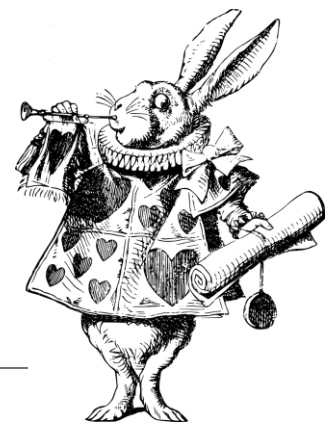


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The Hare is always looking for ideas and articles. Whether this be something relevant to your village or locality, or just something in which you have an interest and would like to share with others, then please contact us. We would welcome your input.

Christmas Cheer!



The festive season is fast approaching and, as ever, there are a number of events taking place locally to mark the season. The Huntingfield Arms big light switch on will already have taken place when you get this issue of The Hare so the village green will be looking very festive. The local churches will be hosting traditional carol services (see p 8 and p

4). Additionally, you can enjoy the Christmas Fair at Heveningham on 6th December and pick up some Christmas gifts (see p 15). There are still places available for the 3 Villages Christmas Meal on 14th December (see p 8). Sadly, the lady behind the Carols on the Green event in Huntingfield has stepped down from the role and the village is looking for someone to take over. Further information is on page 5.

The Hare Team would like to wish you all Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Huntingfield Village Gateways



As you come into the village from any direction we hope you have paused to admire our new village gateways. These were suggested to the Parish Council some time ago and the Community Infrastructure Levy monies were used to purchase them. The locations were negotiated with Suffolk Highways, who have fairly strict requirements – hence there are two by the Linstead Road junction and only one each on Brick Kiln Lane and Bridge Street.

Gateways are used to give a sense of “place” and to make it clear to visitors that they are entering a populated area. They provide both a welcome and, hopefully, a reminder about driving carefully through our village.

Many thanks go to the intrepid team of installers who did a great job over the course of two mornings. Well done Brian, David, Ethan and Tony, they should be in place for many years to come!

Petanque



The winter season is upon us, and it has been a rather cold and wet start to the season. The Hounds results have matched the weather as well, losing all three games they have played. The Hares started off better by winning their first game. The triples team that played at the end of the summer season, unfortunately lost 3-2 in the semi final, but a very close game!

Our AGM will take place on 7th December in the Arms when the Cliff Spencer Trophy will be presented to the winner of the club competition. The final is yet to be played, so we still have to wait for the outcome.

Happy Christmas to you all. Spare us a thought on wet Sunday mornings as we play through the winter months! See you in 2026.

Julie Collett, Captain



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New playground for Fressingfield..



There was a real buzz in the air at Fressingfield Primary School as the children celebrated the official opening of their new playground. The playground was resurfaced and refreshed by RoadTechs Group over the summer holiday as an incredibly generous donation to the school. The Topcroft-based company even paid for brand new

playground markings, which had been chosen by the children. The ribbon officially opening the playground was cut by Patsy and dad, Daniel, who had worked throughout the summer to prepare the space for the start of term.

Mr Leicester, Head of School at Fressingfield Primary, said, "We are so incredibly grateful to the Lilley family and RoadTech Group for their incredibly kind donation." The children said, "Playtime is such an important part of our school day — it's when we can exercise, get fresh air, and build friendships. This playground makes it even better!"

Church chat

As we enter the period of Advent, we would like to invite you to our Compline Services running throughout advent on every Saturday starting; 29th November up to and including 20th December. Services will commence at 19.30 led by Rev'd Edmund Smith.

Compline is a service of quietness and reflection, before rest at the end of the day. It is a short service consisting of a night prayer, possibly a hymn, a short reading, prayers, the Collect, the Lord's Prayer and concludes with a blessing. The service ends without additions, conversation or noise. Those present depart in silence.



