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Their names and contact details appear on the HRA Committee Members page.

Our front cover picture was provided by Nigel Wood. Thank you Nigel.

Welcome to your Community Magazine

Welcome to a new edition of the HRA magazine. I hope like me you are impressed by the work and concerns that our councillors are dealing with on a daily basis. An uphill battle and one, no doubt, which will change with each coming year due to the various housing developments that are occurring within our boundaries. Nevertheless, improvements are being made, however small and for which we must be grateful. Sadly, we will be losing Cllr Andy Baker from our committee this year due to his increasing responsibilities. On behalf of the HRA I cannot thank the Councillors enough for taking part in our monthly surgeries which are proving to be a success. I hope that their accessibility will prove helpful to you and help deal with any concerns you may particularly have.

When I spoke at last year's AGM, the project at Ipswich Road was very much in its infancy. The volunteers had started work only a few weeks before and had been concentrating their efforts mainly on one area. Since then, they have built two bug hotels, planted bluebells and sown wild flowers. The Council has promised to provide seating and future projects are anticipated. The volunteers meet every Saturday morning and newcomers are very welcome.

Apart from our quarterly magazine, the HRA have introduced various events, for example, the poetry competition which proved popular, quizzes, with the proceeds going to charity – the last one raised £450 for St Helen's Hospice. We can look forward to the scarecrow competition, treasure hunt, garage sale – I'm not even going to mention Christmas at this time - along with

others. Keep an eye out in our magazine for further information. With so many events to organise it has been decided that the front garden competition will be postponed until next year, so prepare in readiness.

There is something extra special, in my opinion, being introduced for 2025. We will have our own HRA Calendar devoted to "Memories of Holland on Sea". It will be a limited edition so make sure you purchase your copy as soon as they become available in September.

Just a thought for all the members of the HRA. If you have a new neighbour or friend that is not yet a member of the HRA please spread the word. For a minimum amount of £2 a year they can receive not only the magazine but take part in all the HRA activities as well as having access to our website and Facebook page. The more members we have the more input and influence we can have within our locality. The magazine is well worth a read. I know we all have too much junk mail arriving through our letter box so our magazine may be easy to ignore. However, I would urge you to have a closer look next time it arrives.

The Holland Residents Association endeavours to increase the wellbeing of our community and to generate a sense of belonging to what, I think, is our particularly unique little area of Essex.

Wishing you a healthy and happy 2024 Summer.

Carol Cooper
Chairperson of HRA

Purple Pals



May marked five years of this group running. A very proud moment for me. I started the group to raise the awareness of the Purple Poppy which is for all service animals past and present. Some would say the unsung heroes. I also can not have a dog where I live due to the long hours I work but I am a massive dog lover (and all other animals), so it is therapy for me too!!

We are a very friendly and chilled out group of like-minded individuals that meet once a fortnight on a Sunday morning. We go for a very relaxed walk along the prom and when the weather and seasons allow us, we stop at some of our lovely dog friendly cafés along the front and have a cuppa, natter and sometimes even a bacon sarnie!

We have all different furry friends that join us, big and small – and their owners are all pretty great too! Even if you



haven't got a dog (like me) and fancy a wander and a chat please do join us. As mentioned, the group are super friendly and getting the chance to cuddle lots of gorgeous dogs is good for the soul!! Look the page up on Facebook – Purple Pals.

Look forward to seeing you all in the future.

Naomi Lawrence



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How many times have you said, or perhaps heard someone else say, "I didn't bother to report the incident to the police as I know nothing would get done." It often feels this way, especially in cases of anti-social behaviour, or speeding traffic. The truth of the matter is that it is still important to report any incident, however small. If enough people report the same incident/crime then the police will exercise the appropriate action. Remember to obtain a Crime Number as you can be sure it has been recorded on the system.

To report non-emergency crime/incidents phone 101. Join the Tendring Neighbourhood Watch by contacting the Chairman, David Sexton at tendringnhw@outlook.com or 07900430088.

Ipswich Road



It was in March of last year when the volunteers started work at Ipswich Road. The original plan was to create a wildflower area and a woodland area. Bluebells were planted “in the green”, which meant that they would bloom that same year. One year later and this spring not all that many bloomed. However, primroses and cowslips were added to that area and they should self-seed for next year.

