

BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2021



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2021



Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2021

August – No Meeting
Tuesday 14th September
Tuesday 12th October
Tuesday 9th November
No December Meeting

All meetings will commence at 7.30pm unless notified otherwise. The meeting for July was held at Rougham Sports Hall due to Covid restrictions. For future meetings please see the website or parish noticeboards for confirmation of the venue. Here you will also be able to view the agendas and supporting documents.

Live music on the Green

Saturday 28th August 5-9pm Free outdoor live music event

Village Walk

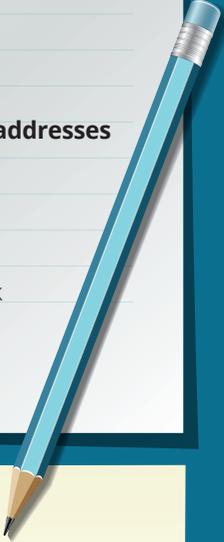
Sunday 3rd October Meet at the Old Bus Shelter on the Green

Village Association AGM

Tuesday 5th October 7.30pm at The White Horse

Please note that all councillors now have dedicated email addresses

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

We will be printing a Winter edition of the magazine to round off the year and then hope to return to our regular bi-monthly schedule for 2022. All contributions are welcome, please send to editor@beytonvillagenews

EDITOR'S WELCOME

It has been a long time between editions but it is with some degree of hope that I say that life is beginning to look a bit more normal and that this may herald the return of bi-monthly magazines going forward.

What a change of content we have for this edition: Actual get-togethers, an exciting live event on the Green and an upcoming Village Walk, plus a round-up of the responses to the Neighbourhood Plan amongst the pages.

You may have noticed the fantastic addition of a knitted 'hat' to the post box on the Green – we have been yarn-bombed, a really detailed depiction of Beyton graces the top which has brought smiles to many people. In true yarn bombing tradition the identity of the producer is unknown but a huge thank you is owed to whoever is responsible, it is much appreciated!

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Your Parish Council

Pat Lamb, our Clerk for more than 15 years, decided to leave back in April. The Parish Council members would like to thank Pat for her services to Beyton over this long period.

We have two new members, Helena Harris and Jamie Meiklejohn which brings us to full complement of seven. Our plan is to form small teams focussing on various topics that need to be addressed.

May I remind parishioners they are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings, either to hear what is going on, make comments or ask questions.

If you can't make the meetings the minutes are available on the Beyton website. The total balance and reserves at 31 March 2021 were £27,091.

Flooding

It seems strange to mention flooding when we have just enjoyed the hottest day of the year, however, as we all know we don't try to mend the roof when it's raining. The ditch along **Thurston Road** has been cleared and Suffolk County Council Highways have agreed to take responsibility for future maintenance, we are just waiting for written confirmation. The culvert under the A14 still needs emptying by Highways England.

Flooding at the junction of **Cangles Lane**, **Quaker Lane** and **Church Road** has been addressed with a network of new underground pipes. This work was also carried out by Suffolk County Council Highways.

Right now, I would say that this year Beyton has had more than its fair share of attention from the County Council.

Our next attention is on **Drinkstone Road**, the ditch here will be made deeper and the work funded jointly by Beyton Parish Council and Suffolk County Council. This operation is expected to be completed by the end of August.

We then need to tackle **Tostock Road**, discussions are in progress, however, no details to report at present.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

JUDITH ROBERTS

A tribute by Claire Ridyard

It is with huge sadness that we have learnt of the loss of Judith Roberts.

Judith touched the lives of many families in and around Beyton during her time as a geography teacher at both Beyton Middle School and Thurston Community College where she was a much loved and respected educator and colleague. She was also a very active member of our village community.

Helen Wilson, the Principal of Thurston Community College, said, "I speak on behalf of every one of us who knew Judith when I say that she was the dearest colleague, an inspirational teacher, a dedicated professional, quirky and fun . . . and just the kindest, most genuine person anyone can ever meet. Our lives are all richer for having had Judith as our colleague . . . and our friend. Apparently, Judith was very proud to have made it to the end of term and had a cheeky glint in her eye on the last Thursday of the academic year when she realised, however, that she was missing sports day!"

In the classroom Judith excelled at enthusing her students to learn about the world in which they live, whether that be locally, nationally or internationally. Her passion for geography was unwavering. Her love in particular for the country of Iceland was evident in her teaching and conversations with students and staff. Judith regularly led school visits to enrich further the lives of students, and at Easter would often





take students to the Land of Ice and Fire. After school, Judith stayed most afternoons to supervise clubs for students, whether for ardent geographers or those fervent players of Warhammer! All really enjoyed sitting with Judith in her classroom, chatting and eating a doughnut or two!