This year's Huntingfield Village Carol Service is on Sunday 21st December at 2pm (see p 4). If there is a favourite Carol that you would like to be included, please call Emma Ward on 01986 785343. This is the time of year when family and friends join together

and what better way to start the Christmas celebrations than joining in with all your favourite carols and stories of Jesus' birth. The service will be followed by 'Christmas' refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you and your loved ones.



The Church is open between 10.30 - 15.30 daily. So, if you have visitors staying why not pop along and take a look at Mildred Holland's beautifully painted Church ceiling.

Mildred started work on the ceiling in September 1859 and over the course of the following six years (with a 3-year break in the middle) completed the work in 1866. It really is a marvel to behold. There is a £1 coin box which will light up the ceiling for approximately 3 minutes to enable a better view. Please ensure only £1 coins are used (trolley tokens, euros and cents 'jam' the mechanism and prevent other people from enjoying the lit experience!).

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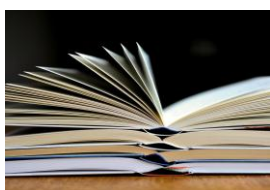
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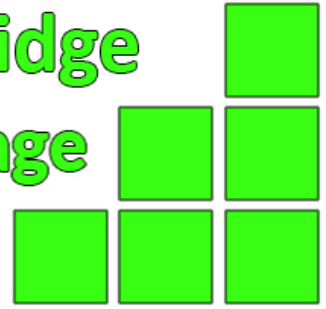
Carols on the Green?



For many years Sue Tyler has been the chief organiser of the Carols on Huntingfield Village Green followed by mulled wine and mince pies and the village Christmas card swap in The Hub. Sadly, Sue has decided not to continue with her role. A very big thank you to Sue for her long-standing involvement in this village tradition.

If you are interested in taking over the organisation of this annual event please let Sue know. All you have to do is sort out some mulled wine and mince pies and hand out the carol sheets. It's usually held on Monday in December. And, lets face it, it is only once a year so not exactly a major commitment!

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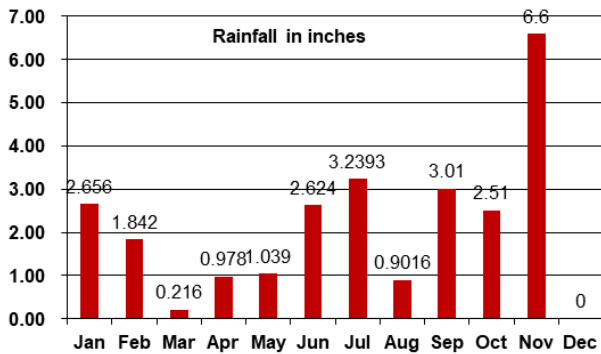
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Weather report: October – November 2025

This is my last report for 2025, which seems to have come round all too quickly. What's happened in the last two months? Well, as some will have already noticed, two or three of the national newspapers are already forecasting monumental amounts of snow, freezing temperatures and hell will freeze over. Yes, you guessed right - CLICKBAIT. It happens every year!



However, you can't have failed to notice how much rain there has been in November. Storm Claudia, on 14th November paid us a visit all the way from Portugal. She delivered a lot of rain by altering the path of the jetstream from/to a westerly direction so hence much rain. Talking to a few neighbours who also have rain measuring facilities, rainfall totals have varied considerably across the area. I guess when you look at radar coverage showing rain clouds, they tend to be very hit or miss affairs.



So, how much rain have I recorded for November 2025: 6.60" (167.64mm) to be exact. In comparison, October saw 2.51" (63.75mm) of rainfall. Over the two months, precipitation totalled 9.11" (231.39mm), compared to 4.49" (114.05mm) in the same period in 2024—a noticeable increase after a dry summer.

Although this is less than the total for October-November 2024, the average for 2024–2025 exceeds the 1991–2023 average. In the past 12 months, I've recorded a total of 25.49" (647.44mm) of rainfall.

