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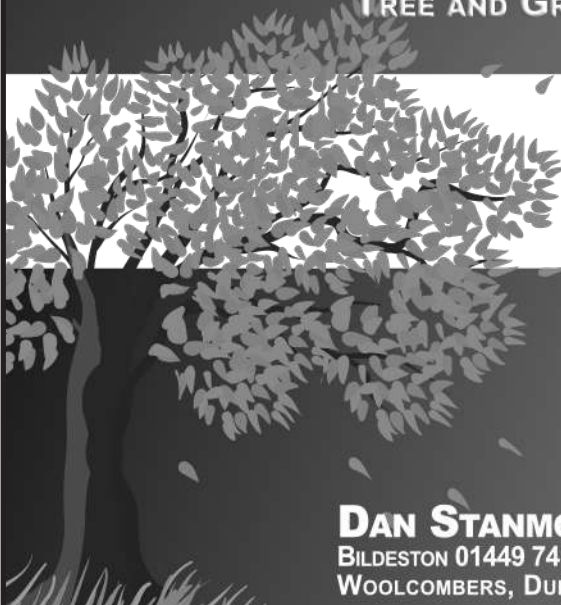
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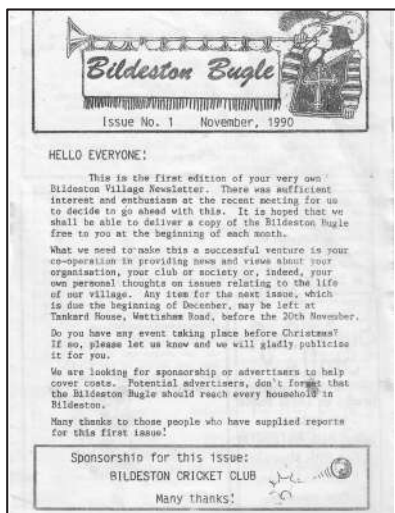
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We Need Your Help A Call for Volunteers

We rely on our group of dedicated volunteers to ensure your Bugle is delivered fresh to your door every month. We are always looking for additional help to manage, print, distribute and deliver our magazine in the Village.

If you would like to join our team, even if it's only for an hour or two a month, please contact Tim at bildeston.bugle.treasurer@gmail.com.



BUGLE HISTORY

I recently became the custodian for the Bugle archive, which stretches back thirty six years to 1990. Our thanks to all the previous editors and volunteers who have kept all the back issues and ensured that we have this amazing record of Bildeston Village life.

So how did it start? The first issue was produced in November 1990 and like today was only possible due to the group of volunteers who got together to edit, print and deliver it. The first issue credits Editors as R Halls, Jo Silburn, C Crooms and J Halls, with the setting and printing painstakingly done by hand at the Community Education office in Hadleigh.

The first editorial team established a charter for the Bugle which still holds good today. Including: delivered free to every house in the Village, no charges for Village groups to promote fundraising and print news and paid advertising to cover costs.

So what was in that very first edition? Upcoming events included Sues Craft Stalls and the Cricket Club drive at Dukes Hall and a request for cakes to be sold in aid of the Children's Playground Committee in the Market Square. Also included was extensive coverage of our village sports teams' results, including the Bildeston Cricket Club who beat Newton Green with bowler A Wignall taking five wickets. I am also struck by the number of Village organisations and clubs that are no longer active, including New Design Club, Bildeston Rangers, the Cricket Club, Bildeston Youth Club, Mother and Toddler Group and Bildeston Bounders. No paid advertising in this first edition; that first appeared in December 1990 with the honours going to sponsorship from Bildeston Rangers and advertising by Patrice Clevy general builder.

If you would like to look for yourselves, the first two editions have been saved on our digital archive on the Bildeston website at: bildeston.org/news-events/bugle-village-magazine.