Judith taught at Beyton Middle School, before moving to Thurston Community College as Head of Geography. But she often returned to the Beyton Campus, now Thurston Sixth, to teach A Level Geography. Throughout her time as a teacher, Judith gave nothing less than total commitment to her students and the schools where she taught. She was an example to us all by way of her sincerity, professionalism and her compassion for friends and colleagues at the College.

She moved to Beyton seven years ago with her husband Steve and together they threw themselves into village life where they have made many friends and enriched the village with their friendship, time and skills.

In the April-May 2020 issue of Beyton Village News, Judith shared a beautiful map showing the fieldnames around Beyton. She had hand drawn the map, drawing inspiration from both a 1829 map of Bayton and the Tithe Map of 1838 as part of the research project she was involved in. She was keen that this map was shared with fellow villagers so that it could be used when walking – it can be downloaded from the website version of the magazine. You can find this wonderful work here <https://beyton.suffolk.cloud/assets/Uploads/BVN-AprMay-20.pdf>

Judith presented her original drawing of this map to the Parish Council for safe keeping and to preserve the history for future generations. It is something that will be highly treasured.

Judith and Steve have been closely involved with Beyton Environmental Group and been the leaders of the Old School Orchard Project in the grounds of what is now Thurston Sixth.

Judith was also a tireless member of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and Jonathan Wilson, who chairs that team, pays the following tribute to her.

“Others knew her better than me and will be more eloquent about her commitment and contribution to teaching as well as her other interests. But it was through the Neighbourhood Plan that I came to know the funny, informed and wise Judith. Initially we were part of the team that created the village questionnaire two years ago. Later, she was the driving force behind the fascinating and detailed History section in the Draft Plan. Her passion for the stories and history of the village was evident to anyone who spoke to her.

“But more than her work, Judith could always be relied on for a smile and was a welcome ally in the more ‘eye-rolling’ moments that occur in any form of local democracy. Judith had found her Forever House, her Forever Home and her Forever Man – it is a tragedy to all of us that we have lost her so soon.”

Judith was loved, known and respected by many and she leaves a large hole in all our lives. Our condolences and love go to Steve, her family and friends.



BVA NEWS & EVENTS

It is with great excitement that we announce our FIRST EVENT AFTER LOCKDOWN!

Free Live Music on the Green

Featuring The Larks and other acts

Sat 28th August

5.00pm – 9.00pm

Bar available (courtesy of The Bear)

Bring a picnic and folding chairs/picnic rugs

And umbrellas just in case!

Also a torch and something to write with!
Includes a quirky quiz in between the acts.

No need to book - simply turn up.

This is an open air event with plenty of space to socially distance, we really look forward to seeing you all again!

Village Walk

Sunday 3rd October, 10.00am

Meet at the old bus shelter on The Green

All welcome including accompanied children and dogs

Should be back in the village by approx 12.00

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 5th October, 7.30pm

At The White Horse

We need new members to join the committee, to help organise social events for the village. If you have enjoyed events like The Fayre, Bonfire Night, Village Walks, the Sale Trail, Safari Supper, Village Quiz, and Christmas Carol's etc simply come along to the meeting to find out how you could be involved.

Organising events is very rewarding, when you see the activity you have helped organise running successfully and people enjoying taking part. It is a good way of giving something back to your community.

We hope to see you at the meeting.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT

The Neighbourhood Plan team is still working through the very many comments received from villagers after publication of the Beyton Draft Plan earlier this year.

Meanwhile, top-line results from the extensive consultation with villagers and local businesses are published over eight pages in this issue of Beyton Village News. They can also be found on the village website at <https://beyton.suffolk.cloud/assets/NP-Public-Info/The-Plan-and-Supporting-References/Consultation-Response-Charts.pdf>

Most of the responses are self explanatory but if you need a reminder of all the elements, you can find the Draft Plan at the following link.

<https://beyton.suffolk.cloud/assets/NP-Public-Info/The-Plan-and-Supporting-References/NP-Pre-Submission-Booklet.pdf>

The Draft Plan itself was distributed to all households in the village as well as to all statutory bodies early in 2021 with eight weeks allowed for comments. We were delighted to receive comments from around a third of households which, at first glance, are overwhelming in favour of every aspect of the Draft Plan. The next task is to amend the Plan as is necessary.

