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Welcome to your Community Magazine

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the HRA magazine after a very hot and dry summer.

The HRA has been very busy arranging new events to celebrate our centenary year along with community favourites. We had a great morning over Hereford Road park in May with some of our younger residents from 2 local nurseries. A number of children at Holland Haven School took part in an art competition and I had great pleasure in delivering prizes before school broke up for the summer holidays.

The scarecrow competition had a good number of residential and business entries. The hot weather was not kind to our front garden competition, but

well done to those who persevered. The weather also made it a very hot and tiring day for our garage sale.

The Public meeting on 24th July was well attended and we have had some lovely feedback on our guest speaker from Essex Police and the fact that District and County Councillors attend and answer questions. If there is a specific topic that you would like covered at a public meeting please let us know.

Get ready for the next Quiz on 10th October and the next open meeting on 12th October when it will be in the afternoon - more details will be sent out.

Tracey Hunt
Chairperson of HRA

Thank you

A heartfelt "Thank you" to our fete sponsors and supporters - your generosity and support made our summer fete possible and we are truly grateful. We couldn't have done it without you!

Grassroots and The Tudwick Foundation, Holland Motors, Pureshine and Clacton on Sea Lions for financial support to enable the fairground rides to be free.

Peagrams - for our wonderful advertising boards.

Grandma Lillys, Petes Fish & Grill, The Kingscliff, Frinton Butchers, Masters & Misters and Morrisons Daily for raffle prizes.

Holland Pet & Garden Supplies - prizes for our dog show.

Kings Avenue post office and Morrisons Daily for selling our raffle tickets.

My thanks to the committee, especially our event organiser Shaz - thank you for all your hard work in making the fete a great success.

Thank you to our residents, friends and family for your support - see you next year.

Tracey Hunt, Chairperson of HRA

Holland on Sea Centenary Village Fete 2026

Well we did it.

Best village fete ever and what a day we had with loads of ups and downs along the way over the course of the day. As it was our centenary year we found a very lovely lady Jean Finch who will be 100 in September to kindly open our fete and what a wonderful job she did. Deserved an Oscar. (For more about Jean, see our write-up at the end of this article).

With nearly 40 stall holders offering no end of homemade crafts, charity stalls, kids' toys, games and tombolas the kids loved it. Plus a FREE funfair and FREE face painting for the kids. Our DJ Brian Telford was fantastic and some people were even up dancing.

We held our family fun dog show. Being guided by our judges Happy Tail Waggers, as to whether we should proceed or not due to the weather we went ahead. Prizes kindly donated from Holland Pet Store.

Our "show ring" proved to be a great hit too with Paulines keep fit pink flamingoes and the CL cheerleaders. All great acts.

It was also terrific to see some of the classic cars from The Clacton Classic Car Club. I loved the little red mini. Bought back memories of the original *The Italian Job*.

Our face painting lady Dawn was kept busy from start to finish and our Bee-Line funfair was such a great hit with families not having to worry about having to pay for these. Money is tight at the best of times so nice to give something back to them.

But we could not have put on the funfair without the kind financial donations from Grassroots, our main sponsor, the Tudwick Foundation, Pureshine, Holland Motors and Clacton Lions. Thank you so much. Some



of our raffle prizes were kindly donated by Grandma Lilly's with a voucher for afternoon tea, so too the Kingscliff. A voucher from Pete's Fish & Grill and a meat voucher from Frinton Road Butchers and a hamper from Morrisons Daily.

Our raffle tickets were being sold in The Kings Avenue post office and Morrisons Daily and on the day at the fete. Christine Shepherd for kindly letting us use her marquee again. On the down side our original drinks supplier was involved in a serious road accident the day before but we arranged for another supplier who did a great job under the circumstances.

We were also down hearted to have lost our hog roast stall who had broken down on the way to the fete, so no hog roast, candy floss or popcorn. The same applied to our cakes lady. But we got through it and are already planning for next year.

BUT before then we have the Christmas Tractor Trail to look forward to in December. Date to be confirmed.

My special thanks also goes to the rest of our committee for helping me and keeping me sane along the way. Couldn't have got through all this with out them.

Shaz Pritchard
Events Organiser



We were thrilled that our centenary fete could be opened by a local resident Jean Finch who is celebrating her own centenary in September.

