

Beyton Village News

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2026

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Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2026

6th October 2026
3rd November 2026

Parish Council meetings

Will usually take place on the first Tuesday of the month, starting at **7.30pm** unless stated otherwise.

If you would like to make written representation rather than attending in person, please send an email or write to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 7 days from the date of the meeting.

Meetings are open to the press and public and there is a section of the meeting where residents are invited to raise questions or make comments; although there is no requirement of the Council to answer any questions at the meeting, Councillors will take account of the balance of views expressed when they are deliberating matters during the remainder of the meeting.

Knit & Natter

Monday 5th October
Thursday 15th October

10am-12 Church Vestry

Monday 2nd November
Thursday 19th November

Coffee Morning

Thursday 8th October

10am-12 Church Vestry

Thursday 12th November

Village Walk

Sunday 4th October	10am	Old Bus Shelter
Sunday 10th January	10am	Blackthorpe Barn Car Park

Act of Remembrance

Sunday 8th November	10:50am	The Green
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Safari Supper

Saturday 14th November	6:30pm	The White Horse
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Deadline for next edition:

Friday
13th November 2026

Please let us have any contributions by the above date at the latest for consideration for the next edition. Please send to: editor@beytonvillage.news
Letters welcome.

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Editor's Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Village News.

We were treated to a busy Summer of events in the village. The Fayre in particular was very successful in spite of the weather deciding to give us the one rainy day in August!! It was great to see such a big turnout and so many people on the Green.

Hope you enjoy the photos!

Editor

Beyton Parish Council

Chairman's report

I never thought I would ever say 'it's too hot' however, I came very close to it this summer.

I remember the number 40 showing on the dashboard of my car whilst driving back from Bury and thinking 'I'm doing more than that!', then I realised that I was not looking at the speedo, I was looking at the temperature gauge!

Love it or loathe it, there is no doubt summer 2026 was something special – or maybe not. Time will tell.

Reality was restored on the 29th August when the BVA managed to conjure up some rain for the village fayre. Joking aside I would like to congratulate the whole team for the wonderful events they think up and the deliver for our enjoyment. Beyton is lucky to have such an enthusiastic and talented group of willing volunteers – thank you.

Local Green Space (LGS)

I am sure that everyone is aware of the ongoing work by the Neighbourhood Plan team and particularly the objective to apply for Local Green Space status in the fields beside Church Road and Quaker Lane. Following significant research, the application documents are being prepared together with a questionnaire for all parishioners to record their opinion and support. Please expect this around the middle of October and remember that YOUR vote is important, not only for today but vital to help shape Beyton for future generations. Make sure your voice is heard.

Roads, Parking, Speeding and Hedges

Over the past few months, the Parish Council has received several comments and written correspondence on highways issues and suggestions from residents on how to improve mobility and safety in Beyton.

The upshot is that at our next meeting on 6th October we shall hold an open discussion on what needs to be done, can it be done and can it be financed. To facilitate what we hope will be helpful decisions representatives from Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Highways have been invited to attend. I'm sure that everyone has a view on these matters and I urge you to come along and join in the debate.

Clean-up Beyton

The Autumn event is on Saturday 24th October, meet at the Old Bus Shelter at 10am, refreshments after at The Bear.

Enjoy our wonderful village and the anticipated beautiful autumn colours.

Yours

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

BEYTON

COFFEE MORNINGS

The next event will be
THURS 8TH OCTOBER • THURS 12TH NOVEMBER

10am-noon in Beyton Vestry

Are you new to the Village?

Maybe you haven't managed to have a chat with your friends lately?

Are you just feeling a little lonely or even bored?



Then come and join us for tea and coffee – and
if you are lucky, home baked cakes and biscuits!



Everyone is welcome – and men that includes you too!

The **SECOND THURSDAY** of every month
is the date for these informal get-together





Thurston Community College

and Sixth Form

Welcome from Thurston Community College and Sixth Form as we begin a new school year.

Some people may be under the illusion that schools "close" over the six week summer break but they are often a hive of activity with lots of preparation for the coming year not to mention two very important days in August, as we celebrate those students who have taken their GCSEs and A levels who come in to collect their results.

These days are always busy with students, parents and other family members arriving somewhat nervously and leaving with big smiles on their faces, having enjoyed celebrating with their friends, family, teachers and other staff.

Our 18 year old Year 13 cohort celebrated a 100% pass rate with every student passing every qualification and two thirds of these were passed at C grade or above. Some students already have next steps set up in work places and apprenticeships but many others were checking they had their grades to take up university courses. Every student was offered a place at their first choice university and they will attend venues as diverse as York, London (Westminster), Kent, and Iowa.