We have also been advised by the District Council that we need to carry out a further Environmental Assessment in relation to one of the proposed sites for homes and we hope this can be accomplished by early autumn. This is being undertaken for us by AECOM Environmental Consultants.

Then the next step will be to submit the amended Draft Plan to Mid Suffolk District Council. Once that has been done and the council officers have run their various checks then a village referendum to vote “yes” or “no” to the Plan is the final step. That should take place later this year or more likely in early 2022.

Jonathan Wilson

Chair, Beyton Neighbourhood Plan team

Beyton NP Consultation Feb 2021

1. Do you support the content of Sections 1, 2 and 3?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		85.98%	92
No		3.74%	4
No opinion		10.28%	11
		answered	107
		skipped	4

2. Do you support the Vision and Objectives in Section 4?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		95.33%	102
No		2.80%	3
No opinion		1.87%	2
		answered	107
		skipped	4

3. Do you support Policy BTN 1 – Spatial Strategy?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		91.59%	98
No		5.61%	6
No opinion		2.80%	3
		answered	107
		skipped	4

4. Section 5. Planning Strategy - Not including Policy BTN 1, do you support Section 5?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		93.33%	98
No		6.67%	7
		answered	105
		skipped	6

5. Do you support Policy BTN 2 – Housing Development?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		83.65%	87
No		13.46%	14
No opinion		2.88%	3
		answered	104
		skipped	7

6. Do you support Policy BTN 3 – Land at the former Nursery, Tostock Road?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		86.11%	93
No		10.19%	11
No opinion		3.70%	4
		answered	108
		skipped	3

7. Do you support Policy BTN 4 – Land south of Bury Road?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		79.82%	87
No		14.68%	16
No opinion		5.50%	6
		answered	109
		skipped	2

8. Do you support Policy BTN 5 – Land opposite the Bear public house, Tostock Road?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		84.26%	91
No		12.96%	14
No opinion		2.78%	3
		answered	108
		skipped	3

9. Do you support Policy BTN 6 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		67.92%	72
No		23.58%	25
No opinion		8.49%	9
		answered	106
		skipped	5

10. Do you support Policy BTN 7 – Housing Mix?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		85.71%	90
No		9.52%	10
No opinion		4.76%	5
		answered	105
		skipped	6

11. Do you support Policy BTN 8 – Measures for new housing development?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		86.11%	93
No		7.41%	8
No opinion		6.48%	7
		answered	108
		skipped	3

12. Section 6 – Housing. Other than Policies BTN 2 to BTN 8 do you support the remaining contents of Section 6?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		89.72%	96
No		10.28%	11
		answered	107
		skipped	4

13. Do you support Policy BTN 9 – Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		91.51%	97
No		5.66%	6
No opinion		2.83%	3
		answered	106
		skipped	5

14. Do you support Policy BTN 10 – Biodiversity?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		94.39%	101
No		0.93%	1
No opinion		4.67%	5
		answered	107
		skipped	4

15. Do you support Policy BTN 11 – Protection of Important Views?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		92.59%	100
No		3.70%	4
No opinion		3.70%	4
		answered	108
		skipped	3

16. Do you support Policy BTN 12 – Local Green Spaces?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		89.62%	95
No		9.43%	10
No opinion		0.94%	1
		answered	106
		skipped	5

17. Section 7 – Natural Environment. Other than Policies BTN 9 to BTN 12 do you support the remaining contents of Section 7?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		98.10%	103
No		1.90%	2
		answered	105
		skipped	6

18. Do you support Policy BTN 13 – Buildings of Local Significance?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		96.23%	102
No		1.89%	2
No opinion		1.89%	2
		answered	106
		skipped	5

19. Do you support Policy BTN 14 – Heritage Assets?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		97.20%	104
No		0.93%	1
No opinion		1.87%	2
		answered	107
		skipped	4

20. Section 8 – Historic Environment. Other than Policies BTN 13 and BTN 14 do you support the remaining contents of Section 8?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		100.00%	107
No		0.00%	0
		answered	107
		skipped	4

21. Do you support Policy BTN 15 – Protecting Existing Services and Facilities?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		94.39%	101
No		1.87%	2
No opinion		3.74%	4
		answered	107
		skipped	4

22. Do you support Policy BTN 16 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		93.46%	100
No		4.67%	5
No opinion		1.87%	2
		answered	107
		skipped	4

23. Section 9 – Services and Facilities. Other than Policies BTN 15 and BTN 16 do you support the remaining contents of Section 9?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		95.24%	100
No		4.76%	5
		answered	105
		skipped	6