Jean was born in Brightlingsea, the eldest of 3 children. Following her marriage in 1948, she had 2 daughters and moved along the coast to Clacton, before settling in Holland on Sea 19 years ago. Jean's daughters, 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren have a wonderful celebration to look forward to. Apart from strong female genes, I did ask Jean what helps you to live to 100 - her reply 'good food & gardening', so that's something we can all learn from.

The HRA have arranged for Jean and her sister to have afternoon tea to celebrate her birthday and may we be the first to say "Happy Birthday".



A Right Royal Road continued

We left our travels along Kings Avenue, in the last edition of the HRA magazine, at the Post Office on the corner of Madeira Road. Whilst quietly serving the local community throughout the year, it would come to life at the start of the summer season with racks, outside, of buckets, spades, beach balls and lilos, plus packs of paper flags on wooden sticks to decorate sandcastles.

Crossing over Madeira Road, and there appeared the rather grand Queen's Hall Theatre, built in the 1930's with shops and cafe, plus a tea garden on the corner of Kings Parade, the whole site being owned by Walter Johnston, one of Holland on Sea's movers and shakers. The complex was demolished in 1972 to make way for the flats known as Maplin Court.

On the west side of Kings Avenue, the Kings Cliff Hotel was completed by Greene King in 1932. The brewery purchased the half built hotel after the original developer of the site, Samuel Newstead, died whilst work was still in progress.

Greene King owning the land that continued up to Madeira Road and behind the hotel car park was erected a whole set of lock-up garages that were accessed from Kings Avenue and could be hired by car owners in the area for a modest fee. Then, on the corner of Madeira Road was built a shop with living quarters above. The shop was a general store, selling art, needlework, wools, fancy goods, stationery, tobacco and cigarettes, as well as teas and ices, and was run by E W Bruton and known as Cliff Chalet. Mr Bruton was responsible for the lock-up garages along with a small filling station offering petrol and oils etc.

Between Madeira and Dulwich Roads was, for a very long time, just waste ground until the flats were built at the beginning of the 1960's. On the corner of Madeira Road and



E. W. Bruton's Cliff Chalet shop, with lock-up garages and petrol sales behind it.

Kings Avenue, opposite Cliff Chalet, the ground floor was divided into three retail outlets, the corner unit, itself, being an estate agent. Crossing over Dulwich Road amongst the residential properties, one plot, opposite Johnston's Yard, remained vacant and overgrown until the 1980's despite several third party attempts to acquire it. After crossing over Salisbury Road there stood, until the 1970's, a detached house, complete with tennis court; the neighbouring property being the home of W. J. Griggs the builder. The next house, on the corner of Bedford Road started off as a single storey and was one of the earlier properties to be built before the road was made-up. Once across Preston Road there stands the Methodist Church that celebrated its centenary in 2025. Despite the current modern look, at first glance, the original building still forms an integral part of the church. It was not until the 1950's that the Dutch Oven appeared, next door to the church, selling cakes and bread whilst also operating as a cafe; it later became a club – the Troubadour, and then Roberts. In the 1960's the Dutch Oven gained a new neighbour when a property housing a bookmakers and hairdressers was built, with living accommodation above.

Richard O. Walker

HRA SUMMER FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

The competition took place on Saturday 18th July. It was very fair to say the weather wasn't fair on some of the gardens with a few gardens already showing the signs of our very inclement weather. But everyone showed great enthusiasm and the detail to planting was excellent.

We had 3 categories for our judge to look at.

Perennial and Bedding.

Wildlife.

Drought loving plants.

After careful consideration and deliberation, the winners and runners up were.