The wildflower area was dug by removing the top layer of soil and the area is surrounded by interwoven twigs and branches. At the time of writing, there’s a lot of growth and we’re hoping that by summer there will be plenty of colour and insects buzzing around.

Perhaps the most striking area is against the former toilet block. Members have worked hard to create a garden full of colour and variety. Quite a number of residents and volunteers have donated plants and one of our volunteers bought a substantial number of plants as a personal memorial.

The group has also created another garden in front of the bluebell area. This had been a hotchpotch of bramble, nettles and weeds. Our adviser from Essex Wildlife Trust advised us to leave it; however, this “hotchpotch” was mown

down by the lawnmower operator, so we stepped in and created another garden.

In addition, you may have noticed a couple of bug hotels with plants on top and a flowering cherry. We have asked the council for some seating and this has been promised.

The volunteers meet every Saturday at 10am for an hour. More helpers are needed and would be most welcome.



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Holland on Sea The Aftermath of War

When peace arrived to this country, the residents of Holland on Sea, like their counterparts around the British Isles, celebrated in style; albeit in keeping with the rationing and limited facilities available. The Holland Ratepayers Association organised a children's party in the Village Hall when 150 young people assembled for a variety of games and sports. The adults also celebrated at the Hall with a dance and social function, with the music of Miss Alice St. John's Dance Band. However, the euphoria was short lived as, whilst peace brought an end to the hostilities, the reality of "the state of the nation" stared everyone in the face. As well as the damage of enemy action, it was apparent that those properties in Holland on Sea commandeered by the forces, during the turbulent six years, had not been particularly carefully looked after. Then there were the years of neglect by the authorities whose attentions had been forcibly diverted to more pressing matters. And, unlike many areas, the village's seafront location, directly across the North Sea from the enemy, meant a number of anti-invasion measures along the coastline. Whilst the barbed wire and

scaffold was obvious, and the pill boxes were unattractive features, it was the minefields that held the greatest concern. All this was the result of the war, but one thing that needed urgent attention, that was particularly unique to Holland, was the state of the sea defences, or lack of them. It wasn't all "doom and gloom" though, as the Village Hall itself, used for the peacetime celebrations, had just been acquired and was formally opened by the local MP – Stanley Holmes; Holland on Sea also now had its own public library, as part of the Hall, and the Holland on Sea Social Club was formed.

With a mass of clearing-up around the whole country the removal of the wartime defences appeared slow, and barbed wire was visible in 1946; two years later it lay, piled up, still waiting to be taken away. The removal of mines was a more delicate affair. Despite the official sweeping of areas by the military, to ensure all non-activated mines were removed, it did not always appear that the number of these, plus those recorded as having been activated, equated to the total recorded as laid; a clearance certificate was not, therefore, always issued and areas remained closed until far later than was considered reasonable.

In 1946 it was declared that the beach from York Road to Holland Haven was now clear for public use. Gun emplacements were removed; the one at Star Point was blown-up and the remaining concrete boulders rolled down the cliff to the west of the Point where they formed the base of the sailing club boat enclosure, opened in 1951. Clacton Urban District Council turned its attention to the state of the seafront, having suspended the initial work it had started after taking responsibility for Holland from Tendring Rural District



One of Walter Johnston's Bathing Pavilions below Kings Avenue. His beach huts fared even worse!



Fiddle Fish Cafe could only be demolished.

Council, in 1934. The many privately constructed sea walls, which had protected the ragged cliffs and been used to support beach huts, were now in various states of collapse, the huts themselves had either gone or were beyond repair. An inspection of the many refreshment pavilions along the seafront, from First Avenue through to the Haven, painted a very sorry picture. Two had been used during the conflict, for housing concrete pill boxes, and all had seen a lack of repair and maintenance, resulting in neglect and decay.

What had been Fiddle Fish Cafe was beyond hope and any remains were completely removed. Similarly the refreshment station below Sea Lane was wrecked by cliff slips and could only be dismantled. Adjacent to Kings Avenue, the former amusement pavilion now housed a pill box and whilst the structures themselves were removed, the piles were left in situ. The bathing station, just to its east, was in a sorry way and the building and piles were cleared away. Faring much better was the refreshment station below Queensway which was restored to its former glory and continued to serve the public until 1984. Finally, the refreshment pavilion below York Road, also now containing a concrete pill box, was taken away, leaving a solid set of piles which, sadly were never to carry another structure; these heavy wooden piles remained, at both sites, until 1968.