24. Do you support Policy BTN 17 – Design Considerations?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		92.38%	97
No		5.71%	6
No opinion		1.90%	2
		answered	105
		skipped	6

25. Do you support Policy BTN 18 – Sustainable Building?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		92.52%	99
No		4.67%	5
No opinion		2.80%	3
		answered	107
		skipped	4

26. Do you support Policy BTN 19 – Dark skies?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		91.59%	98
No		4.67%	5
No opinion		3.74%	4
		answered	107
		skipped	4

27. Do you support Policy BTN 20 – Flooding and sustainable drainage?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		97.17%	103
No		1.89%	2
No opinion		0.94%	1
		answered	106
		skipped	5

28. Section 10 – Development Design. Other than Policies BTN 17 to BTN 20 do you support the remaining contents of Section 10?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		98.06%	101
No		1.94%	2
		answered	103
		skipped	8

29. Section 11 – Transport and Traffic. Do you support the contents of Section 11?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		89.32%	92
No		10.68%	11
		answered	103
		skipped	8

30. Do you support the contents of the Policies Map?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		83.81%	88
No		14.29%	15
No opinion		1.90%	2
		answered	105
		skipped	6

31. Appendices. Do you have any comments on the Appendices?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		28.85%	30
No		61.54%	64
No opinion		9.62%	10
		answered	104
		skipped	7

32. Do you have any other comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		47.52%	48
No		52.48%	53
		answered	101
		skipped	10

WHAT IS A PATH?

In the Spring issue of the Ramblers magazine 'WALK', there was an article about paths, which I thought might interest some Beyton residents.

So, what exactly is a path? It is simply a walked route that gets us from one place to another. It can be for practical purposes, such as getting to work, or the nearest bus-stop. It is often for pleasure, to enjoy the scenery, to get away from it all, or it may be as a challenge, to see how far you can manage.

During the last 18 months, many of us have been walking daily for exercise, fresh air and sanity! Mostly we have used local paths, many of which will be **designated Rights of Way**. A Right of Way gives everyone the legal right to walk the line of the path, regardless of who owns it, in much the same way as we have a right to drive on public roads. These important paths are shown on Ordnance Survey maps. Beyton currently has 9 ROWs.

In his book 'The Old Ways: A Journey on Foot', the author Robert Macfarlane says of footpaths: "As rights of way determined and sustained by use, they constitute a labyrinth of liberty, a slender network of common land that still threads through our aggressively privatised world of barbed wire and gates, CCTV cameras and 'No Trespassing' signs".

There are **Permissive Paths**, like the one from Beyton Garage, which runs towards Hessett, inside the hedge line parallel to Church Road, avoiding the dangerous bend near the church. This is an official designation but it is not in perpetuity.

Then there are informal paths, such as those criss-crossing the grassland between Church Road and Bury Road, and between Church Road and Quaker Lane. These are walked daily by many residents through the generosity of the land-owner. Most of them are unofficial, and are known as **Desire Lines, Pirate Paths or Elephant Trails**, as they are made by people walking where they wish to, often taking the shortest route from A to B. These have no legal status.

Many ROWs have historic significance, such as **Coffin Paths**, also known as **Corpse Paths, Bier Roads or Lych Ways**. These were used to carry coffins from isolated communities to church or cemetery for burial. **Holloways, Grundles, Shutes**, and **Bostels** are sunken ancient paths. There are some in Stanton.

Finally, who can resist a **Smile Path**? These are the mini-diversions around a fallen tree or other object, or as a way of socially distancing while out for a walk on a narrow path, thereby making a smile shape when viewed from the air. Whatever type of path it is, tread lightly and leave only footprints.

Cathy Cass

Beyton Environmental Group

NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Farewell Message from Helen Wilson, Principal of Thurston Community College



I have written regular articles for the Thurston Newsletter and the Beyton Newsletter during my sixteen years as Principal of Thurston Community College. However, this is without doubt the most difficult of them all.

I look back with great fondness on my time as Principal. I have always seen it as a huge honour to be the leader of a community which is shaping the lives of young people and through them, the society in which we live. Many of our students, past and present, live with their families in the villages of Thurston and Beyton and I know, like me, you will be proud of the contributions they have made over time, to the communities in which they reside.

Of course, being a Headteacher can be tough, lonely at times, daunting and downright difficult, but it can also be one of the most rewarding jobs imaginable. I have so many things to be grateful for and right up there is the support, loyalty, trust and friendship of my colleagues and yourselves as residents of the villages in which our two College campuses are located.