1st category

1st Celia Porter – Preston Road. Prize money £30

Runner up Kym Knoote – Harvester Lane £15

2nd Category

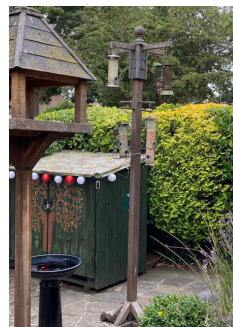
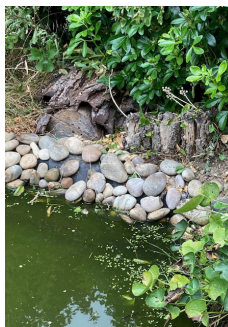
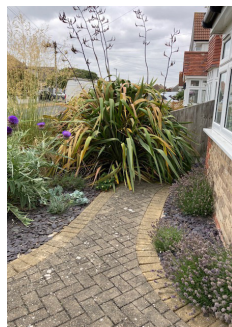
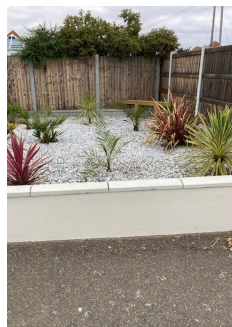
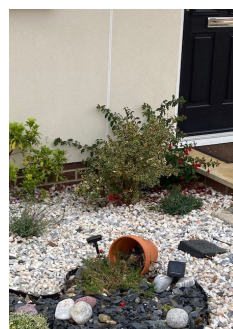
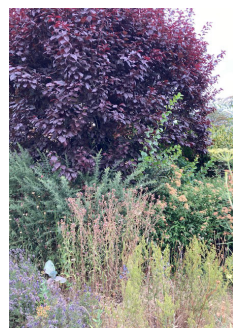
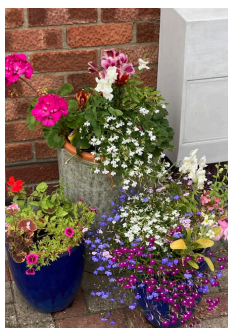
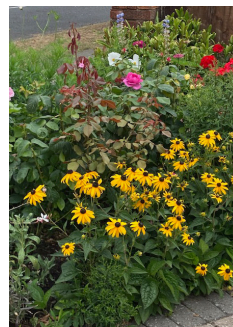
1st Jeanette Millington – 25 Seafields Gardens £30

Runner up James Swain – 3 Howard Road £15

3rd Category 1st Janet Totham – Madiera Road £30

Runner up Dave Wilson – Hereford Road £15

Thanks to all competitors and better luck next year. Thanks also to our judge Mr. Nigel Johnson, chair of the Walton & District Allotment Association who had the difficult task of selecting winners.



SCARECROW TRAIL 2026

This year's scarecrow trail was once again a very successful community event.

During the week before the HRA fete, families strolled around Holland-on-sea, trying to guess the identities of the scarecrows.

This year's theme was Children's fictional characters. The standard was very high, and we must thank all those who spent many hours designing, making and presenting them in their front gardens or in shop windows etc.

Winners for the best scarecrow were:

Shops / businesses:

1st Mansion House Florist (Postman Pat)

Houses: 1st Alice in Wonderland (31A Salisbury Rd.)

2nd Where's Wally (261 Holland Road)

3rd Tinkerbell (17 Fernwood Avenue)

People's favourite: Tinkerbell

Trail winners:

1st Sarah Rogers

2nd Rhiannan Howell

3rd Jodie-May Bell

Tie-breaker: 45 answer sheets were returned

Thanks to:

D. B. Darts for donating the trophies, and Kings Avenue Post Office, Morrisons and Grandma Lilly's for selling the trail sheets.



HRA Public Meeting

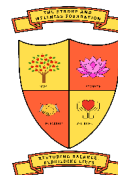
The next HRA public meeting will be held on Monday, 12th October 2026, at 2pm in the hall at The Baptist Church, Frinton Road.

We have invited Tammy Blest, who is the North Essex Fraud Prevention Coordinator, as our guest speaker, for advice and information regarding Fraud Awareness, and have of course invited our County and District councillors.

This meeting is open to all residents of Holland on Sea and to Associate members.

The Stroke and Wellness Foundation

Welcoming the wider community to our centre to celebrate 50 glorious years.



Following our recent grant from the tendring4growth Fund, the external refurbishments are now completed, and The Stroke and Wellness Foundation held a 'Ribbon Cutting' Ceremony to mark the occasion on the 13th May 2026. This celebration was attended by almost 100 people including clients and members of the local community. We sincerely thank you for your support in sharing this chapter with us.

Our 'Tree of Hope' has flourished with many additional donations for our rehabilitation and emotional support services, and our fundraising thermometer is nearly at £15,000.

Our community noticeboard and stroke bench sited at the front of the Centre have strengthened our community connections even more. Our Wednesday Friendship Lunches are now often full, and it is very heartwarming to see so many new friendships blossoming each week. Our bench is often filled with passersby, and the SAWF Staff pop out to have a chat with whoever is seated there.

