



# News from Yoxford Parish Council



## February 2024

We're told, aren't we, that the weather is a British pre-occupation. This is hardly surprising given that it feels like we've had four seasons already this year. Thank goodness for the joy that the blankets of snowdrops bring.

### Village Matters

#### Update following the floods since October 2023:

Work has begun in the village to minimise future flood impact. Landowners have been contacted and some are clearing ditches. Suffolk Highways is clearing drains. Yoxford Parish Council is linking with East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council in the hope that pressure can be put on the Environment Agency to review the needs of the River Yox and carry out the required maintenance.

As previously reported, as a result of the significant flooding in the village, under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Suffolk County Council will undertake a Section 19 investigation. Yoxford Parish Council will contribute to this. Information and updates continue to be available on Suffolk County Council's website here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/storm-babet>

**Winter Jobs:** You'll see our hardy village volunteers out and about this coming weekend completing a litter pick and road clean. If you're able to join the Team, please let the Parish Clerk know or just turn up at the Village Hall at **10am** on any of the following dates:

**February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>:** Litter pick & road clean

**March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>:** Litter pick & road clean

**Maintaining village green areas:** Council is now considering tenders for grass cutting and additional maintenance of our green spaces. It's keen to improve the overall appearance of these areas and will oversee

contractors and volunteers' work to ensure they are welcoming and useable spaces for everyone in the village.

**Planning Matters:** When a planning application is submitted and then validated by East Suffolk Council, **anyone can view and comment** on its [Public Access](#) system.

Yoxford Parish Council is a Consultee to every planning application that falls within the parish and, following discussion, will submit its comments. However, it has no decision-making power.

Other Consultees will be contacted directly and invited to comment by East Suffolk Council.

Planning applications and further guidance are available for anyone to see here: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications-and-enforcement/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

Comments must **always be in writing** and can be submitted in three ways:

1. via the Public Access system (link above)
2. sent *by email* to [planning@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:planning@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)
3. sent *by post* to the ESC Planning Team at Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft NR33 0EQ.

The process can feel complicated so please contact the Parish Clerk if you need any help.

### Join us for Village Hall events February:

- **February 16<sup>th</sup>:** Film Night *Wonka*. Doors open 6.30pm. Bar open.
- **February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Pub Night 6-11pm

### March:

- **March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Film Night *One Life*
- **March 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Car Boot Sale 9am-1pm
- **March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Pub Night 6-11pm



**Music is coming in April. Yox Rocks**

