

# PARISH PLANET

BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

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## BURSTON VILLAGE GREEN

The village green in Burston, historically known as Church Green, was formerly established in 1872 by an enclosure award issued under the auspices of the Enclosure Act of 1854. The enclosure award established the boundaries of the green and identified the parish council's forebears, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, as the legal owners and custodians of the village green.

In 1979 the Commons Commissioner confirmed that under the 1965 Commons Registration Act, the parish council were the owners of the village green and that the green should be registered as a village green under that Act. The 1965 Act was subsequently replaced by the Commons Registration Act 2006 which extended the responsibilities and limitations of the parish councils use of the village green.

Finally in 2019 the parish council registered the village green with Land Registry with the boundaries clearly established.

The original Enclosure Award of 1872, further amplified by subsequent Acts of Parliament, stated that the village green is "a place for exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish". The later Acts of Parliament limited further what activities could and could not be undertaken on registered village greens and the parish council has obtained legal opinion on how these restrictions are to be managed.

Features that have been introduced on to the green over the years include the village sign & pole, the war memorial & flagpole, a bench and information boards.

The main activity that occurs regularly on the village green is the annual Strike School Rally in support of the Strike School building and museum that sits next to the green. This is a nationally recognised event, and the parish council have always and remain supportive of this event.

Recently the parish council, as part of its newly adopted biodiversity policy, have allowed the green to become a temporary meadow area in order to establish the extent and range of wildflowers that exist on the green. This has allowed the parish council to record up to 40 different flower species including wild bee orchids.

The parish council believes the village green is a valuable asset for the community and that it should maintain the protected status of this valuable historic village feature.



War Memorial with  
Flag Pole

### Join the Parish Council.

We are looking for new members for our Parish Council and welcome applications from our community.

#### What's involved?

Having a passion for their community, Parish Councillors are volunteers who meet regularly to maintain and improve the parish for all and you can support this by proposing or getting involved in local projects, research and local conversations bringing your skills and expertise to the council and our village.

To find out more come along to a meeting or contact the Parish Clerk [Fran Sharp parish.

Clerk@burstonandshimpling.org.uk] or any Councillor.

Details on page 4 or our website <https://burstonandshimpling.org.uk/>



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## SUMMER AT BURSTON RECREATION GROUND

Autumn is now starting to draw in but once more we had an eventful time this summer when the sun shone.

In July we had the annual cutting and collection of the wildflower meadow area. This year we hired a mechanical power scythe to do the mowing making this activity much more efficient than relying on hand scything. We were then assisted in the raking and collecting of the hay by a team from the local probation service undertaking their dedicated community service work hours. This enabled the whole area to be raked and collected in a morning before they went off



Lynn and Jim receiving their trophies

to work in another location. Following this we had a delivery of green hay care of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust which was spread over part of the meadow in the hope that some new species of wildflowers would drop their seeds and grow for next year.

At the end of August, we held the picnic in the park event and residents that came along enjoyed a sunny if windy afternoon which culminated in a boules competition enthusiastically organised by Jane and Brian Fishwick. After a keenly fought competition, the eventual winners were Lynn and Jim Howard who just beat a team from the parish council and were presented with this year's individual trophies. Well done Lynn and Jim.

As we move into autumn and winter, we hope to receive some more tree saplings from the Woodland Trust/NWT to replace those that have not made it from last years plantings. Volunteers will be needed for that activity.

The broken swing has now been repaired and is fully operational again. However as this is the second time in a year that this piece of equipment has failed the council plan to have a review of all the older play equipment with a view to having a planned replacement schedule to avoid items breaking in future due to old age.

We believe the Port-a-loo has again been a success and will stay in place until the end of October. It will be repeated next year.

If any resident has ideas for any new facilities in the park, then please let the parish council know, we are always open to suggestions.

Yet again, the recreation ground has proven to be a welcomed and much used facility in the community, and we hope that it will continue to be used throughout the winter months.

Keith Cowley [keith@burstonandshimpling.org.uk]

### HIGHWAY MATTERS

Following requests by various residents, the parish council enquired from NCC Highways what the process would be to move the 30mph speed zone from Diss Road just before entering Burston to the top of Durbidges Hill before the junction with Back Lane. We have now been advised by Highways that moving this zone would require a Traffic Regulation Order and could take between 12 to 18 months to achieve to allow for a thorough assessment by designated Highways engineers. It would also likely cost £10,000, which the council would be expected to pay.