As we approach our 50-year Celebration Week commencing from the 3rd August and culminating on Saturday 8th August with our Community Coffee Morning, we are delighted to report that almost all the bookable fundraising events (which are open to everyone) have sold out.

Our celebration week is filled with different music acts every day, and we look forward to sharing our photos and videos through our Facebook page. We continue to have a busy fundraising diary for the next 8 months and all forthcoming events will be shared on our Community Noticeboard as well as on Facebook.

Apart from our fundraising activities we are focusing now on our new Business and Financial Strategy and Clinical Review until 2030, and our future legacy, which will be shared with you at our AGM on the 28th October 2026.

**Diane Boyd -Head of Operations,
on behalf of the trustees of The Stroke and Wellness Foundation.**

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TENDRING DISTRICT U3A UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Tendring District U3A is an independent group associated with the national Third Age Trust. We aim to provide social learning opportunities for people of older age who are no longer in full time employment.

We have been operating for over 30 years with monthly speaker meetings and separate interest study groups. There are over 20 such groups, using both Holland Public Hall and members' homes, meeting on a wide range of subjects from Current Affairs to playing Scrabble.

Our monthly speaker meetings are held at Holland Public Hall on the first Friday of each month with doors open from 1.45pm for a 2.15pm start including refreshments.

Our Autumn programme for 2026 is as follows.

September 4th	A Solo walk across Africa	Fran Sandham
October 2nd	The Life of Sue Ryder	Joanna Bogle
November 6th	Essex's unknown Royal Palace	Tony Tuckwell
December 4th	Xmas Party (Members only)	

The membership fee is very reasonable at £14 yearly from 1st January onwards.

For more information, please contact Margaret Lamdin on 01255 421862.

Public Hall

We hope you have found something to interest you at the Public Hall, there's lots been going on so far this year, from our established groups and some new ones meeting regularly to a number of 'one offs' such as theatre productions fairs and events put on mainly by local groups and organisations. If you are interested in these or our regular sessions for fitness, sport, dancing, special interest or social groups for both men and women there's a warm welcome at the Public Hall.

If you would like to know what's happening throughout the rest of the year notices are displayed at the Public Hall and please also look on the Holland on Sea Public Hall facebook page where you will see not only our events but it's also where some of our friends from other local groups and our Councillors will also put up notices about what's happening locally. There's a lot going on in Holland on Sea.



Calling All Future Adventurers!

A Brand New Squirrel Scout Drey is Opening Soon in Holland-on-Sea

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Squirrels get to embark on amazing adventures every week! They'll enjoy:

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- Skill Building: Developing independence, confidence, and new abilities through exciting challenges.

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We Need You! (Volunteer Opportunities)

To make this new Drey a roaring success, we're also looking for enthusiastic adult volunteers to join our team. No prior Scouting experience is necessary – just a willingness to have fun and help young people thrive. Whether you can spare an hour a week or a few hours a month, your contribution will make a huge difference. Full training and support are provided.

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Interested in signing up your child or becoming a volunteer?

Contact us for more information:

Email: tendring@essexscouts.org.uk

Phone Julie on: 07557 530662

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Kennedy Way Community Garden

Kennedy Way, like everywhere else, is looking very crispy at the time of writing, desperate for a drop of rain. The plants in our gardens are certainly working hard to survive. Beth Chatto coined the phrase 'right plant, right place'. This certainly holds true to choosing the right plants to deal with our unpredictable summers.

We are replacing the polytunnel sheeting soon as the current sheeting is breaking down. It doesn't help when the gulls peck at the holes, thinking there is food! We have only been able to replace the sheeting through the kind and generous support of the community like yourselves who come to our Open Days or pop into Kennedy Way to buy plants or a birdfeeder. Our next open day is Wednesday 14th October where we will be celebrating our fifth birthday!

Terry, a volunteer will be delivering new short sessions in the Men's Shed coming soon. He has offered to teach novices (men and women) basic woodworking skills and the use of hand tools. So, if you have always wanted to have a go but didn't know where or who to approach, Terry is the perfect person. Watch out on our social media posts for further information.

