

# Acton Parish Council

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## Newsletter

Dear Acton Parish Resident

**Barn Owl Field** I am pleased to share the exciting news that the parish council is working with the charity that owns Barn Owl Field to manage the field's future by transferring it to the parish council. Plans for development of the field have now been abandoned. This will end the uncertainty that has hung over the area since 2017 when an application was made to build 100 dwellings on the field with a potentially unsafe junction onto the High Street and which would have also impacted the setting of nearby historic dwellings. The council's aim is to preserve the field in perpetuity for the benefit of wildlife and the local community.

**Slow Down Acton** Many of you continue to raise concerns about traffic speed in the village. Acton Speed Watch Team and Suffolk Police Safety Camera Team hold regular sessions at locations throughout the village to deter drivers from exceeding the limit. The aim of the Speed Watch Team is to make a visual impact to remind drivers that they are driving in a 30mph area, where 30mph limits are in place. I thank all those on the Speed Watch Team who give up their time to make Acton a safe place for all, especially children.

If you would like to support the Speed Watch Team by volunteering to join our 90 minute sessions please email the parish clerk ([clerk@actonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@actonparishcouncil.gov.uk)). Any contribution that you can make will be welcomed. Team members can choose sessions that suit their availability. We will arrange induction and training. If you would like more information please contact the parish clerk or speak to a member of the team.

Other initiatives underway or being considered by the parish council include Village Gateways, new Speed Indication Signs, Quiet Lanes, a possible 20mph zone and 'unsuitable for HGV' signs.

**Acton Action Plan** Many thanks to those who helped to update the Parish Council's Action Plan 2023. The tasks that were identified are being actioned by the Parish Council and partner authorities. To see the Action Plan visit the parish council website [www.actonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.actonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Cllr Graham Round, chairman



Graham Round

Acton Parish Council is made up of the chairman and 6 other Councillors:



Nick Antill

Roberta Caradine

John Gibbens

Christine Johnson

Steve LeGrys

Katie McSweeney

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### Play equipment

The parish council has been successful in applying to Babergh District Council for funding for additional play equipment on Lime Tree Green: a zip wire, table tennis table and basket ball hoops.

### Upgrading footpaths

The parish council has been working with the district and county councils for funding to upgrade the Bun Meadow route between High Street and Clay Hall Lane.

The parish council has been liaising with the county council about the planned upgrade to Public Right of Way 15 running from Vicarage lane onto the airfield.

Cllr McSweeney will be organising volunteer working parties to upgrade further paths towards the end of September. Please watch out for news of dates on Facebook and on the noticeboard.

### Wildlife Reserve

Councillor Steve Le Grys has taken on the role of Wildlife Reserve warden following the years of dedicated effort by the previous warden Colin Muddimer who stepped down earlier in the year. Over the summer Steve and other Councillors have cut back some areas to keep the paths open and encourage the growth of wild flowers such as bee and pyramid orchids. Space has been dedicated for lizards, slow worms and other reptiles.

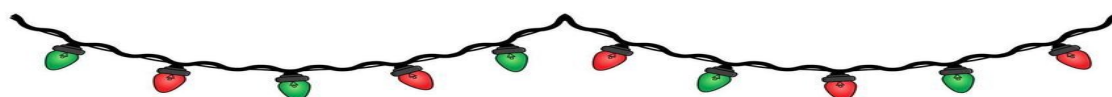
The Suffolk Wildlife Trust has produced a management plan for the parish reserve to keep it in great condition for wildlife as well as being a space for the community to enjoy.

### New Litter and Dog Waste Bins

Four new litter bins have been installed at Queensway Green, the Village Hall green, the new estate on Tamage Road and Lime Tree Green.

Three new dog waste bins have been installed at Clay Hall Lane, Barrow Hill and the new estate on Tamage Road.

The parish council aims to encourage a cleaner litter free environment for residents and those visiting.



### Christmas Lights Switch On Friday 6 December 6pm

The Acton Christmas lights will be switched on Friday 1st December at 6pm. This will take place on Queensway Green opposite the shop. Santa has been notified and is expected to make an appearance to see all of the children of Acton.

