

Beyton Village News

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2025

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Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2025

7th October 2025
4th November 2025

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 – 10am – 12 Church Vestry

Monday 6th October	Monday 3rd November
Thursday 16th October	Thursday 20th November

Village Walk

Sunday 5th October	10am	*Thurston New Green Community Centre Car Park* Please note change of starting location
Sunday 11th January 2026		Details to follow in next edition

Clean up Beyton

Saturday 18th October	10am	Old Bus Shelter
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Act of Remembrance

Sunday 9th November	10:50am	The Green
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Safari Supper

Saturday 15th November	6:30pm	The White Horse
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Carol singing

Monday 22nd December	6:30pm	The Green
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Deadline for next edition:

Friday
14th November 2025

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

Autumn has arrived after a lovely long summer and we have a chance to look back at some great photos of a very successful Fayre.

At last, we were blessed with a dry day and the number of people who came to support it was amazing. A huge thank you has to go to everyone who played a part in the day, the organisers, volunteers, people who donated so much and everyone who turned out and joined in.

Things don't seem to be slowing down for a while yet and as you will see, there are still lots of ways to get out and about and take part in a variety of activities.

Editor

Beyton Parish Council

Chairman's report

Holidays are over, back to school for the young ones and time for the rest of us to reflect on what a beautiful summer it was. If they were all like that we would not have to jet off to warmer lands.

It seems like a while back now but I'm sure will remember our splendid Summer Fayre and Barn Dance, another great job by the BVA – And it didn't rain!

The Parish Council met at the beginning of September, and it may be useful to briefly mention some of the topics we discussed.

Firstly, we co-opted and welcomed a new member Helen Preston, however, there is still room for one more if anyone would like to join. The faded road markings at the junction of Thurston Road and Tostock Road is still a concern, and we agreed to pursue this again with Suffolk Highways. The village is owed more than twenty thousand pounds in CIL money which could be used for certain infrastructure projects, if you want to know more about this, I suggest that you join the PC or come along to one of our meetings.

Our finances are in good order, the current bank balance is £54,804.88

We have agreed to carry out repairs to the children's roundabout and the flat seat swing, but the suggestion from some residents to install an aerial runway and multi goal was seen to be a bit too expensive.

We are pushing Suffolk Highways to complete ditch clearing along Beyton Rd, Thurston between the A14 culvert and the caravan park. Attending to this small section is seen as vital to allow the stream to flow through our village and prevent flooding at the north end of The Green.

A short update on The Neighbourhood plan was given at the September meeting to keep everyone aware of potential development in our community.

As you can see there is quite a lot of exciting stuff going on, you can stay abreast of all of this by reading the meeting minutes which are posted on the Beyton Website or better still attending our PC meetings or even better still joining the Parish Council – there is an opening right now

Yours

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

BVA News

Village Walk

The next walk will be on Sunday 5th October starting at 10am from the NEW GREEN CENTRE, THURSTON, to provide variety with a different choice of route. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO THE PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED START POINT.

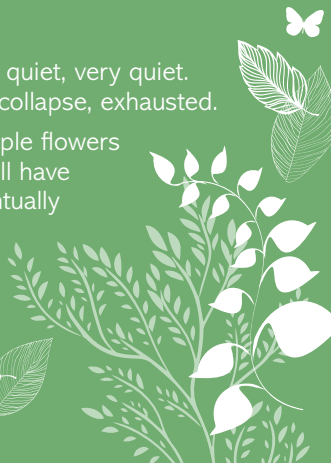
Anyone unable to make their own way there who would like a lift please ring Anselm on 01359 270176 or Val on 07557 989592 and if you have any problems locating the group at the start of the walk please ring Anselm on his mobile 07920 454145 before the start time of 10.00am.

The route will be about 5 miles long and will last about 2 hours. These walks are very sociable and a great way to meet and chat to new people. Everyone is welcome, including new walkers, accompanied children and dogs on leads.

Nature Notes

It was hot this summer. And when it's very hot everything goes quiet, very quiet. The birds stop singing and even the bees stop buzzing. We all collapse, exhausted.

Recently the meadows around Beyton have been filled with purple flowers on tall stems, Willowherb I believe. If you looked closely, you will have seen what a spectacular form this plant takes. The flowers eventually give way to pods which release seeds like fluffy feathers that drift away in the breeze. The pods then open fully, curl back and entwine to produce an intricate, almost metallic, tube along the top of the stem. A weed? No way, a truly impressive wild flower.



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Knit and Natter

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

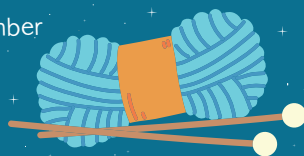
Our friendly Knit & Natter mornings take place in **Beyton Church Vestry** from **10am to 12** midday normally on the first Monday of each month. However, by popular request, we are trialling additional midweek meetings.

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:

Monday 6th October	Thursday 16th October
Monday 3rd November	Thursday 20th November

For more information, please contact:
Debbie on 01359 271314



Parking

Over the past year or so there has been a noticeable increase in unhelpful parking around Beyton.



Parking on The Green, parking when bumped on a kerb, parking the wrong way – i.e. facing oncoming traffic – are all problems, albeit minor, in the village.