The oak trees in the Sensory Garden have provided wonderful shade this summer, making the Silent Space an even more peaceful place to come and just sit. We have seats around the garden where you can just come, be calm, watch the gardeners. Though you would be very welcome to join in!

There are two monthly coffee sessions: Cup 'n Chat on the first Wednesday of every month 9.30 to 12.30pm and the Men's Coffee and Chat on the last Monday afternoon of every month 1.30 to 3.30 pm.



If you would like to take part in any of these projects at the garden, please pop in for a tea or coffee to chat to our lovely volunteers. Or alternatively give Lynn Reed-Golden a ring on 07759 128447 or email her on lynn.reed-golden@cvstending.org.uk.

For more information about all the CVST ongoing activities and projects visit www.cvstending.org.uk or visit us on Facebook: CVSTending.

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Activities at Holland on Sea Baptist Church

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Tuesday – **Prayer meeting** 10:00am.

Tuesday – **Friendship club** 1st Tuesday of month 14:00 (2 hours).

Fun, Quizzes, Games, Speakers, Friendship and refreshments.

Wednesday – **Care group**, discussion and friendship. 10:00am (90mins).

Thursday – **Lunch Club** (12:30pm) all welcome. Booking necessary 4 course lunch.

Thursday – **Care group**, discussion and friendship. 19:30pm (90mins).

Friday – **Care group**, discussion and friendship. 10:30am (90mins).

There are various other activities throughout the month – Brownies, Guides, martial arts, fitness, Dancing, Choir, Knit 'n' Natter, Ukulele, table tennis etc.

You are all very welcome

Feel free to contact us on **01255 814617**. Website: hollandonseabaptistchurch.com

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Articles for the Winter 2026 edition of the HRA Magazine are to be submitted to Maureen Cochlin (hramagmo@gmail.com).

Final date for submission is Friday 6th November 2026.



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welcome
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- Fridays 2:00pm - St Bart's Carpet Bowls
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- Sunday 1st November 4:00pm - Annual Memorial Service
- Saturday 21st November 10:00am - Christmas Market
- Sunday 20th December 4:00pm - Traditional Carol Service
- Thursday 24th December 2:00pm - Christingle Service

Contact: 01255 235494 - stpaulsclacton@gmail.com
ST BART'S CHURCH, FRINTON ROAD, HOLLAND-ON-SEA, CO15 5UH

Surgery News



For nearly 15 years Dave (as secretary) and me (as Chair) have been leading members of the Kennedy Way Patient Group.

During this time:

ACE were removed from running the surgery (we liaised with the Integrated Care Board on the patient's behalf). We were pleased that Drs Shamshad and Qurban (from the Ranworth surgery) took over the management:

The surgery was then moved from a cramped and unhygienic building to a new purpose-built premises, (we were on the project board to give patient views):

We tried and failed to get the bus company to serve Kennedy Way:

Along with my colleague Vic Graves I got to pull the ribbon on opening day.

The new Management Team have done a miraculous job. It really is possible to get a same day appointment. They listen to what, as a group, we say to them.

It is now with regret that due to ill health we are having to stand back from running the group. We are therefore looking for two interested patients to take on these duties.

The Patient Group currently meets quarterly and in between times the Chair, Secretary and one other group member, in turn, meet monthly with Dr Shamshad and the Practice Manager.

If anyone is interested in filling either of these roles, please contact me on davrit16@gmail.com. We will continue in our roles until the end of the year but will be available beyond that for help and advice (we hope to remain as committee members).