We've now had a few air and ground frosts and the lowest temperature I've recorded is -4c. Surprisingly, sunshine totals for October-November are up on last year and it's also been relatively mild, in line with the general trend this year.

What outcomes should we anticipate? Since 1991, rainfall amounts have been steadily increasing. Despite some claims, our climate is not Mediterranean just yet; however, weather patterns are evolving. As ever, let's wait and see!

Season's Greetings to All, *Richard Tyler*

Hundred Club



Very many thanks to all subscribers, old and new, for their £12 per entry. All 100 numbers have been taken up for another year which has raised a valuable £600 to help with the upkeep and maintenance of our

wonderful Millennium Green, Wildflower Meadow, Community Orchard, children's play area & equipment, recreation ground with pétanque and football pitches, picnic benches and wooden shelter.

We are very fortunate to have all these - found up the stairs by the Hub with accessible parking off Brick Kiln Lane. Thanks again for your help in supporting our 100 Club.

September

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Arms Events



Once again, our Christmas Light Up was a great success. Thankfully, the weather stayed dry and mild so everyone



could gather on the Green to enjoy the lights, do some food shopping and listen to the excellent Grace Brothers perform in the marquee. Steve looked very snug in his elf outfit, ably assisted by our very own Christmas pud!



Thanks to everyone who came and supported the event.

Now the lights are on we are straight into our busiest time of the year – the marathon that is the December Christmas meal sessions. Given last year, we produced over 500 meals you can imagine the preparation and



work involved. And, believe it or not, we still enjoy sitting down on Christmas Day and enjoying turkey and all the trimmings!



To get your brains back into gear the Quiz Night will be back on Tuesday, 6th January, 7.30pm start. Teams maximum of 4, £2.50 per entrant and the winning team takes the pot.

We are already preparing for 2026 with Burns Night being our first event of the New Year. We are already taking bookings for Saturday 24th January for the addressing of the Haggis and traditional supper. Throughout January our special offer will be a main and dessert from the specials board for only £14, Tuesday-Thursday only. As always, booking is recommended. If you thought we hadn't looked far enough ahead we're also taking bookings for Mothers Day on 15th March. This is always a popular event for dining so please get your booking in early to avoid disappointing mum!

All of us at the Arms would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the past year and wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. See you in 2026!

Sara & Steve

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Hub News

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported Race Night. A great turn out on the night with a fun atmosphere. Thanks also go to those who donated the race prizes and to all of you who kept the tellers busy! The night ended with the traditional rolling the £1 coin at the whisky bottle. The total amount raised for Hub funds was £381.15, which was brilliant!

This keeps the funds in a healthy position and, with a good number of bookings as well, means the Hub has a healthy balance of just over £9,000. Various items of maintenance are due in the new year, so this balance will be reduced but we are in a much improved situation compared with a couple of years ago. Thanks again to all of you that have supported us.

The last three brunches have all been well supported. We will now break for a couple of months, firstly because of Christmas and January happens to clash with Burns Night, so Brunch will return in February.

The trustees were hoping to have the village calendar ready for this week. However, I am sorry to say we have been let down by our sponsors so this will not be out in time for Christmas and will need to be rolled over until next year. Apologies for this.



Places are still available for the 3 villages meal at the Hub on 14th December. This is a 2 course meal, Roast Turkey or Vegetarian

Wellington followed by Christmas Pudding or Mandarin Cheesecake. Menu choices and payment by 5th December along with any dietary requirements. Cost is £22 per person or £14 for under 12's. For further information or to reserve your place, please email enquiries@hub4all.org or contact one of us. If you have booked, but not ordered or paid, please contact us as soon as possible.

In January we are delighted to support the launch of the Thursday Club. Open to all, please come along and have a look (see p 2).

Finally the trustees would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy & Healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you to an event at The Hub soon.

The Hub Trustees




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Sheep Talk...