Our 16 year olds who finished Year 11 also celebrated great results a week later with success across the curriculum from Spanish and French, Art and Dance, across all of the Sciences, and also in the ever important Maths and English. We know all students work hard as they prepare for GCSE and we are especially proud of those who overcome some significant challenges to achieve excellent outcomes.

We begin our new year, welcoming new sixth formers into Year 12 at the Beyton Campus and our new Year 7s to the Thurston Campus. Very soon we will be holding Open Evenings for next year's intake. Please contact the College if you would like to find out any more about student admissions or visiting us.

Many of you will be aware that we will be having new school accommodation built on the Thurston Campus. This work is due to start soon with hopes that we will move in at some point in 2028; do follow our website for updates about the progress of the building.

M Taylor
Principal

Reduce the cost of heating your home by joining the Beyton oil buying group.

Known as **BOBS oil (Beyton Oil Buying Syndicate)** the Beyton oil buying group is run by the BVA (Beyton Village Association), and has been operating for approximately 15 years, helping local households reduce costs of home heating as well as the number of oil tanker journeys through our village.

How does it work?

The concept is straightforward – by placing larger group orders rather than every household buying separately, we obtain significant cost savings, and everyone benefits.

- 1) We order five times during the year – early February, April, July, October, and December. Those registered to join the scheme receive an email before each order is placed, inviting them to take part. Anyone wishing to order responds to the email stating how much oil they require. The syndicate organisers calculate the total volume needed and then call all the local suppliers to obtain the best price.
- 2) Once the cheapest supplier has been identified, then an order is placed and contact details for those wanting oil are passed on.
- 3) Buying group organisers email members who requested oil, informing them of the price achieved and the name of the winning supplier.
- 4) The winning supplier contacts each customer direct, to confirm the order, take payment and arrange delivery.

How and who do I pay?

Payments are made by each customer direct to the winning oil supplier. Beyton group organisers don't get involved with any aspect of payments, other than negotiating the best price for the group.

Cost savings available

Heating oil prices fluctuate, especially during conflicts in the Middle East. By combining individual requirements to create larger syndicate orders, savings up to three pence per litre are achieved, compared to those placing individual orders. This equates to just under £30 (incl VAT) saving for an average 900-litre delivery.

The more oil we can order at a time, then the bigger the potential savings for the whole group, so please encourage friends and neighbours in Beyton and surrounding villages to join our ordering scheme. Whether you require only a 500-litre top-up, or have a larger tank needing thousands of litres, we can help reduce the costs of your heating.

Which company will supply the oil?

Put simply – it will be whichever supplier is cheapest on the day when we call around for quotes. When phoning for prices, we contact all the well-known and reputable local suppliers. Some are always expensive while there are usually three or four that try harder to win orders and offer much lower prices. There will often be up to eight pence per litre difference between the cheapest and most expensive.

If I register, then do I have to join in?

Everyone registered receives e-mails before each delivery inviting them to take part, but there is no obligation. Members remain free to place their own orders whenever they wish to, although we encourage group ordering as far as possible as this benefits everyone.

Environmental benefits

Rather than multiple tankers from various suppliers delivering oil on different days, buying as a group means transport can be more efficiently arranged so that all the Beyton deliveries are completed on the same day by a single tanker. Obviously, this is better for the environment and reduces heavy lorry movements through our village.

Is there a cost?

No, there is no cost to join the scheme or when placing orders, so members benefit from the full cost savings achieved. The scheme is run by volunteers who receive no commission, to benefit local households by reducing costs of home heating oil and traffic through our village.

However, we do invite members to make a £5 donation to the BVA each time they place an order, if they can afford to. This is entirely voluntary.

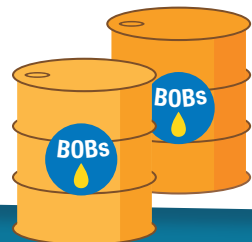
What about those using gas?

Sorry, but the Beyton Oil Buying group is only for those with oil-fired heating.

How do I join?

To register to receive e-mails from the Beyton Oil Buying Syndicate, please send an email to; bobsoil@hotmail.co.uk

You will then receive an email inviting you to join our next delivery, for which the group order will be placed week commencing **7th October** with deliveries expected the following week.



Village Walk

The last village walk, which was rescheduled because of the heat, had a very good turnout with 14 participants. It was great that there were quite a few new people taking part – we always welcome new walkers.

