



Village Newsletter June 2026 Issue 294

If you have any updates for the July newsletter, please send to me by the 28th June, warm wishes, Natalie
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Defibrillator code C159 X, located at the back of Sorrel Horse pub.



Allotments – we still have a number of vacant plots available. If you are interested, please contact Terrie via email – terriebsl@hotmail.co.uk or 410134

Shares for the Sorrel Horse are available to buy please contact Natalie on nataliebrett64@gmail.com for further information. If you are interested in being a Director for Sorrel Horse Shottisham Ltd, please contact Natalie, nataliebrett64@gmail.com; Dana, danab@live.co.uk; Clare, lbyellis@googlemail.com

Church Yard Gardening & Maintenance Saturday, 20th June 10am-12pm

As you may have noticed, the Shottisham church yard is in need of some care and attention.

The weeds grow quickly at this time of year and maintenance needs arise faster than our small core team of volunteers can handle. We're hoping lots of you will join us for a couple hours on the morning of Saturday, 20th June, to do some essential work to maintain the church yard.

This is a tradition that used to happen every year in Shottisham but has fallen by the wayside in recent years. We're hoping to bring it back, so that the churchyard can be shared by the entire village and be an even more beautiful, nature-filled, and calm place to be than it already is.

No expertise is needed! Just bring yourself and (if you have them) gardening tools to help - strimmer's, spades, buckets, shears, loppers, and whatever else may be useful. We'll supply drinks and sweet treats for everyone.

In addition to the regular garden maintenance that is sorely needed, many of you will have noticed that the timber gate and part of the fence is in need of repair. Any advice and/or help with this would be appreciated - either on maintenance day or another time.

Thank you.

Summer Fete - Planning Meeting

Anyone who would like to help plan the Summer Fete again this year is invited to join the fete planning meeting on Wednesday evening, 1st July at 7:30pm at the pub. Everyone is invited and all ideas, comments, and help will be appreciated!

Jeremy Emerson

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Message from Rev Kathy Wilson

Early summer brings a whole energy and freshness about it that I love. The lighter evenings extend the day and mean I get to spend more time enjoying the outdoors. I'm very easy to please. I like poppies, buttercups, bluebells and forget-me-nots. I find the odd moment to grab a drink and sit outside when the sun is shining, and the village Peacock Livingstone, and my two cats keep me company.

There is a simple wonder in creation that calms my soul. The colours, textures and

sounds all work together and make me grateful that I live in such an amazing place in Suffolk. Just recently, I have installed an app on my phone called “Merlin”, which listens to bird song and helps me identify the birds in my garden. Robins and blackbirds are certainly very vocal. I have had up to 13 varieties in one sitting, all singing together, creating quite a melody.

The beauty, variety and sound of nature lead me to believe that it couldn't all be accidental, and there is a creator who purposely put together colours, sounds and life to give us our amazing countryside. It was His gift for us to enjoy, and whether it be sitting in the garden, eating ice cream, paddling at the beach or walking in your village, I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy our amazing area this summer.

Rev Kathy Wilson
Shottisham

Parish Council

The AGM and APM were held on Tuesday 12 May. We had annual updates from the Chair of Parish Council, the WI, the Village Recorder, the Church and our local councillor James Mallinder. On going issues were raised by members of the public in attendance including playground, highways concerns and 20mph, communication and lack of mobile signal and need for first responder.

The next regular meeting is **Tuesday 9th June at 7pm** in the Trust Hall. All welcome! Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact Lesley Dennis, Clerk to SPC, clerk@shottisham-pc.gov.uk

Councillor James Mallinder remains fully active as your dedicated East Suffolk District Councillor for the Deben ward.

Following the recent Suffolk County Council elections, where Cllr Mallinder stood as a candidate for the Wilford county division, some local confusion has arisen regarding his ongoing political roles.

The Facts: District vs. County Council

Local government in Suffolk operates on two distinct levels. It is entirely normal for a politician to serve on one tier without serving on the other:

- Suffolk County Council: Responsible for strategic, county-wide services including highways, social care, and education.
- East Suffolk District Council: Responsible for localized services including waste collection, environmental initiatives, and local planning.

While the county-level races were settled earlier this month, district council terms operate on a completely separate four-year cycle. Cllr Mallinder was elected to East Suffolk Council for a four-year term * this may be extended due to on going unitary planning . The outcome of the recent county council election has no impact on his district seat. He continues to represent his parishes exactly as before.

Residents will continue to see Cllr Mallinder actively working across the peninsula. His core district focuses remain unchanged:

- Environmental Accountability: Holding the current administration's feet to the fire on recycling, green initiatives, and local conservation.
- Highways and Infrastructure: Pressing for permanent drainage repairs and foundational road upgrades across the Deben peninsula.
- Community Enrichment: Supporting vital local networks and village infrastructure projects.

How to Get in Touch

If you have a district-level concern—ranging from local environmental issues to community projects —Cllr Mallinder is fully available to assist you:

- Email: james.mallinder@eastsoffolk.gov.uk
- Phone: [07810 815879](tel:07810815879)
- Instagram and facebook : Jamesmallinder

Shottisham WI

We held a very successful Plant and Cake sale at the WI Trust Hall on 2nd May. Thanks to everyone who came along and helped us raise in excess of £1,500.00. It was a lovely sunny day and so nice to see so many chatting and enjoying a cuppa and a slice of cake together. I hope the plants you bought are all thriving! Plants and Cakes were nearly all sold out and some lovely prizes won from the two raffles and the Tombola.

The money raised will pay for the hall insurance and other overheads. Any remaining funds will go towards our much-needed kitchen refurbishment.

Thank you for those who signed to agree with our plans for the kitchen, this will assist in further funding claims.

We currently have about two thirds of the total available needed to complete our project, we will continue to apply for more funding to achieve our goal.

We currently have 23 members in Shottisham WI. We hold a monthly members meeting and enjoy numerous walks, outings, lunches and Theatre trips. We are always happy to welcome new members.

If you would like to join Shottisham WI, please contact me.

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What's on...

- 2 June Building Community Resilience in Bawdsey – 1.30-5.00pm, the Hall
- 2 June Craft Group – 7.30pm, Bawdsey Hall
- 8 June Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, Bawdsey Hall
- 13 June Coffee Morning Alderton Village Hall 10-12 in aid of EACH
- 16 June Craft Group – 7.30pm, Bawdsey Hall
- 20 June Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm, the Hall Bawdsey
- 20/21 June Bawdsey Flower Festival 11am-5pm
- 22 June Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, Bawdsey Hall
- 27 June Hollesley Fete Recreation Ground 12.30 start
- 30 June Craft Group – 7.30pm, Bawdsey Hall

HOLLESLEY GARDENING CLUB will have a stall at Hollesley Village Fete on 27th June.

Fish and Chips Hollesley Recreation Ground every Friday Lunch Time between 12-2pm

Marsh Barn Café RSPB Reserve, Hollesley 10.00am-2.00pm daily

Mobile Post Office every Thursday 11.30am-12.30pm, Alderton Village Hall

Chair-based Exercise Class 10.30am, the Hall, ring Jane 411373

Suffolk Police www.suffolkpolice.uk email woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Yoga with Darren returns from Wednesday 6 May, 9.30am, the Hall, £10/session

Deben Ferry 1 May-30 September daily, 10.00am-5.00pm, dependant on weather