Hello all, I think it's safe to say that winter has definitely arrived. The ladies are very pleased with their woolly, waterproof jumpers, especially over the last ten days. I'm slightly jealous when I see them looking nice and warm whilst I'm sitting shivering away in the Gator buggy as

I drive around checking on them. No matter how much rain we have, the girls are wet on the outside but totally dry if you open the fleece towards the skin. Lanolin is an amazing thing. When handling the sheep a lot, my hands get nicely moisturised. It's not the best fragrance, but you can't have everything....

The rams are now on their annual 8 weeks working holiday, in with the ladies. You may notice them as you drive past the sheep. This year the Romney ewes (all white legs & head) are running with Texel rams. A lovely cross of genetics that produces good, solid lambs with a ton of get up and go from the second they come into the world.



The Mules (black/brown and white faces and legs) have Suffolk rams running in with them. This cross will produce lambs that are long in the body, with a lot of size and strength. The females are often kept back to mature into mothers themselves. They tend to make good mums, with lots of milk. Well, most of them that is!

I suppose the truth will come out in April and May when they are due to start lambing. The ewes have already started to become a lot quieter (or lazy...) since the rams arrived. This is a good sign and points towards lots of the ewes already being pregnant. We normally say that by the end of the first 17 day cycle, almost 75% of the ewes will have had a brief encounter of the ram kind!!



The store lambs that are still here from lambing earlier this year are slowly doing a circuit around Yoxford, Cockfield Hall and over at Grove Farm. If anyone sees anything that they are unsure of whilst they're out walking near any of the sheep, feel free to contact me. That way I can pop along to check things out.

The lambs are nicely growing away on grass that is packed with clover. The late flush of grass growth that we experienced came just in time as the grazing was looking like it was going to run out too quickly. After a bit of rain and more warm temperatures we were then inundated with grass. Unfortunately, because of this, quite a few lambs have developed "dirty" fleece on their bottoms. They will all have a special short back and sides before too much longer, just to tidy them up.

Lucy



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Community Debate



Our first Community Debate was on the UK assisted dying bill, formally called The Terminally Ill Adults Bill.

Briefly, the bill has passed the House of

Commons and is now being considered in the House of Lords. It would permit terminally ill adults in England and Wales with a prognosis of less than 6 months to live to request assisted dying under strict eligibility criteria and safeguards. The key features are outlined opposite and details were handed out to the attendees.

We had a gratifyingly large turnout with people from Huntingfield, Cookley, Halesworth and Holton. The debate was excellently moderated by Veronica Mowat, a reader from the Blyth Valley Team. After an introduction we split into discussion groups of those for, against and undecided. We then came back together and the points raised by the individual groups were presented.

There followed an open, sincere, and heart-felt discussion on the salient points. The discussion was respectful and at times understandably emotional. It is hoped that this will be the first in a quarterly series of Community debates in The Hub.

Our next debate is planned for late February. If you have a topic you think would be a good subject for debate, please email Reverend Dominic at dominic.doble@phone.coop

Key features of the UK assisted dying bill include:

- *Independent medical assessments by 2 doctors, a review by a multi-disciplinary panel and the individual must self administer the life-ending substance.*
- *Be aged 18 or over*
- *Be ordinarily resident in England or Wales (for at least 12 months)*
- *Be registered as a patient with a GP practice*
- *Terminally ill with a progressive illness or disease that cannot be reversed by treatment and with 6 months to live*
- *The bill offers choice only to terminally ill adults with mental capacity. It excludes people with disabilities or mental illness alone if they are not terminally ill. Mental capacity is required throughout the process to be assessed by medical, legal and social care professionals on at least 5 occasions*
- *All necessary steps must be taken to ensure the person is aware of all the options available to them for palliative care and pain relief. Their decision must be made voluntarily and not coerced or pressured by any other person. The dying person can change their minds at any time*
- *Strict protocols will be put in place to ensure; safe prescribing, transportation, and administration of all medication. All overseen by a trained medical practitioner who will be expressly forbidden from taking any action to end the person's life. The practitioner can leave the room if they wish.*
- *The medication must be self administered and if not used removed immediately.*