As the council does not have this amount of money in its reserves the only way this could be funded is by donations from residents who felt moving the speed zone was a worthwhile project.

The council would welcome residents' comments on this issue together with any pledges of funds towards the cost. These should be sent to the parish clerk at parish.

Clerk@burstonandshimpling.org.uk

The parish council is also pushing both Highways and our county councillor for more flashing speed awareness signage by the school in Burston .



# From hating exercise to ironman: Burston resident Victoria Turner completes Copenhagen competition

Having pushed herself to her absolute limit, Victoria crossed the finish line in Copenhagen after an epic 140-mile test of endurance and heard the words she had been longing for: “You are an ironman.”

Exhausted, yet triumphant, the 48-year-old had just achieved a personal ambition to swim two-and-a-half miles, cycle



112 miles and run a full marathon. ( yes, you read that correctly).

Competing alongside more than 3,000 athletes from 88 countries, Victoria finished her first ironman last month, marking the end of an incredible personal journey for someone who, up until a few years ago, hated the thought of exercise.

It was only during lockdown, when she decided to do couch to 5k, getting the running bug She then went on to do the London Marathon followed by a team cycle ride from Oxford to Southern Spain in only 10 days.

To date Victoria has raised over thirty four thousand pounds for charities Mind, Alzheimers UK and close to her heart Dementia UK.

Good luck Victoria with your next goal, there obviously will be one.

## Autumn Tasks

The recent rain has reminded everyone that we need to be aware of the risk of flooding. Therefore it is a good time to check any ditches or other watercourses which border on your land. You must let water flow naturally. You may have to remove blockages, fallen trees or overhanging branches from your watercourse, or cut back trees and shrubs on the bank if they reduce the flow or cause flooding to other landowners' property – you may have to pay damages if they do. Where it is practical you should

- leave all other trees, branches and shrubs - they can help prevent flooding by varying the shape and flow of the channel, and reduce erosion.
- keep any trash screen, weir, mill gate or other structure clear

Do not go inside a culvert. You could get trapped or poisoned by gases. If it needs clearing or repairing contact your risk management authority for advice. For further information see Norfolk County Council website , search for Water and Flood Management.

Now is also a good time to make sure that any hedges along side the road do not obstruct the highway and visibility.

## St. Mary's Church

We are part of the Diss Benefice see

[www.dissteamministry.co.uk](http://www.dissteamministry.co.uk)

Diss Office 01379 643783

For further details please call

Bob Beck 01379 740834

### Youth Café

If you are High School age then the Youth Café is open during term time every Thursday in St. Mary's Church from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm with free pizza and milk shake.

## Burston Chapel

All Welcome—see the Burston Chapel Website for latest information

[www.burstonchapel.co.uk](http://www.burstonchapel.co.uk)

Sunday Morning Service at 11 am

Sunday Evening Service at 6.30 pm

### Jamie's Gang

(Reception to Year 6)

During term time on Wednesdays 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

BURSTON  SHIMPLING

SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024

OUR  
COMMUNITY  
CLEAN UP  
MORNING



9:30 COLLECT EQUIPMENT  
9:40 COLLECT LITTER  
11:20 COLLECT COFFEE & CAKE  
12:00 COMPLETE MISSION



MEET AT CHURCH GREEN

Can't join us on the day? Three ways you can help:  
Contact [angela@burstonandshimpling.org.uk](mailto:angela@burstonandshimpling.org.uk) (01379 741534) and pledge to collect in an area during the week. Clip your hedge and sweep the leaves to prevent litter being trapped and buried.  
Bake a cake for the volunteers who work so hard to keep our community neat and tidy.



Avoid pollution, be part of the solution – bag it and bin it

UPCOMING EVENTS



## St. George's Church Shimpling

Christmas Service by Candle Light

Thursday 19th December 2024

starting at 7pm

The Revd Carl Melville Rector  
The Benefice of Dickleburgh and The Pulhams



Next Meetings: 16th October 2024 and 20th November 2024. Both in St. Mary's Burston starting at 7.30 pm.

The agenda will be posted on the website during the week before the meeting.

## Contact Information for the Parish Council

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