The route went to The Norton Dog through Grove Farm, a Suffolk Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve. We had a welcome stop for a drink at the pub half way round and came back on a different route through Grove Farm so we could enjoy seeing different parts of the reserve.

The next walk will be on Sunday 4th October starting at 10.00am from the old bus shelter on The Green. The route will be about 5 miles long and should take about 2 hours. These walks are very sociable and a great way to meet and chat to new people. Everyone is welcome including children and dogs on leads.

Hope to see you there.

Beyton Fayre 2026

After weeks of hot dry weather we were so unlucky that it rained on the day of the Fayre. Thanks to everyone who came to the event determined to enjoy themselves despite the weather – it was great to still see so many people there!

The weekend started with the Open Mic on Friday night, kindly hosted by The Larks, with performers playing a variety of different styles of music, culminating in a great set from local young musicians Isaac and Alex.

We had more stalls than ever this year including old favourites alongside new attractions such as Goose Hoopla and Name the Unicorn as well as a number of new craft stalls.

Unfortunately the grass was too wet to hold the children's races or the tug of war but the dog show still went ahead, with prizes donated by Eastgate Vets and judging of the classes by Naomi Nunn of Mutts Cuts in Woolpit, many thanks to them. The day finished with the traditional water bomb throwing game which was completed just before the heavy downpour at the end of the day.

Thanks to all the committee members who worked so hard to make the event a success and to all the people who volunteered to run stalls on the day. Special thanks to the marquee team as putting this up and taking it back down again is a big task. Special thanks also to Ingrid and Adrian and Lois for letting us to connect to their electric supply so that the bands had a sound system and the bar could have cold beer!

We are very grateful to everyone who donated items for stalls including bottles, cakes, plants and bric a brac, of which there was a plentiful amount. and as always many thanks too to the White Horse for providing the bar for both the open mic and the fayre.

The BVA is a non-profit organisation. All proceeds from the fayre are used to cover the costs of the event, the purchase of equipment to be able to run future events and

to fund future events for the benefit of the village. Last year money made at the fayre was used to subsidise the Midsummer Madness event for which we only charged £10 per ticket when the real cost was more than £20 per person.

We regularly make donations from the funds raised to local charities. Any local charities who would like to be considered for a donation should email anselmgurney@sky.com with their charity name, address, charity number and a short paragraph describing what you do.



Safari Supper

The Safari Supper will take place this year on Saturday 14th November, it's always an enjoyable evening and a great way to meet new people and make new friends as well as catching up with old ones!

Please see the Safari Supper page in this magazine for details and how to book.

We will remember them



Remembrance Sunday in Beyton Sunday 8th, November at 10.50am

9.00am Holy Communion and Laying of Wreaths, All Saints Church
10.50am Community Act of Remembrance on the Green.

Come and gather on **The Green** to remember those from Beyton who lost their lives in the First and Second and World Wars, and whose names are recorded on War Memorials inside the church.

During this short Act of Remembrance, their names will be read out, we will observe the two-minute silence at 11.00am and we will close by singing the National Anthem.

We hope you will come along to this special and poignant event.
We would love to see you there.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

It will soon be time for our door-to-door collectors to plan their schedules. Unfortunately, this year we shall be without our most famous member Rod Scott BEM who sadly passed away back in the spring. Rod was a great supporter of the British Legion and his legacy goes back over seventy years, not many of us can claim that.

We will miss you Rod and will do our best to keep up your fine tradition.

Graham Jones.

Poppy coordinator for Beyton

Safari Supper

Saturday 14th November

This year's Safari Supper will be held on **Saturday 14th November** and the format will be the same as last year.

Starting at 6.30pm everyone will meet in The White Horse for drinks and nibbles, before being given an envelope with the details of the venue for your main course and details of a different venue that you will move on to for dessert.

At **9:45pm** we will then all meet up at the end of the evening back at **The White Horse for coffee and a mince pie**.

You can participate simply as guests or be a host. The event will require hosts who are prepared to make either a main course or a dessert for a total of 6 people. Hosts will be given **£6** per guest to cover the cost of ingredients for a main course and **£3** per guest to cover the cost of ingredients for a dessert.

The aim is for the food to be part of a casual supper rather than fine dining – a one pot meal or dessert.

Please bring your own wine, beer or soft drink of your choice with you for the evening.

It is an excellent way to get to know people in the village who you may never have met before and to reconnect with others.

The event is open to all and we of course welcome couples as well as single guests

Please indicate if you are able to act as a host.