Access to the beach and huts at York Road, following wartime cliff erosion, was no longer possible.



The war is over and a scene of desolation, from Queensway to York Road, confronts the residents of Holland on Sea.

Meanwhile, the Council was investing in a housing development in the Chase, plus other stock which was built in vacant plots, amongst privately constructed properties in Kings Avenue, Bedford, and Salisbury Road. But any new build was hampered as the government had placed restrictions on the number of buildings being allowed in each area due to a shortage of materials. However, it was possible to negotiate an increase in numbers with another authority if they had not used all their allocation.

Richard O. Walker



Holland Residents Association

Walking
Cryptic Treasure Trail

Saturday 6th July 2024

*Set off from the Village Hall car park, Frinton Road
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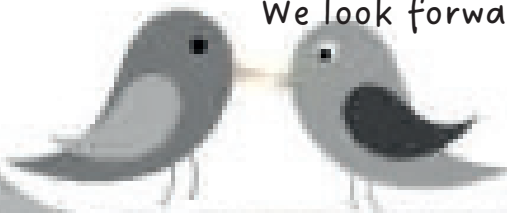
SCARECROW TRAIL



The theme for this year is
Disney characters. Please submit your entries by 30th June
to: sandra.tank23@yahoo.co.uk

Judging will take place from August 24th through
till 31st August

We look forward to your entries.



Surgery News



We now welcome a new permanent Practice Manager Sandra Coxell.

We and the surgery management are very aware that the telephone appointment system has created many problems in recent months. The ASKMYGP system (which should alleviate the problem) was once again delayed. This was due to some national litigation which prevented the Integrated Care Board purchasing the relevant software. The surgery is now working towards installing what is necessary including a new web site. This should be almost identical to the one we currently use and patients will still be able to order prescriptions as well as being able to contact the surgery on-line.

As previously stated, patients that can, will be able to use the on-line system for appointments and information. Those who cannot or do not wish to, can still phone at ANY time of day and a member of staff will enter the appointment or information request on their behalf. This system is now working very well at Ranworth surgery and has reduced the number of telephone calls per day significantly.

At our last meeting the issue of having to provide identification to receive a copy of blood test results was raised and this is now no longer necessary.

Rita Garnett
Patient Group Chair

Kennedy Way Transport Survey

Thank you to all who responded. We've now written to Heddinghams, pointing out the difficulties of there not being a direct bus route to Kennedy Way. We have the support of our district councillors and we'll provide an update in the next issue of the magazine.

Tending Specialist Stroke Services

The Stroke Charity TSSS, continue their therapy work for stroke patients and their families. The service is unique to North East Essex and therapy sessions take place at Holland on Sea, Dovercourt, Brightlingsea and Colchester. The premises will undergo a restoration and renovation to the front of the building sometime this year. This will mean the groups will continue in alternative venues. More communication will follow. The service provides physiotherapy, counselling and nursing support which is vital for stroke patients.

The charity raises funds to support its work, and if any companies and organisations would like to make donations or run a fundraiser for our work, we are happy to support this, please get in touch with us.

If you are a stroke patient or look after someone who has had a stroke and need our support, please do get in touch or come and see us. 01255 815905.

Clubs

Holland-on-Sea 129 Ladies Club

Holland 129 Club is a friendly Ladies Club and has met in Holland-on-Sea for 58 years – when it began as a Young Wives Club at 129 Fleetwood Avenue.

We meet at Holland Public Hall, Frinton Road on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Doors open for members at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Membership renewal was in April 2024 with Subs for the year - £26. Visitors are welcome and pay £5 for the evening. However, if you have recently moved to the area and would like to join us, you will be made very welcome at any time during the year.

Our Summer 2024 programme is as follows.

Thursday, 11 July	Molten Wonky Glass – Katy Lynn. Items for sale
Thursday, 8 August	Garden Party 2.30 pm – 5 pm
Thursday, 12 September	Make Do and Mend. Amanda Sutherland will show us how to adapt our wardrobes. Items for Sale

For further details, please contact Carole Parmenter on 01255-813315.