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History Corner: Court Case 1869 between two local residents



A report from the Suffolk Chronicle Sunday 30th October 1869 tells us that Sarah Haward daughter of John Haward, bootmaker & shopkeeper in Ubbeston [probably Shadow Hall], was taken to court by her ex-fiancé, William Kent of Heveningham:

A JEALOUS SWEETHEART. William Kent, dealer, Heveningham, v. Sarah Haward, spinster, Ubbeston – The plaintiff claimed £20, for money had and received on the 26th January, 1867, and interest of £1.7s.6d.

Sarah, born in Heveningham in 1825, by the time of the court case was 44 years of age and living in Ubbeston. She had been a schoolmistress, possibly at Heveningham School and had been engaged to William, also born in Heveningham. At the time of the court case, he was 33 and living with his parents who had a small farm in Heveningham Long Lane.

The essence of the dispute was that when engaged to Sarah, William had given her £20 to put into a Post Office Savings Account, which she did but it was in her name and not his. Sarah did, however, write the following tract:

Feb 26th 1867. Should it Please Almighty God to take me from this World 11ffice11y [sic] there is twenty Pounds in my Banking Account, which belong to William Kent which I wish to be returned to him with the Intrest [sic] of the same. I wish it to be returned to him as soon as Possible after my decease. Wreten [sic] by myself SARAH HAWARD

The couple fell out when William became close to a widow called Mrs Crucknell, who lodged with his father and then moved to Walpole, where William became her gardener. He believed Sarah was jealous. Sarah claimed the £20 was added to hers so they could buy furniture. Sarah had confronted William and Mrs Crucknell but William replied, 'Ah, old dear, you are too late. I have got another.'

Sarah Cross-examined by Mr. Kent:

[Mr Kent:] Are you still anxious to marry the plaintiff? –

[Defendant:] That requires a good deal of consideration. [Laughter.]

[Mr Kent:] Are you willing to give him up if you can keep the money? –

[Defendant:] Oh, yes. [Loud laughter.]

[Mr Kent:] Which would you rather have – the plaintiff or the £20? – [Defendant:] I don't know.

[Mr Kent:] Were you quite content to let him alone if he did not trouble you for the money? –

[Defendant:] Of course I should not run after him – that's not a woman's place.

[Mr Kent:] Would you think it rather hard to give up plaintiff and the money? –

[Defendant:] Certainly I should.

[His Honour:] Yes, you would think it hard to lose both. [Laughter.]

[Mr Kent:] May I ask you your age?

[Defendant:] Oh, yes; I am 43 years of age. I have not troubled plaintiff since June, 1868, and no other gentleman has troubled me.

His Honour, in giving judgement, said it was evident that a misunderstanding arose between the plaintiff and the defendant about Mrs Crucknell. It seemed that the defendant was willing to offer an explanation to Miss Haward the day after she saw him with Mrs Crucknell, and that she (Miss Haward) told him to go after the lady. The match was, therefore, broken off by mutual consent, and that being so, defendant could not retain the money. He gave judgement for plaintiff for £20 and £1.6s. interest, with costs.

What happened afterwards? The 1871 Census shows Sarah as a shopkeeper in Ubbeston. By 1881, when she is 56, she has moved to Aldringham, is still unmarried and is living with her sister. Sarah is head of the household and a General Shopkeeper.

By 1881, William has moved to Yarmouth – 82 Middlegate Street, where he is a grocer. He is now married to a widow, Matilda Pye, who is 54 and older than him. William seems to have had a preference for older women and widows! The marriage took place in St Nicholas Church, Great Yarmouth on 26th November 1871.

Lynne Ward

Laxfield & District Museum is now closed for the winter and opens again on Good Friday 2026

Nature Notes

The recent Moth Morning event at St Mary's churchyard in Huntingfield was well attended by both humans and moths alike.