Rita Garnett

Chair – Kennedy Way Patient Group



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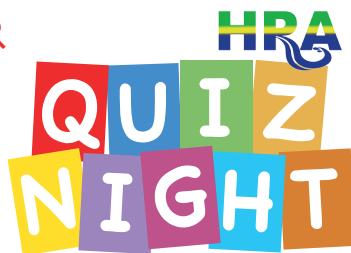
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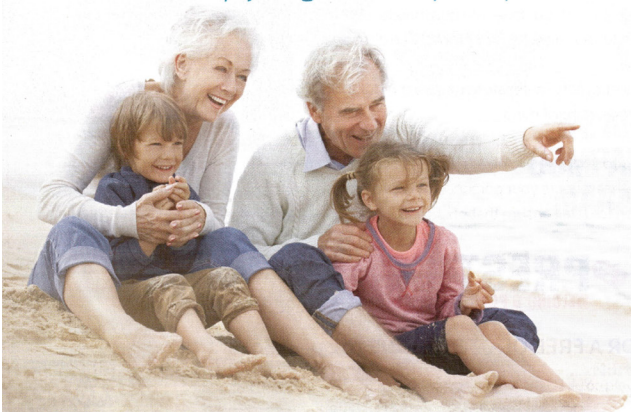
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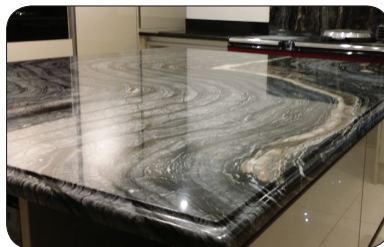
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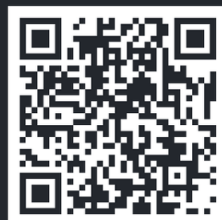
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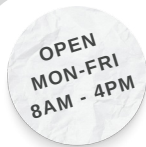
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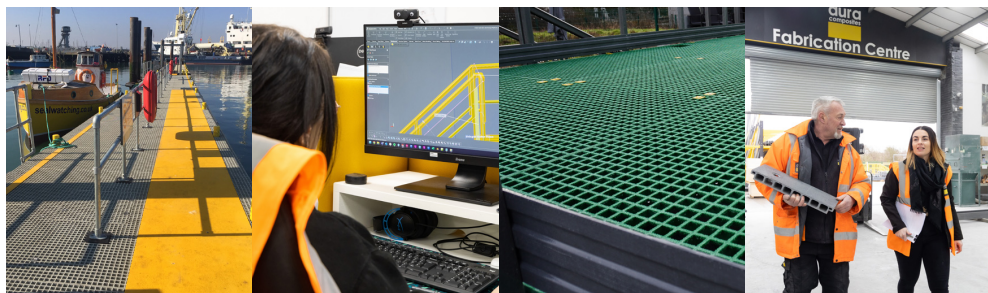
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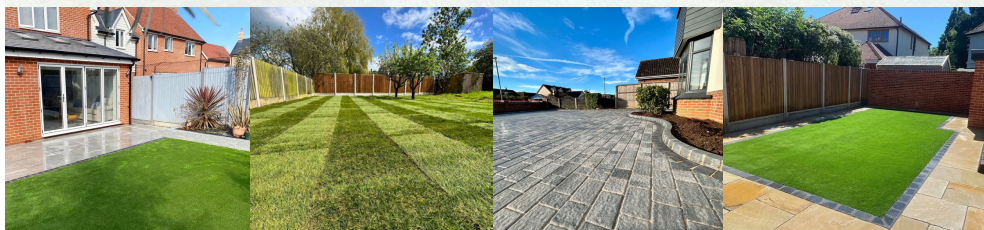
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Your County Councillor



Over the past couple of months, I've been busy both across Essex and here in Clacton South, with a strong focus on highways, infrastructure and the everyday issues residents raise with me.

A big part of my role has been getting out on site, speaking with engineers and looking closely at road repairs, resurfacing and maintenance. Alongside that, I have been leading a wider strategic review of highways, looking at how we plan, prioritise and maintain the network over the long term. I'm determined that we move away from simply reacting to potholes and towards a more preventative approach that gives residents better roads and better value for money.

Locally, I've continued to follow up individual concerns and explain more about how council decisions are made, who is responsible for what, and how residents can get issues looked at.

I also recently attended a Holland Residents Association meeting, which I really enjoyed. The Q&A session was a valuable opportunity to hear directly from residents, discuss local concerns and explain some of the work taking place across the county. Those face-to-face conversations are incredibly useful and help keep me grounded in the issues that matter locally.

One of the real highlights was the HRA Holland-on-Sea Summer Fete. It was fantastic to see so many residents, community groups, stallholders and volunteers coming together.

A huge thank you to the Holland Residents Association, organisers, volunteers, stallholders and everyone involved. The Summer Fete was a roaring success and a real credit to the community.

Mark Webster
County Councillor,
Clacton South

Your District Councillors

Working With You and For You

As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and community engagement, your district councillors are pleased to share their latest updates. Each of us brings a unique perspective and focus, reflecting the diverse needs and interests of our wards. Here's what we've been working on:

Andy Baker District Councillor, Eastcliff Ward



I hope everyone is well and safe, during the extremely hot weather we have been having over the last few months. I do not think anyone can deny we all live on the sunshine coast!

