

Acton Parish Council

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Newsletter

Dear Acton Parish Resident

Since its last newsletter in September, the parish council has been busy working on numerous projects from the Action Plan to help make improvements in our village which we hope will benefit as many residents as possible.

Queensway Green is now a pleasant village centre and focal point. The parish council installed a permanent socket and electrics for Acton's Christmas tree. The Festive Lights Switch On with music and a visit from Father Christmas was enjoyed by many. We hope that this event will continue to grow in years to come.

Volunteers laid 18 tonnes of surface materials to improve two well-used public rights of way (Clay Hall Lane to Dyers Green Farm, and Waldingfield Road to the airfield). We hope that the paths will now remain accessible on foot all year round.

The future of the Barn Owl Field has been uncertain for a long time now but there is real hope that the parish council can ensure that this is retained as an open space for community use. The reduction in height and bulk of the Marsh Walk hedge now means that visibility over the flood ditch and general safety of the area is much improved.

Cllr Katie McSweeney

Is this you?

If so please get in touch.

Contact the clerk or any Parish Councillor (see website for details).

- Are you passionate about your community?
- Do you want to help make a long-lasting change?
- Do you have innovative ideas for the Council?

It is election year! If you would like to get involved and make a positive difference to Acton then we would love to hear from you! We need two or three people to come and join our forward-thinking and motivated team. Being a Parish Councillor is not onerous. It is a varied and rewarding job and you can help give other residents a voice. Meetings are swift and efficient and held once a month with breaks for Christmas and the summer holidays. We aim to be an approachable bunch so please do have a chat with us if you would like to know more!



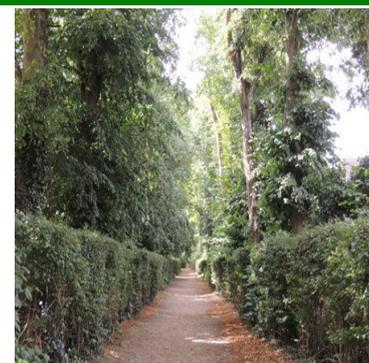
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Hedges

Is your overgrown vegetation causing others a problem? It's important that you keep your hedges, trees and shrubs trimmed so that people using the paths and road can do so safely.

If a tree or hedge on your property overhangs the road or may fall onto the road, it's legally your responsibility to keep it trimmed and maintained.



Community Speed Watch

The Community Speed Watch team is working to help make Acton a safer place. Its presence alone is often enough to prompt drivers to check their speed and slow down. Despite all the signage and the speed indicator device at the village gateways, some drivers still drive significantly over 30mph through the village. Each mile per hour above the limit dramatically increases the chances of a pedestrian being killed in a collision. Speed Watch has recorded motorists at over 40 mph, 50mph, and shockingly, once over 60mph – more than double the speed limit.

As a result of Speed Watch's work in the last 3 months, Suffolk and Norfolk Constabulary sent out over 125 letters warning drivers to address their speed, with further action taken in several cases. The team is always keen to welcome new volunteers who would like to do their bit to help keep Acton's roads that much safer. Please contact one of the clerks and we will pass your details onto the Community Speed Watch Coordinator.

Acton Neighbourhood Plan

We are pleased to report that the preparation of our first ever Neighbourhood Plan is now nearing its final stages. The NP steering group have built on local information and your views given so far through the survey and events to create a Plan of the required format.

They are aiming to share the draft in April. This will be a formal consultation stage of six weeks and details on how to comment will be publicised soon. Look out for leaflets delivered to homes as well as on-line notices on social media and on the NP website at actonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk. This will be your chance to read through your community's plan, to say what you think and help spot any errors or omissions. The team thanks everyone who's made time to contribute so far and we all look forward to getting it over the line.

SAVE THE DATE for...

Acton's Coronation Celebration!

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 8TH MAY 2023

11AM – 2PM ACTON VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS

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RAFFLE, AND SO MUCH MORE!!**