Dates for your Diary



“Drop-In Dates” – a chance to speak to a local district councillor

Saturday 15th June	All from 10am to 11.45am in the committee room of the public hall.
Saturday 20th July	
Saturday 21st September	

Quiz Night

Saturday 22nd June, 7pm for 7.15pm.

Treasure Trail

Saturday 6th July – 1.30pm-2.30pm

Next public meeting

This will be on Friday 12th July at 7.30pm. All local councillors have been invited.

Garage Sale

Saturday 27th July, 9am-1pm

Scarecrow Trail

From 24th August.

Kennedy Way Community Garden

The garden was certainly buzzing at our first May Spring Celebration with all the people that came. We had over 200 people visit which is incredible. The gardeners certainly made the garden sing and look beautiful. Well worth all the hard work! The purple irises are looking spectacular at the moment.

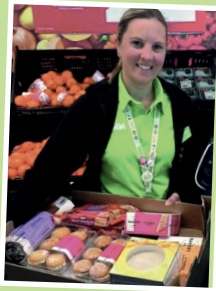
All the plants we sold were grown on site. A variety of craft items from the insect hotels, the cup and saucer bird feeders, dried flower cards and more were made by the gardeners. Students from Holland Park Primary came and planted leeks. Students from Market Field College visited as they will be coming to the garden regularly to volunteer.

A big thank you to Amy at Asda for her donation of refreshments for the day, and everyone else who made cakes, especially Carol Marshall.

We are raising funds for the sensory garden. And thank you to everyone who contributed as we are well on our way to making the sensory garden a reality. Please come and have a look at our design to see what we have planned for the space. Remember this a garden for everyone and as our new sign says 'Come and enjoy the silence of growing things'.

We are looking to get the creative upcycling hub going. There are many imaginative projects that can be created for the garden. If you are an artist or a craftsperson, come and have a chat to see if this project is something that you would like to get involved in.

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 or on XTwitter at cvstending.

Sports & Leisure

Get Cycling!

Free and Easy

A leisurely hour long cycle ride along the traffic free National Cycle Route 150 taking place on the second and fourth Sunday of every month, weather permitting. We never cycle on the road.

The 'meet' is outside the Kingscliff Hotel at 10:30 am



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The benefits aren't just physical though, cycling can improve your mental health by triggering the release of endorphins – our feel good chemicals – in the brain, which can reduce stress levels, help you sleep better and even ease feelings of loneliness.

It's no wonder that a new poll has placed cycling firmly at the top of the list when it comes to outdoor activities in the UK.

Now get your bike out and use it by joining us as a group on the second and fourth Sunday of every month.



From Holland on Sea Baptist Church



Activities at Holland on Sea Baptist Church

Sunday – Family Worship service 10:30 approx. 1 hour everyone welcome.

Tuesday – Prayer meeting 10:00.

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

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

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

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

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

Friday – Care group, discussion and friendship. 10:00 (90mins).

With various other activities throughout the month, martial arts, fitness dancing, choir, Knit 'n' Natter, ukulele etc.

Feel free to contact us on 01255 814617 or revcollict@aol.com

Hall hire, Weddings and Funerals.

From Holland on Sea Methodist Church



Coffee morning at the church every Friday from 10.30am till 11.30am. Coffee and chat.

All are welcome.

The hub will be closed throughout July and August.



From St. Barts

Sunday services continue as usual at St Bart's over the summer months. Do join us for Parish Communion at 9.30am any Sunday.

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES



Our garage sale is now becoming an annual feature and this year's sale will be held on Saturday 27th July, from 9am to 1pm.

A map of sellers will be available for 50p from The Emporium, Morrisons Local and from the new Premier store, corner of Brighton Rd & Frinton Rd. The map, which will be available from 22nd July will also be available for free on our website (www.hollandresidents.co.uk). It will also be sent to members who have provided an e-mail address.