Once we have received your details, we will let you know how to make payment.

If you think you would like to take part please email
beytonvillageassociation@gmail.com with the following information:

- Names
- Address
- Phone number
- Email address
- Any special dietary requirements
- Would you like to host?

If you have any questions call **Claire on 07557 023306**

The deadline to register to join is
Friday 23rd October

Tickets are
£16 per person
Includes: nibbles,
main course & dessert
plus coffee &
mince pie.



**SAT
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OCT**

CLEAN UP BEYTON

**COME AND JOIN US
TO CLEAN UP BEYTON**

Please meet 10am at the old Bus Shelter

GLOVES, LITTER PICKERS ETC PROVIDED

All help appreciated

**REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS
FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AT
THE WHITE HORSE**





**Thurston
Community
College**
Belong | Thrive | Succeed

TCC Open Evening



Thursday 8
October 2026



17:30 - 20:00



www.thurstoncollege.org



**Thurston
Sixth Form**

Sixth Form Open Evening



Thursday 15
October 2026



18:00 - 20:00



www.thurstonsixth.org

Farming Around Beyton

What is happening in the arable fields of Beyton?

The Beyton cereals harvest finished earlier than usual this year, partly due to early ripening of many crops due to the drought, and also because combines were able to continue working almost non-stop as grain moisture levels remained low, even at night.

The prolonged dry weather adversely affected both quality and yields, making it a growing year and harvest many farmers across this region would rather forget. However, for at least one of the local farms, things weren't quite as bad as had been feared. The Rougham Estate Farms manager told this magazine, "It wasn't a record breaker by any means, but it was better than last year – the addition of nearly 20 years' worth of organic matter and livestock manure to our soils is definitely paying dividends, improving both moisture & nutrient retention."

Fields along Drinkstone Road have a new owner.

Only a few years after the land last changed hands, several fields alongside Drinkstone Road, Tostock Road and Cangles Lane have been offered for sale again. Among these are fields featured previously in this series of articles, including 'School Field', immediately after the Thurston Sixth Beyton Campus; 'Home Field', which is between 'School Field' and Cangles Lane; 'Pub Field' which is opposite 'School Field' to the east of Drinkstone Road, and 'Slipway' which is behind the houses on the south side of Tostock Road, and by the junction where the A14 west-bound exit slip road meets Tostock Road.

When the land was offered for sale in early summer, many Beyton residents were worried that it might tempt a new housing development or energy companies wanting to install solar panels. However, we can now confirm that the purchase of the land by a local farm is almost complete, subject to final 'dotting of a few i's' and 'crossing of some t's'. The farmer has confirmed that the fields will continue growing traditional arable crops, and there is no intention to seek alternative use in the foreseeable future. Existing environmental features will remain, and additional measures to enhance environmental benefits will probably be added in time, subject to availability and timing of government-backed Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) schemes. Further clearing of existing ditches is planned to improve soil drainage, although this probably won't be until next winter. The fields will retain their current names.

As before, the fields will be farmed as one block. Following oilseed rape that was harvested this year, cultivations had already commenced at the time of writing this article in late September preparing the land for winter wheat. The intended variety is LG Defiance – a Group 4 Hard Feed Wheat, destined for processing in an East Anglian feed mill.

Quaker Lane

The fields south of Quaker Lane, between Chevins Wood and Church Road and behind the stables are known as the 'Beyton Block'. One of the fields will be planted with a second Winter Wheat. (The term 'second' means that this is the second consecutive year within the standard crop rotation, growing a similar crop). This will be a milling variety, Skyfall, destined to be ground to make flour. The other field (subject to SFI contributions being granted this autumn), will be under the option "Enhanced Overwinter Stubble" which means it will be left as stubble until next May – very similar to the old set-aside scheme.

Further west along Quaker Lane, on the Rougham side of Chevins Wood, the field that grew oilseed rape this year will be planted with Winter Wheat this autumn. This will be the feed variety LG Defiance. Shortly after the crop has been planted, those walking footpaths around the field might notice a central section marked by canes. This is for crop trials by a major crop protection and seed company. The purpose of the trials hasn't yet been confirmed, but it could include seed treatments, Winter Wheat varieties or new crop protection chemicals.