I have always believed that Thurston Community College should be at the heart of the community which we serve and I would like to extend a special thank you to the residents of the villages of Thurston and Beyton. You have been wonderful neighbours and it has been both a privilege and a pleasure to work with you on mutually beneficial projects over the years. The partnership between our parents, our staff and members of our wider community has always been a priority for me, as the College works tirelessly to provide the best educational opportunities for our students.

Whilst it will be incredibly difficult and sad for me to leave Thurston Community College, as my heart and soul are here, the time is also right for me to enjoy retirement from headship and I am very much looking forward to the next exciting chapter of my life! I am relocating to Devon and have bought a bungalow on the outskirts of Sidmouth, about twenty minutes from the beach. I have accepted a part time job as a Chemistry Teacher at Exeter School and will also be carrying on with some headteacher consultancy work. I intend to walk the 630 miles of the South West coastal path (having been inspired by Raynor Winn's novel, *The Salt Path*), to cycle across Dartmoor and Exmoor and, living by the seaside, to take up a new water sport hobby; paddle boarding. I will be living just down the hill from the Norman Lockyer Observatory, so perhaps I will join that community and rekindle my passion for astronomy. Who knows, I might even be invited into local schools as a guest lecturer, to share my enthusiasm for the wonders of our universe!

As I depart to pastures new, I am delighted to be handing over the reins of Thurston Community College to Nicki Mattin. Nicki is leaving her current post as Principal at Spires Academy in Canterbury, to join the College for the start of next term. I know

that I can rely on you to support Nicki as you have done me, as the school continues to flourish and moves from strength to strength in the future.

I would like to take this final opportunity to thank you all for your support over the years and to wish all members of our local community every good health and happiness for the future.

With my very best wishes

Helen Wilson

Principal

LETTER FROM WHITNALL FAMILY

Just after we published the last magazine, we received this letter from Mrs Ivy Whitnall and her family, about her husband Frank Whitnall, the long-serving former Headteacher at Beyton Middle School who died in January 2020.

“Recently my husband’s ashes were interred in All Saints Churchyard. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Rev Nick Cutler and the parishioners for permitting us to bring Frank back to his beloved Beyton.

“Frank spent 21 happy years at Beyton Middle School and had tremendous respect for his hard-working teachers, support staff, parents and pupils.

“We as a family feel that we have brought Frank home. As one of our sons recently said: “He is within view of the school, and is still keeping ‘an eye’ on things!”

“Also, to those who have passed by, seen Frank’s memorial slate in the churchyard and sent messages of memories and condolences, thank you. Thank you, everyone.”

Ivy Whitnall and Family



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Sat 28th August 2021
5.00 – 9.00pm

PARISH MAGAZINE

FOR BEYTON, ROUGHAM, HESSETT & RUSHBROOKE

We are seeking **Volunteers** to deliver about 40 magazines in **Beyton**. The Magazine is printed monthly, except for August and December. If you feel you can help, please contact Barbara Jones 01359 271266 April. It has been rescheduled for the equivalent date next year – the last weekend of April 2021.

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The Bear Inn Beyton
The White Horse Beyton



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Thurston – Cracknells

Tel 270256 – Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 7am-9pm, Sunday 8am-9pm

Thurston – PO Londis

Tel 230450 – Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 6:30am-8:30pm, Sunday 8.00am-6pm

Rougham – PO

Tel 270201 – Opening hrs: Mon-Fri 7.30am-6pm, Sat 9am-12.30, Sun 9am-12

Garages

Beyton Garage Tel 01359 271166

Thurston Cracknells Tel 01359 270256

Pubs Restaurants

The Bear Inn Tel 01359 270249

The White Horse Tel 01359 270324

LOCAL SHOP
OPENING TIMES
MAY BE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE

WELCOME TO BEYTON LEAFLET

If you are new to Beyton – Welcome: Our 'Welcome to Beyton' booklet is packed with information regarding the village, its contacts and facilities.

If you would like a copy contact Barbara Jones on **01359 271266** or gonetomygarden@gmail.com

CLEAN-UP BEYTON

Saturday 27th March 2021



If anyone thinks litter picking is boring, then please ask the 23 parishioners who turned out for the Clean-up Beyton event in March. The weather was beautiful, there was plenty of litter to occupy our morning and probably the most important of all – we were able to meet up with old and new friends. A real bonus after being locked down for months. Oh, and the refreshments at the White Horse were excellent. Why not join the volunteers at the Autumn event, likely to be on Saturday 16th October?

