafe)

Please purchase – all funds to the Community Café – for when they can re-open and provide a warm and friendly welcome to all. To order please email yaxhamcommunitycafe@gmail.com or call 07765 263389.



Yaxham Cares Good Neighbour Scheme

Dear Resident,

Following on from the Governments announcement we wanted to let you know.

“We are still here for you”

This is, a simple, but powerful message of reassurance that as the Global Pandemic of COVID -19 continues we are still willing and ready to support you in any way we can.

Please contact the Yaxham Cares – Good Neighbour Scheme if you require assistance with Shopping, obtaining prescriptions or any other concerns you have where a family member or friend is unable to assist.

Contact your Yaxham Cares Coordinator (**note new number**) on:

Telephone – 07765 263389

Email – YaxhamCares@gmail.com

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact us and we will provide you with the necessary details. We are delighted that so many of our existing Volunteers are still happy to help. However, with the onset of Winter the more volunteers we have the better for our Community.

Many groups within the Village need volunteers, please contact or NP4Yaxham@gmail.com if you would like to know of any opportunities.

YAXHAM CARES -GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME IS SUPPORTED BY:

Stay home until December 2

From Thursday until December 2 you may leave home only for the following reasons:

- Education – university, schools and early childcare
- Work, if you cannot work from home
- Exercise outdoors with members of your household (or with one member of another household)
- Medical appointments
- To escape injury or harm (domestic violence)

In addition:

- Non-essential shops, bars, restaurants (excluding takeaways)

and gyms will close

- Support bubbles remain
- Vulnerable people and over-70s will not be told to shield but should have “minimum contact” with others
- Non-Covid healthcare will continue
- Playgrounds will stay open
- Premier League to continue
- Churches open for prayer
- Funerals limited to close family members
- Holidays banned but work trips allowed subject to quarantine

Yaxham Parish Council,
Yaxham Village Amenities Assoc,
Community Action Norfolk
Yaxham Community Car Scheme,

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

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