

PARISH PLANET

BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

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Although the council had a break in August and no meeting was held, we have been discussing the scheduled roadworks to repair the junction between Mill Road and Crown Green. See page 4 for more information regarding the one way system to avoid lorries meeting on Bridge Road.

We also received notification that following a review the Burston Crown has been listed as an Asset of Community Value, and thank the local community who supported and submitted this application.

After our tree planting and meadow creation in the Recreation Ground we are building on this by creating a Community Climate Action Plan. See page 3 for how to get involved, and offer your ideas.



Picnic in the Park



On a sunny but not too warm Sunday afternoon upwards of 20 people enjoyed a picnic in the park at Burston's recreation ground. Families, both young and old, gathered on the grass in front of the pavilion to enjoy a chat with neighbours and friends whilst enjoying their sandwiches and salads.

This was made all the more enjoyable by having Martin Day with his guitar providing background music.

Anita Hughes did a sterling job organising a boules competition ably assisted by boules expert, Piers Bilston.

The overall winners were Lynn and Jim Howard who again saw off all competition to take the trophy.



To round things off Jims IceCreams arrived to provide a wonderful selection of multiflavoured fresh ice cream. Thanks to all who made it to the park, thanks to Martin for the music and Anita for the boules tourney. Hope you all enjoyed the day and we look forward to seeing you next year at the Picnic in the Park 2027.

Burston and Shimpling Village
Litter Pick
10th October 2026
Meet at Church Green at 9:30 a.m.
Free refreshments for volunteers

Contact angela@burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk
01379 741534 for more details

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Food Waste Collections and Fly Tipping

Don't forget South Norfolk's food waste service gets under way on 9th November and the waste service people will be in touch with all residents beforehand to advise on waste caddy distribution. Please support this new service.

Also South Norfolk have a fly tipping report service on their website and they are very efficient at responding to reports of flytipping around the parish. Again please use this service for any rubbish left lying around in ditches and verges. www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/wheres-the-fly-tip

Burston Primary School News

Another school year comes to a close on what has been a fantastic year for all.

Our children truly are the epitome of our school values: Motivated, Ambitious, Resilient and Kind and it was wonderful to see these qualities on display during our recent visit to the Royal Norfolk Show. The children represented Burston Primary School brilliantly throughout the day and it showcased the very best of our school community.

Our Year 6 pupils have made us incredibly proud during their transition visits to high school embracing every opportunity to prepare for the next stage of their education with confidence and maturity. They have grown into remarkable young people who will be missed and we are excited to see what they achieve next.

Learning has been full of excitement in Oak class. In Geography, we have explored volcanoes, in Science we have developed our classification skills, in music lessons children have made great progress on the recorder, and our introduction to Romeo and Juliet allowed the children to develop their drama skills, explore Shakespeare's language and produced some impressive writing of their own.

Willow Class has been busy developing a range of practical and creative skills. In designing and sewing their own bag they showed great perseverance and pride in their finished products. In Science, they created habitat dioramas to deepen their understanding of living things and their environments. We have welcomed our new Reception children for a number of transition sessions and are very much looking forward to welcoming them officially in September.

During our recent Ofsted inspection the children truly shone, demonstrating everything that makes Burston Primary School such a special place to learn. The report captures the warmth, ambition and strong sense of community that underpins school life.



As we look back on the year, there is much to celebrate - academic achievements, exciting learning experiences, personal growth, memorable events with the children accomplishing so much. They should all be incredibly proud.

Finally, I would like to thank all the children and their families for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

All the staff at Burston Primary School

Please note, for local families that have children that are due to start school in September, we have a school EYFS open event on 29th September 2pm-3pm. Please follow us @Burstonschool for more information.

Recreation Ground Update

This summer has been a real scorcher with day after day of sun, great for the school hols but not so good for the trees, grass and wildlife in the park.

The meadow area was cut in late July and with help from the Community Payback scheme team the hay was collected and moved to the back of the park, a big thanks to the Probation Service organisers for their help once again.

A team of village residents helped repaint some of the timber play equipment and we were helped by some young people from the Kumba Charity who assist young people into fulltime employment and permanent accommodation so thanks to them for their help. We are planning to install a new piece of play equipment for 2, 3 and 4yr olds this year once we have secured the necessary funding.