To become a registered seller, please e-mail either secretary.of.hra@gmail.com or s4azza@aol.com. You can also register by post to 37 Ingarfield Road CO15 5XA or 23 Park Boulevard CO15 5RH. Registration is free to paid up members of the HRA; otherwise the fee is £5. Entries must include your name and address and, if you're selling anything unique, we may be able to let people know, so tell us. Entries must be received no later than Saturday 13th July as the organisers need plenty of time to produce a map of sellers' locations. **No late entries can be accepted.**

If you are not currently a member you can join the HRA by paying your annual membership fee directly into our bank account or by cheque or cash (please see details on page 50 of this magazine).

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Are We Drinking Enough Water

Summer is now here and we see a lot of people carry around their water bottles, but are they still drinking enough water?

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The shops are filled with ranges of fancy waters and energy drinks all offering health benefits. A lot contain additives which can act as a diuretic; therefore, we pass more urine than usual having a dehydrating effect.

A common symptom of low water intake is fatigue, if you are looking to boost your energy levels during the day, consider having a glass of water.

Keeping hydrated is important for our cells, helps to regulate body temperature, normalising blood pressure, supports kidney function, is important for good bowel movement to eliminate waste, helps to avoid constipation. When we eat, water in saliva helps chewing and breaking down food. Water forms part of our mucus which helps to protect our respiratory, urinary, reproductive, and digestive tracts.

If you are trying to lose weight swap out the sugary drinks and drink a large glass of water prior eating, this will create the feeling of fullness. Avoid drinking fluid with a meal as this can dilute your stomach acid and make the breakdown of food more difficult resulting in symptoms including bloating.

Our bodies are approximately 70% water. The water we drink and consume in food is essential to help bring in nutrients and take away waste. There is a high content of water in Fruit and Vegetables 70 -80%, even bread can contain 40% water.

Suggestions to stay hydrated.

Carry a water bottle with you and use it.

Get into a routine of drinking water first thing in the morning and prior to meals.

Add slices of fresh lemon, lime, herbs, various fruits

Try different teas – Green, Mint, Ginger, Rooibos

Make fresh vegetable juices.

Try Broths and Soups



For more advice on overall health, please contact me for a free 15 minute phone chat.

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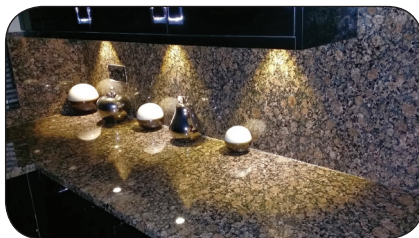
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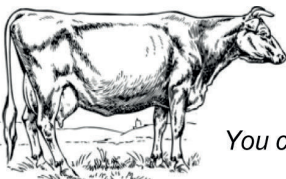
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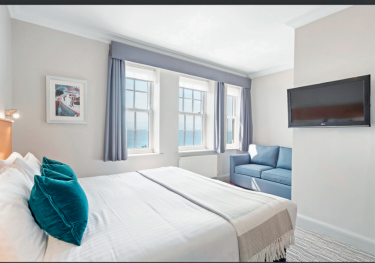
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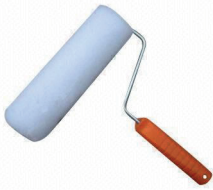
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Your County Councillor



I must admit to loving the spring months, heralding what I hope to be a glorious sunny summer. It also makes me far more upbeat and allows me to fully appreciate just what I have right on my doorstep. My efforts to improve the area will continue.

The year-long path resurfacing in part of Holland has now finished and, for the most part, is a success. I've had a few people mention when or why their paths haven't been done, and while I will take a look at some of these paths, it should be realised that this was the only major footpath scheme in Tendring last year, with nothing coming to Tendring this year. I'm pleased to have it happen in Holland-on-Sea. I know it caused some disruption for residents, but I hope that this will reduce the number of trips and falls that have such an impact on residents who live here.

In the last update, I mentioned I wouldn't be your Essex County Councillor at the next county election, and I would update you on this issue. Unfortunately, I can't. The boundary commission is still settling some boundaries. My stance has always been what works best for residents, and that seems to have been listened to. Some councillors, however, are not happy with the new boundaries as they may work against them in the next election and are currently trying to get them reorganised. I don't think they will have much luck, but you never know. I'll hopefully update you on the next issue.