Matthew Deans, the Suffolk expert brought along his moth traps, which are effectively a box with a bright mercury vapour bulb in which egg trays are placed. The moths are attracted to the light which is illuminated overnight. They then hide amongst the egg trays and can be examined and identified the next day. Moth trapping reveals just how many of these incredible nocturnal insects (some with strange names) usually go unseen as they flit around local meadows, woodland and gardens.

Whilst not as busy as July and August, October is still a good month for studying moths as several species are just beginning their flight period. On the day Matthew recorded around 40 different species including autumn specialists such as the Winter Moth, November Moth, Black Rustic and Red-lined Quaker.



One of my favourites, the Merveille du Jour (*left*) is a stunningly beautiful mottled green moth, it looks like a piece of

bright green moss, so is incredibly well camouflaged if it perches on moss covered bark. It is active between September to November with a peak in October so we luckily saw several examples at the Moth Morning. The caterpillar feeds on oak trees which still hang on to their leaves at this time of year. The adults take nectar from Ivy flowers which are also in bloom late in the year. The adults lay their eggs in crevices on the bark of Oak trees where they sit until the spring then the caterpillars hatch in spring and feed solely on the newly emerged oak flowers.



However, the most exciting find were two very large colourful moths, the Clifden Nonpariels, also known as the Blue Underwing.

This large, impressive moth has a wingspan of up to 95mm (4 inches). It is generally mottled grey in colour but when it opens its wings the usually hidden, stunningly vivid, blue lower wing is revealed. It is a rare moth, originally only found in small areas of Kent and Norfolk and apparently became extinct in the 1950s.

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In recent times it has recolonised the southern UK after occasional immigrants stayed to breed, probably enabled by climate change. The large caterpillars feed on Poplar trees and again the species survives the winter as eggs laid in the crevices of the bark of these trees.



In my last notes I mentioned the Blackcap migration. As said, most of these small warblers migrate south to warmer climes, but some are now overwintering in the UK. In fact, I have seen one several times in late November

which is almost certainly going to spend the winter in Huntingfield.

This overwintering is a fairly newly discovered phenomenon with birds from Central Europe opportunistically using the fact that our winters are becoming milder. This means that their hazardous migratory flights are significantly shorter thus reducing both risk and energy requirements. These birds have

been studied and have been noted to have on average slightly shorter wings than the birds that do migrate. An example of evolution in action.


You may well have noticed in recent days Tawny Owls are hooting a lot as darkness falls. This is because their breeding season starts very early in the year with egg laying beginning as early as February. So the Tawnys will be establishing a territory, calling to repel other males and attract a female.



These owls are truly nocturnal and are rarely seen in the day, so do listen out after dark for the "hoots" of the male and the "keewit" of the replying female. This gives us the traditional twit twooo call.

Another bird singing right through the winter is our delightful familiar garden Robin which of course is linked to Christmas celebrations in many ways.


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Your Parish Council

Heveningham Parish Council



The most recent meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 19th November at the Hub in Huntingfield. Draft minutes from the meeting will be available on the Parish Council website.

Two current consultations were noted at the meeting and both are now open for residents responses. The first is the government's consultation on Local Government Reorganisation, which is open for response until 11th January 2026. Secondly, Essex and Suffolk Water have launched a consultation on a significant local infrastructure project. Responses can be submitted until 10th December 2025.

The Heveningham Village Emergency Plan is now available on the Parish Council website, please do take a look. Paper copies are available from the Clerk on request.

Parish Councillors, with support from the Heveningham Estate, have been inspecting drains and keeping watercourses clear to help the prevention of possible future flooding. Sincere thanks are extended to the Heveningham Estate for their continued assistance with this project.

