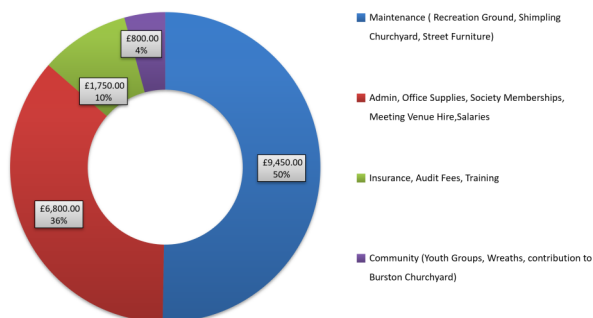


PARISH PLANET

BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

Send items for the magazine to clerk@burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk

Budget April 2026 to March 2027



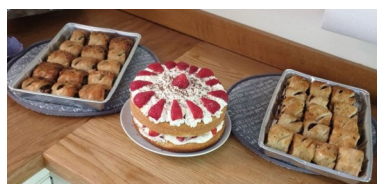
There are many world events we have limited influence over which effect our lives, and our incomes. The Parish Council receives its funding via council tax and has set a budget of £18,800. This is better spent on enhancements and improvements and not replacing or repairing items damaged by youthful exuberance. This is especially true in the Play Area, so please respect the community we all share and help keep costs down.

Thank you.

SPRING LITTER PICK

We had fantastic spring weather for our village litter pick on the 18th April with volunteers combining bird watching and wild flower spotting with the necessary task of removing other people's rubbish from hedgerows and verges. How blessed we are with wildlife and green spaces here in our villages but often we are in too much of a hurry to notice what is beneath our feet or above our heads. It was so pleasant ambling along the footpaths surrounded by nature while enjoying the warm sunshine!

Twenty-two helpers removed 11 bags full of litter, discarded cardboard packaging, cans and bottles which was piled on Church Green ready for collection by the District Council.



Thank you volunteers and also thank you Pam for your delicious cakes, no-one left feeling hungry. It was lovely to welcome Lizzie and Albert, who are new to the village, and good to see regular volunteers return to offer their support.

Thanks also to those who collect litter more regularly in Shimpling and also around Burston. What you are doing has a noticeable impact and your efforts are very much appreciated.

NEW HERITAGE BOARDS

The heritage boards on the village green in Burston and by the layby in Shimpling have both been replaced with the information updated to reflect recent changes in the parish. Please take time to look at these two boards to see the fascinating history of the two villages.

We have also sectioned off a area of the village green as part of our "No Mow May" initiative to give the wild flowers and bee orchids a chance to shine.



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BURSTON RECREATION GROUND

Some of the play equipment in the play area is beginning to look a bit tired and in need of some TLC. So we are looking for some volunteers to refresh with a new coat of paint some of the older wooden equipment. If you are able to help please contact me or the clerk indicating when you may be able to help (weekday or weekend). We will then arrange a convenient time for everyone who can help. Many thanks.

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BURSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Burston Community Primary School, it has been a busy and exciting half term filled with learning, creativity and community spirit.

Willow Class, led by Miss McDermott and Miss Mills, have enjoyed exploring Seasonal Changes through practical activities including growing bean plants, measuring weather patterns and taking part in “signs of spring” nature hunts. The children have also learnt about farming, food production and the importance of the natural world.

As part of their “People Who Help Us” topic, pupils explored future careers and learnt about the important contributions of Edith Cavell and Florence Nightingale to modern nursing and healthcare. A highlight for the whole school was a visit from Farmer Peter and his tractor, where children learnt more about British farming and agricultural machinery.

We are also delighted to launch our new “Give & Grow” Shed — a shared community space for exchanging plants, books, toys and recipes. Our Eco Council are nurturing herbs for villagers to use in their cooking, while our community leaders continue developing the project to promote kindness, sustainability and community spirit.

We are looking forward to upcoming events including our “Proud To Be Me Picnic”, Summer Fayre and Sports Day, as well as celebrating our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they prepare for high school following their hard work during SATs week.

Preparations are already underway for welcoming new families in September 2027. Families interested in learning more about the school are warmly invited to attend our Open Event on Tuesday 29th September 2026 at 2pm, or contact the school to arrange a visit.

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CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

Earlier this year the parish council designated itself a climate aware council and decided to set up a climate action group within the parish to look at climate change and nature recovery issues that affect the community. Initially the group will look at potential initiatives that could be introduced and to gauge the communities willingness to be involved. If you would like to be involved in helping set the agenda please make contact with me at;

keith@burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk or call on 07798 810948



TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE

**WE ARE FORMING A
CLIMATE ACTION &
NATURE RECOVERY GROUP**

to look at the effects of climate change within our community
and to improve nature recovery within our parish confines.

for
**BURSTON AND SHIMPLING
PARISH**

Our parish. . Our environment. Our responsibility.



We want to bring together local people who care about our community, our environment and our future. Together, we can take positive action on climate change and support nature to thrive.

THE GROUP WILL:



Explore the local impacts of climate change



Identify and support nature recovery opportunities



Work together on practical projects and community initiatives



Share ideas, knowledge and solutions



Make our parish more resilient, sustainable and biodiverse

Your voice. Your ideas. Your community.
BE PART OF THE CHANGE!



INTERESTED?
We'd love to hear from you!

Please get in touch if you'd like to find out more or be involved:

 keith@burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk
(Keith Cowley)
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 Join the group and help shape a greener, healthier future for everyone and for generations to come.



ACT LOCALLY  **THINK GLOBALLY**  **BUILD A BETTER FUTURE**



St. Mary's Church

For further details please contact

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

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 .

ROAD CLOSURE AT DISS ROAD & MILL ROAD JUNCTION

NCC Highways planned road closure at the junction of Diss Road and Mill Road to carry out road repairs has been delayed due to the increased amount of work required. We are waiting for new dates which will be for a longer duration than originally planned. Obviously this will have major implications with HGVs accessing the Mill and therefore a controlled one-way system will be put in place by Highways. The map indicates the likely routes to be followed by all traffic.

Traffic control will be in place at the road works to allow traffic flow through the village giving access to the school, properties on Crown Green and Diss Road.

More information will be available on the NCC Highways website and also on the parish councils website <https://burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/road-closures-and-diversions/>



Parish Council Newsletter and Meetings

For regular news updates from around the parish plus links to information relevant to the region subscribe to our regular Newsletters. You can do this by going to our Website and signing up.

Next Meetings: 22nd July starting at 7.30pm. in the Strike School The agenda will be posted on the website during the week before the meetings. Please send any items of interest to the Clerk 2 weeks before the meeting date. No meeting in August.

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