Parish Councillors are hoping that this small note that reminds parishioners that:

- parking on any part of the Village Greens is not allowed and that includes the verge;
- that parking the wrong way on a road at night is a violation of the Highway Code;
- that while bumping your car on a pavement is not illegal, it can cause difficulty for pedestrians. And, for example on the Bury Road, the width of the road means it is entirely unnecessary . . . will serve to end these unhelpful practices before the Parish Council needs to take further steps.

Beyton Parish Council

Safari Supper

Saturday 15th November

This year's Safari Supper will be held on **Saturday 15th 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
Sunday 20th October**

Tickets are
£15.0 per person
Includes: nibbles,
main course & dessert
plus coffee &
mince pie.



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What a difference the weather makes! For the first time for many years, we had a Summer Fayre with no rain and it was the busiest one I have seen.

The weekend started with a bang on the Friday night with a barn dance led by the Skylarking Ceilidh Band and there was a great turnout with 85 tickets sold. It was great to see people up dancing right from the start of the evening and still going until the very end at 11.00pm, with much dust being raised by the rhythmic stamping of feet on the dry ground.

The Fayre itself was opened by Rev'd Sarah Lock, who led a countdown to the opening, culminating in the cutting of a ceremonial ribbon. The stalls were made up of old favourites such as the coconut shy and the bottle tombola along with new attractions such as Welly Wanging and Beat the Goalie. Live music was provided in the marquee throughout the afternoon by Robin Torbitt and friends.

Because the ground was dry, we were able to hold the children's races and the tug of war for the first time for a few years and in the tug of war Beyton children managed to beat the Rest of the World. The dog show was so popular this year that it took quite a while for the dogs to walk around the central arena and for the judges to work their way along the line looking at each dog. Prizes for the dog show were kindly donated by Eastgate Vets.

Thanks to all the committee members who worked so hard to make the event a success and to all the people who volunteered to help by running stalls on the day. Particular thanks to the team who put up and take down the marquee as this is a big task and special thank you to Adrian & Lois, Chris & Simon who kindly allowed us to use their electricity during the day. Without everyone's help an event like this couldn't happen!

Thanks also to everyone who responded to our request ahead of the fayre and donated items for stalls – the cake stall was particularly successful this year thanks to donations. And many thanks to the White Horse for providing the bar and food for the barn dance and the bar for the fayre.

The BVA is a non-profit organisation. All proceeds from the fayre are used to cover the costs of the event and to fund future events for the benefit of the village and we regularly donate any surplus from our events to local charities.

Part of the BVA constitution stipulates that we can make donations to local charitable organisations if we accumulate any surplus. Any local charities who would like to be considered for potential donations in future should this circumstance arise should email anselmgurney@sky.com with their charity name, address, charity number and a short paragraph describing what you do.

If you would like to join the BVA and help to organise events like this for the village please give me a ring on 01359 270176. Or alternatively, just come along to the next committee meeting on Wed 22nd October at 7.30pm in The White Horse. Hope to see you there.





THURSTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TCC Open Evening



Thursday 9
October 2025



17:30 - 20:00



www.thurstoncollege.org

**THURSTON
SIXTH**
BEYTON CAMPUS



Sixth Form Open Evening



Thursday 16
October 2025



18:00 - 20:00



www.thurstonsixth.org



"Parting is such sweet sorrow" is a suitable phrase to summarise our farewells to the Classes of 2025. We bade a farewell to our GCSE students with a leavers' assembly and then their prom. Our A level students had similar fare with their awards evening also taking place in the summer sunshine.

It is always joyous to celebrate their successes and send them on their way into study, work and the big world awaiting them, but also sad to say farewell to young people who have helped shape the College in the years they have been with us. We have had students with an array of talents, in music, dance and drama, sport, creative arts, debating and leadership who have created a legacy for the students who will follow them

In addition to the wider enrichment these students have participated in, they have been strong academically and this was celebrated in August as exam results were celebrated with friends and family. Once again Thurston Sixth students have performed very strongly and many students have now taken up university places across the country, including to Oxford, and beyond. Others have accepted apprenticeships and job offers. At Thurston Community College there was a significant rise in GCSE results and we are pleased to be welcoming back many of these students to our Thurston Sixth, Beyton Campus, to continue their studies.

We wish each student who took exams this year every success for their future and welcome them to join our alumni networks, as we love to know how our students are succeeding as they move onto new chapters in their life, and as one chapter closes, another opens.

September began with the warm welcome to our new arrivals at both the Thurston and Beyton Campus, alongside the pleasurable reuniting with our continuant students. The increasing numbers on both campuses is a sure sign of the continued popularity and success of the College. Even as we do this and begin a new academic year and focus on how to ensure all students thrive and succeed, we



are already looking ahead to September 2026. The open evenings are a perfect opportunity to join us and find out more about the wonderful opportunities we offer our young people. The open evenings are always very well attended; being highly informative, engaging, vibrant and thoroughly enjoyable! Everyone is welcome along to the Thurston Campus on 9 October 2025 and the Thurston Sixth, Beyton Campus, on 16 October 2025.

Ms Maéve Taylor

Principal

We will remember them



Remembrance Sunday in Beyton Sunday 9th, 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.

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Tel 01284 834145

Opening every day 6am-10pm

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Tel 01359 230450

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Sunday 10am-4pm

Rougham – PO

Tel 01359 270201

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Sat 9am-12.30, Sun 9am-12

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