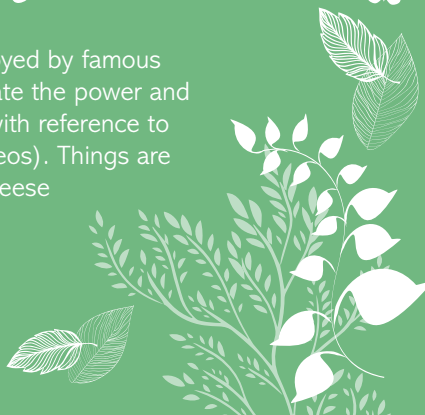
Thurston Road

In 'Manor Field', on the right-hand side of Thurston Road between Manor Farm Drive and the A14, winter wheat will be planted. The variety is LG Redwald, a Group 4 soft wheat which it is hoped will achieve satisfactory quality for biscuit making to achieve a price premium, but which will otherwise be sold for animal feed. The ideal time for planting is late October, but the actual date will depend on soil conditions and weather.

Nature Notes

'Follow the Geese'. That's a motivational phrase employed by famous coaches in sports such as football and rugby to illustrate the power and importance of team performance. It's generally used with reference to Canadian geese in flight (see YouTube for relevant videos). Things are probably a little different here in Beyton but our own geese look after each other and live simple, happy lives. Maybe we can learn something from them.

Roger Brand



2026-27 Autumn / Winter Flu and COVID Vaccination Campaign

In line with government guidance, the main 2026-27 autumn / winter flu and COVID vaccination campaign commences on 1st October.

Eligibility for a Flu Vaccination

- Aged 65 years and over;
- 18 – 64 years at clinical risk;
- Those in long stay residential care homes;
- Carers of elderly or disabled persons;
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals;
- Frontline workers in a health and social care setting.

Eligibility for a COVID Booster

- Residents in a care home for older adults;
- All adults aged 75 years and over;
- Patients aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.

At Woolpit Health Centre we will kick off the campaign with two large clinics as follows:

Saturday 3rd October - COVID and Flu for patients over the age of 75 years ONLY

Wednesday 7th October - Flu ONLY for eligible patients under the age of 75 years

We will then plan smaller clinics for patients unable to make these dates.

Eligible patients will receive an invitation via a mobile phone text or by letter, depending on how they have consented for us to make contact. There may be occasions where patients of the same household have different appointment times. In this event patients can attend together at either time, without the need to inform us.

Housebound patients will be notified of their vaccination date by telephone.

During this busy time, we try hard to minimise disruption to our core primary care services, protecting our Care Navigators so they can remain focused on supporting patients who need triaging into urgent and routine appointments. During the season our small, dedicated vaccination team handle large numbers of telephone and email enquiries.

Request to Patients

1. Please **wait** for your invitation.
2. Upon receipt please only contact the team if you need to change your appointment or cannot use the mobile phone booking link.
3. Our preference is for email contact as this keeps the phone line free and is an efficient way to communicate. Please email: woolpit.covid19queries@nhs.net
4. If you need to phone our dedicated vaccine line, the number is **01359 243933**.
5. **Finally, we ask you please to be patient, whichever way you contact us we will get back to you. There is no need to leave multiple messages, this only slows down our responses. Be reassured, we have plenty of vaccine and plenty of appointments.**

We look forward to another successful vaccination season.



The past 3 months has been a busy time in the Health Centre. We have received a total of 11,256 Anima requests, averaging 185 per day.

Contacting us

We are proud to offer our patients different options for contacting the health centre, online using Anima, via our reception team or through Andi.

- *We remind patients using the telephone for access that they can utilise the callback function if there is a queue.*

Un-attended Appointments

In the last 3 months 4% of the 4,440 face to face GP appointments were un-attended and not cancelled.

This wastes 35 hours of time dedicated to patients, equating to 175 appointments that would have been available over the 3-month period.

Reminder to Patients

Please remember to contact the health centre if you need to cancel your appointment. You can do this over the phone or via the NHS app. Every appointment missed and not cancelled is an appointment that could be used by someone you know who needs our help.

Knit and Natter

Do you fancy spending a sociable morning with coffee, tea and a chat?

Our friendly Knit & Natter mornings take place in **Beyton Church Vestry** from **10am to 12** midday normally on the first Monday of each month.

No need to book, just come along. Bring any yarn or craft project along with you or just come for a chat!

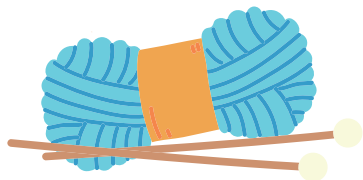
Knit & Natter mornings coming up on:

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Thursday 19th November



For more information, please contact:

Debbie on 01359 271314

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

Rougham – PO

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

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