Within my Ward there have been various issues I have dealt with, and as I stated at the July meeting, the clothing recycling bins at Valley Road Recycling Centre have been removed by the contractor. This was due to continued vandalism and on occasion, arson. They will not be replaced. Thankfully fly tipping of clothing seems to have decreased.

Myself and Councillor Smith attended the Integrated Passenger Transport meeting at Chelmsford in June, and I am pleased to inform you that there will be four bus stops put in along Kings Parade, between Lyndhurst Road and the Haven, for those travelling into Clacton. There are some small hurdles to overcome, as not all the land is owned by the County Council, so legal agreements etc. have to be drawn up. So, they are coming, but I cannot say when.

Your three District Councillors have held two Councillor surgeries earlier in the year, and the next two will be on Saturday 19th September, and 21st November, at the Village Hall in the Committee Room. Our County Councillor, Mark Webster, has indicated he will attend as well, if available.

Finally, I attended the fete, it was fantastic to see so many people enjoying the event, I understand that both the beer 'tent' and the Pizza & Wings van, sold out and many stall holders raised a fair amount of money for worthy causes. This was the first year that I did not get put in the stocks and soaked, however I did enjoy a cheeky pint!

As always, stay well and safe, I can be contacted either via email, shown elsewhere in the magazine, which is the preferred way for contact, or on 07773 008077 (please leave a voicemail if I do not answer) and I will return your call as soon as I can.

Carrie Doyle District Councillor, St Bartholomew's Ward



It's that time again to be updating you of what I've been up to, I remain involved with the community leadership and resource scrutiny committee and am part of a new task and finish group with a focus on Town and Parish councils, I will update you in due course as our recent meeting has been cancelled due to the upcoming by election.

Aside of this I have been busy supporting residents with issues that are concerning them. I am

pleased that we have secured access to corporate membership to our leisure centres for GP practice staff across Tendring. This addresses the disparity that often our nurses and support staff working in GP surgeries have, so as a registered nurse I am extremely happy with this result. I have been advocating for numerous residents on issues of concern including transport for our children that attend schools and college out of area. Sometimes as a councillor we are invited to support certain events and this summer, I was privileged to be asked to judge at the new Jaywick Carnival and I was greatly inspired by how hard everyone worked to make this event a success, this was again felt when our very own centenary summer event proved to be everything, we were expecting it to be and more. The HRA should be very proud of themselves it was amazing and I am truly proud of everyone involved.

Of course this time of year is a busy time for the Clacton School Uniform Bank and if anyone would be interested in volunteering a few hours a week either in the shop or sorting donations they would love to hear from you

Anyhow I'll sign off now please do enjoy the rest of your summer, as always, I am only ever a phone call or an email away.



Adrian Smith

District Councillor, St Bartholomew's Ward

The past few months have been very busy, with many welcome opportunities to meet residents and attend events across Tendring. One of the most rewarding parts of being a councillor is seeing first-hand the dedication of volunteers, community groups and local organisations who help make our district such a special place to live.

Over the summer I have attended a wide range of events, many of which I have shared on social media. Highlights included speaking at the Earth Festival in Manningtree about waste and recycling, helping with the tagging of barn owls as part of local conservation work, attending the Holland Residents Association Summer Fete, and enjoying a wonderful performance by the Brightlingsea Shanty Singers at the Stroke and Wellness Foundation here in Holland-on-Sea.

Residents will also soon start to see the rollout of the new green glass recycling boxes from mid-August. These are the same style of box currently used for plastic recycling and are being delivered ahead of the introduction of kerbside glass collections in October. More information about the new service will be provided with the boxes.

As your District Councillor, I continue to represent residents and work with council officers and partners to improve our community. To help achieve an even better Holland-on-Sea, please contact us with any concerns, suggestions or ideas. You can email us at any time, come to our regular councillor surgeries, or follow our social media pages for local updates. Facebook is useful for keeping up to date, but not everything posted there is accurate and misinformation can divide opinion. If you are unsure, please ask us directly, it is the best way to get clear information.

As autumn approaches, thank you to everyone who volunteers, supports local events and contributes to community life. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable season ahead.

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