The Parish Council is seeking someone to shape the willow arch on Bell Meadow. A willow artist has offered to carry out the work for a fee and to train interested residents for future maintenance. If you would like to pay a small fee and learn this skill, please register your interest with the Clerk. Alternatively, if anyone knows of a local person who would be interested in shaping the willow arch, please inform the Clerk.

The light in the old telephone box, which houses the community defibrillator, has been repaired by Pearce & Kemp of Halesworth. Warm thanks are extended to them for their kind support of this essential community equipment.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7pm in The Hub at Huntingfield. All residents are welcome to attend.

On behalf of the Parish Council, we wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Angela Colbridge, heveninghamclerk@gmail.com

Ubbeston Parish Council



The most recent meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday 10th November. Draft minutes of the meeting are available to view on the Parish Council website and notice board.

The following consultations are currently open for residents to share their opinions: Suffolk Water Recycling Transfer & Storage Project running until 10th December 2025 and the consultation on Local Government Reorganisation running until 11th January 2026.

A new 'Happy to Chat' bench has been installed in the village offering a welcoming spot for residents and visitors alike to pause, rest and enjoy conversation with fellow members of the community. Grateful thanks go to Cllrs A. Pike, J. Pike and N. Youngs for their work in installing the bench and to East Suffolk Council and Cllr Ewart for providing the funding that made this project possible.

A number of planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council this year. All planning applications for the area can be found online on the East Suffolk Council planning portal.

The Parish Council is pleased to share that it has recently supported Headway Suffolk with a donation. The charity's work supports individuals living with brain injury and neurological conditions across the region.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7pm in The Hub at Huntingfield. All residents are welcome to attend.

Ubbeston Parish Council wishes you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

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Preparation for the annual Huntingfield Plant Sale, which next year will be held on Sunday 17th May 2026, is well under way with the main stock being brought on by the core team. That said, we would, as always, really appreciate any plant donations to add to the stock and so would ask anybody who is clearing / splitting any plants in their garden to pot them up and put them on to one side for the Plant Sale.

Please contact any of the Millennium Green trustees if you want to discuss plant donations or anything relating to the Plant Sale.

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Christmas is fast approaching, and with it comes a wonderful season of community

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On Saturday 14th December at 4.00pm, we invite you to join us for our beautiful Carols by Candlelight service. This special gathering is always a highlight of the season, filled with candlelit warmth, music, and the joy of singing together. This will be followed by a glass of wine and mince pies.

We will then welcome Christmas in the traditional way with Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm. All are warmly invited to share in this peaceful and reflective start to Christmas Day. This will include a glass of mulled wine to help warm you through the service.

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What's on – dates for your diary

December 2025

6th Christmas Craft Fair, St Margarets p 15
6th, 13th, 20th Compline Service, St Mary's, p 3
6th Minty Spectre Dinner, The Hub, p 7
14th Carols by Candlelight, St Margarets, p 8
14th 3 Villages Christmas Supper, p 8
21st Carols at St Mary's, Huntingfield, p 3
23rd Mobile Library, , p 4

January 2026

6th Charity Quiz Night, The Arms, p 7
8th Thursday Club, The Hub, p 2
12th Ubbeston PC Meeting, The Hub, 7pm
14th Huntingfield PC Meeting, The Hub, 7pm
21st Heveningham PC Meeting, The Hub, 7pm
20th Mobile Library, p 4

Regular events at The Hub

Orchid Fitness Pilates: Thursday a.m. (see advert on p 2)
Pilates Body Harmony: Monday 6-7pm, The Hub (see advert on p 7)
Tai Chi: Monday, 2-3pm (contact Cindy Engel, cindywildhealth@gmail.com)
Zumba: Every Thursday, 11am-noon, £7 per PAYG session (see advert on page 12)
Relaxation Class with SarahLou: Third Monday of the month, £15 pay as you go. £50 for the 4 sessions

Upcoming Events

Saturday 24th January, Burns Night, The Arms, p 7
Sunday 17th May 2026, Huntingfield Plant Sale, p 15

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