Potholes are probably the thing I receive most emails on, and it's no surprise as ECC has been appalling. As I mentioned in the last issue, no work has been done on what was supposed to be a councillor-led scheme, and I have given up on chasing that as a new scheme was brought out last month. I have been out with all three councillors covering Holland-on-Sea and picked up the very worst potholes on all the major roads in the area. It wasn't too many, 12 in total, so I have also added potholes in Slade Road, Nansen and Chelmsford to the list. In theory, these will get done in the next six weeks, as I can now set the priority of what gets done in that time. Only time will tell if this new scheme works or if it fails like the last one did.

Please feel free to email me or any of your district councillors (emails are in the magazine) with any potholes in your road that you would like me to add to this list.

Mark Stephenson
County Councillor
Clacton East

Your District Councillor



Hopefully by the time you are reading this, we will have seen some continuous sunshine and been enjoying our lovely beaches, and open spaces.

You will have seen that there are two new benches on the open space at Hazlemere Road, they were made by one of our staff from Open Spaces, rather than being bought.

And finally, after some time, the Changing Places facility, near Beaches café, is now complete and ready for use, during the summer. Now to work on getting proper access onto the beaches, and sea, for those, less able to walk, who are wheelchair users and with young children in push chairs.

I mentioned in my last article that I would be standing down from the HRA Committee, which I did at the AGM in April. This is due to the ever increasing demand on my time around my position as Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Licensing, the most demand currently is from issues concerning the increase in homelessness and housing issues. I also have had residents contacting me about issues around the Ward, and have met with residents on occasion to have a walk about discussing issues raised.

As always, if you need to contact me, those details are elsewhere within the magazine. Stay safe and keep well.

Andy Baker
District Councillor
Eastcliff Ward

Your District Councillor



Dear Residents,

I hope this finds you all well and you are enjoying the longer days, albeit we seem to have had a lot of rain of late.

I have been busy working alongside Councillors Stephenson, Baker, and Smith in addressing resident concerns. The most common being potholes, concerns re bin collections, street lighting, housing, and overgrown greenery.

Our regular surgeries in conjunction with the HRA seems to be working well, and it is really lovely to meet with you and support you in finding solutions to your concerns. I am so pleased you take the time to come and see us.

As I sit on both council scrutiny committees, I have a real interest in how we work with partner organisations to try and improve local lives. This could include health, education, and homelessness. I have been able to meet with some of our homeless people and support the amazing work some local organisations are doing to reduce the anxiety and distress associated with homelessness. We truly do have some amazing people in our community. I have also been privileged to work with fellow councillors in looking into our local secondary schools and the reasons for absenteeism. I have a personal interest in our Special Educational Needs offer and although this is not within any responsibility of Tendring District Council, as it sits under Essex County Council, I believe we can influence and try to make improvements for our local children/young adults who are trying to make sense of the world they are living in.

Thank you for your support. Please do continue to meet with us as we need to know your concerns as we strive to build a more caring and compassionate community that we can all enjoy.

Warm regards, as always.

Carrie Doyle

District Councillor

St. Barts Ward

Your District Councillor



Dear Residents,

Since the last magazine I have been out on Ward walks with Cllr Baker, Cllr Doyle and Cllr Stephenson to look at problems around the ward including the Haven focusing primarily on paving, potholes, litter and some of the alley ways in our Ward.

Issues that have been reported and are awaiting action. These include:

Lifebuoys: These have been checked and costed, along with putting a What 3 Words identifier on each position, this will be done some time in the current financial year.

Fishing on beaches: Tendring District Council are creating swim zones on flagged beaches. The "Bather Beaches" will be available as part of the beach management plan which will be on the TDC website once finalised.

There is a hole outside the Holland Bowls Club on the grass verge in Madeira Road. I would ask that residents are mindful of this hole if exiting your car onto the verge. (It has been reported)

Many road signs that we reported have been renewed. To my knowledge only Princes Road has gained an extra letter. This will be remedied soon.

I was asked about several areas that have paving issues. The only positive I can give on that currently is that Grenfell Avenue is on the ECC smaller capital footway program for 2024/2025.

I would like to ask residents to please email us. We may not be able to help with everything, but we cannot offer support if we don't know about it. Facebook doesn't count as contacting us.

Adrian Smith
District Councillor
St. Barts Ward

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Stephen Collitt, Secretary. secretary.of.hra@gmail.com

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