Finally we held our annual Picnic in the Park event on Sunday 23rd August - see a separate report. As always let me know any thoughts and comments you have on the recreation ground.

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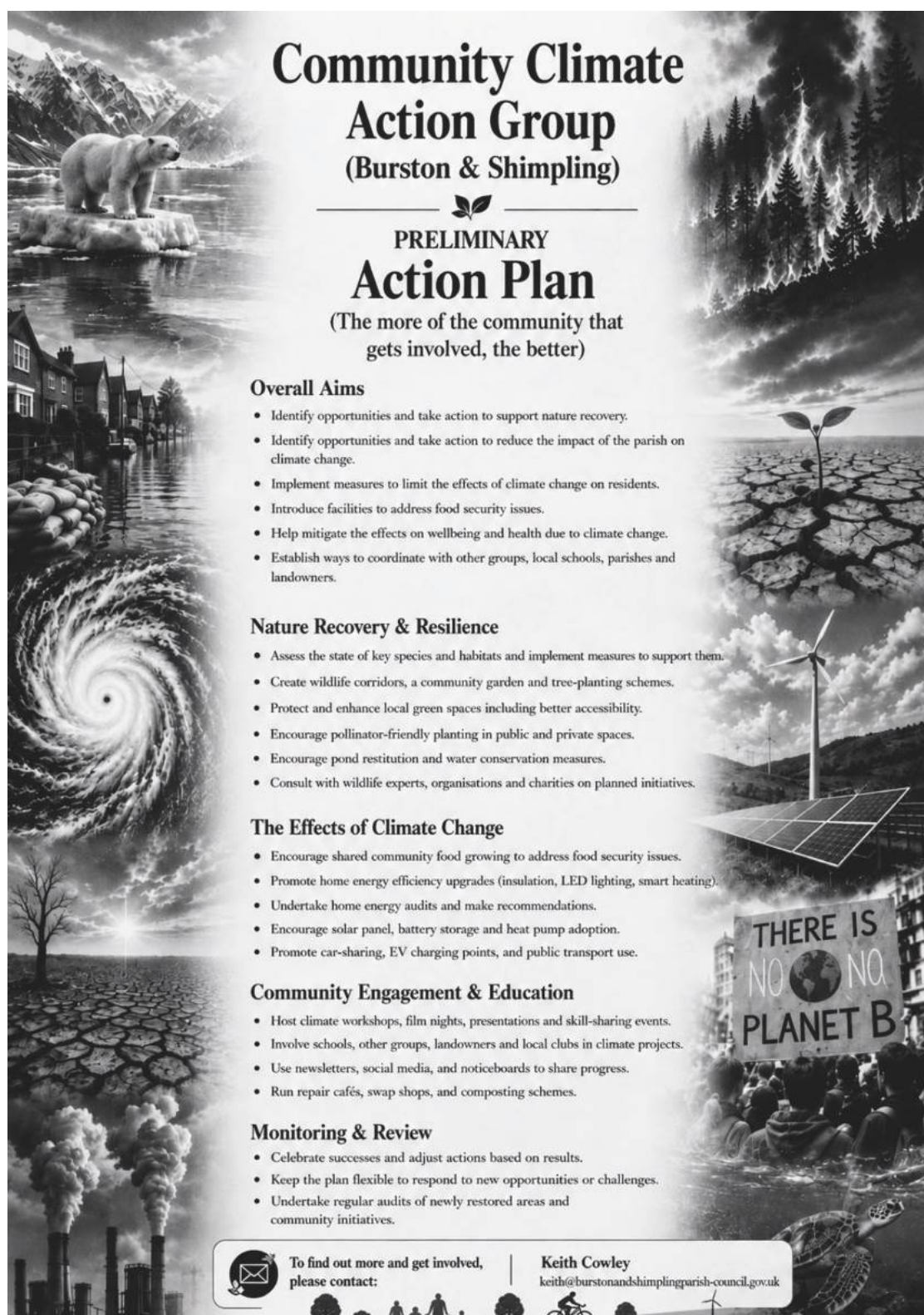


Climate Action Plan

Earlier this year a group of like minded residents formed the Community Climate Action Group to explore ways to limit the effects of climate change on residents and the parish as a whole. We feel the best way to do this is to first establish an Action Plan and the initial draft is shown below. To develop this plan further its essential we have input and comments from the community and are holding a meeting for everyone to have their say in influencing the shape and content of the final plan.

Come to the meeting on the 1st October at the Strike School, 7pm. Bring your friends, bring your neighbours.

GET INVOLVED - WE WANT YOUR HELP.



Community Climate Action Group (Burston & Shimpling)

PRELIMINARY
Action Plan
(The more of the community that gets involved, the better)

Overall Aims

- Identify opportunities and take action to support nature recovery.
- Identify opportunities and take action to reduce the impact of the parish on climate change.
- Implement measures to limit the effects of climate change on residents.
- Introduce facilities to address food security issues.
- Help mitigate the effects on wellbeing and health due to climate change.
- Establish ways to coordinate with other groups, local schools, parishes and landowners.

Nature Recovery & Resilience

- Assess the state of key species and habitats and implement measures to support them.
- Create wildlife corridors, a community garden and tree-planting schemes.
- Protect and enhance local green spaces including better accessibility.
- Encourage pollinator-friendly planting in public and private spaces.
- Encourage pond restitution and water conservation measures.
- Consult with wildlife experts, organisations and charities on planned initiatives.

The Effects of Climate Change

- Encourage shared community food growing to address food security issues.
- Promote home energy efficiency upgrades (insulation, LED lighting, smart heating).
- Undertake home energy audits and make recommendations.
- Encourage solar panel, battery storage and heat pump adoption.
- Promote car-sharing, EV charging points, and public transport use.

Community Engagement & Education

- Host climate workshops, film nights, presentations and skill-sharing events.
- Involve schools, other groups, landowners and local clubs in climate projects.
- Use newsletters, social media, and noticeboards to share progress.
- Run repair cafés, swap shops, and composting schemes.

Monitoring & Review

- Celebrate successes and adjust actions based on results.
- Keep the plan flexible to respond to new opportunities or challenges.
- Undertake regular audits of newly restored areas and community initiatives.

To find out more and get involved, please contact:

Keith Cowley
keith@burstonandshimplingparish-council.gov.uk

St. Mary's Church



St. Mary's is part of the Winfarthing and Upper Waveney Benefice, a group of ten churches in this area.

Further information regarding services and events are here:

<https://winfarthingupperwaveney.org.uk/st-marys-burston/>

Thursday afternoons between 3.45 pm and 5.15 pm. during school term time Integrate Youth for Christ run a **youth cafe** for young people aged 11-18. Free games, pizza and milkshakes in a friendly atmosphere.

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

This a club for children (Reception to Year 6) on Wednesday evenings from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm, in school term time. With games, crafts and other activities. There is a small subscription of 50p. For further details contact Ginni.Brinkley@gmail.com

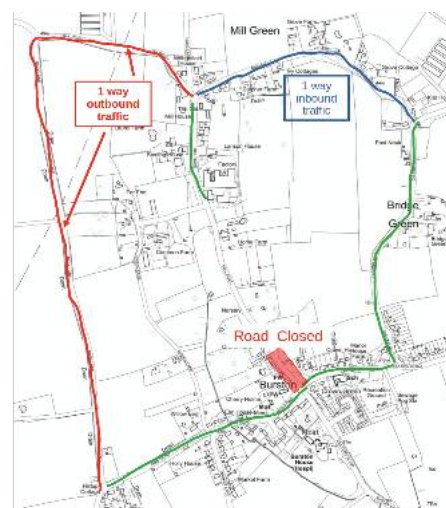


ROAD CLOSURE AT DISS ROAD & MILL ROAD JUNCTION

NCC Highways planned road closure at the junction of Diss Road and Mill Road to carry out road repairs is now scheduled for Friday 2nd October with completion by Tuesday 6th October.

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 routes to be followed by all traffic. Green marked routes are 2-way for non-Mill vehicles. Red and blue sections are strictly one way.

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 about planned maintenance and roadworks are available on the Causeway one.network <https://one.network/> Updates if known will be on the council website - see below



Parish Council Newsletters 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: in the Strike School Wednesday 23rd September and 21st October 2026 starting at 7.30pm
The agenda will be posted on the website during the week before the meetings. Please send any items of interest to the Clerk two weeks before the meeting date.

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