If you have a Village memory to share from this time, or would like to request me to delve into another month of Bugle history, please contact me at *Bildeston*. bugle.treasurer@gmail.com. My thanks to Jo Silburn for helping to put this article together. *Tim Hooper, Bugle Treasurer*



Kings Pightle Nature Reserve

KINGS PIGHTLE NEWS

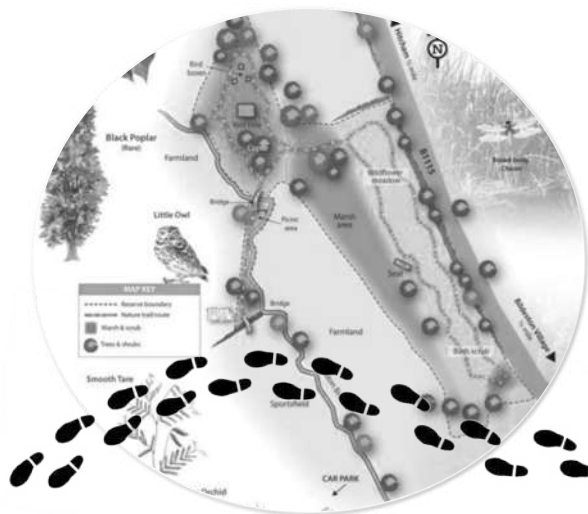
Bildeston's nature reserve has seen some welcome visitors this month, apart from the regular residents, an otter, a little owl feeding it's young, a pair of roe deer and a roe hind with her calf.

A trial area of the reed bed has been cleared and de-thatched in the hope of encouraging fresh growth - we will watch its progress this year and possibly include a further area next season. If you would like to be included in our future volunteer work parties, please give your details to our Secretary Sue Noakes on 07444 113 684.

We held a fundraising walking treasure hunt around the Village on 24th May. Ten teams took part, and the weather was kind (it was hot!) Thanks go to all the enthusiastic participants and the donators of delicious cakes and refreshments

A total of £260 was raised to bolster the nature reserve funds.

Future events for your diaries: King's Pightle AGM, Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm in the Sportsfield Pavilion. Brains of Bildeston Quiz Night, Friday 27th November at 7.30pm in the Sportsfield Pavilion.



MORE KINGS PIGHTLE NEWS

July and August is holiday season for us humans and also, to a certain extent, for our birdlife too. Most of the nesting and breeding is over and the parent bird's hard work of feeding their ever-hungry chicks is largely done. The nestlings have fledged and many are foraging for themselves, though we will still see young birds pestering their parents for food, (sounds familiar?). Soon will come the intense period of fattening up for our migrant visitors in preparation for the effort of long flights back to their winter quarters. This long hot spell will not help them, with fewer insects around to catch in flight, (swifts and swallows) and worms and ground crawling insects hiding deeper underground from the heat and dryness.

Kings Pightle has seen the best and worst of our community this last month. A group of 'visitors' (unidentified) spent some of their summer time vandalising the bird hide and its contents. Senseless stuff, tearing down of explanatory material, throwing bins around and breaking the bird feeder supports. The best was the person or persons who took it upon themselves to tidy up and put things back as they should be. Thank you, whoever you are. (It would be nice to think it was the same persons, smitten by remorse perhaps, but hey-ho).

Just a word of explanation about bird feeding during the summer months. Visitors may have noticed we are not providing bird feed at the moment. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, to encourage birds to forage for themselves and not become too dependant on the feeders. Secondly, and in accord with RSPB advice, to reduce the current risk of cross-infection among small birds. Finches in particular are very badly affected by a nasty parasitic disease called *Trichomonosis*. This causes throat sores, making eating difficult. Greenfinch and chaffinch numbers have fallen as a result by 75% since 1995, sadly. We will look into resuming feeding in the Autumn if we can arrange an adequate cleaning routine.

Thank you all for your support.





Bildeston Rangers Youth FC: Bringing Football Back to the Village

Football has been at the heart of Bildeston and the surrounding villages for more than 100 years. Generations of local players proudly wore the red and black shirt of Bildeston Rangers, representing the Village and helping to build a strong sense of community through sport. For many residents, the Club was far more than just a football team. It was a place where friendships were formed, memories were made and local pride flourished. Sadly, in September 2023, after serving the Village for over a century, the club's senior side withdrew from league football, leaving a significant gap in local sport and a loss felt by many former players, supporters and families. Last season, however, a group of volunteers decided it was time to bring Rangers back.

With a shared vision of creating opportunities for young people to play football, Bildeston Rangers Youth FC was launched. The aim was simple: to provide a safe, fun and inclusive environment where children could enjoy football, develop their skills and build lasting friendships while representing their community.

What has followed has exceeded all expectations. Starting with just a single team, the Club has experienced extraordinary growth in its first season. As we prepare for this coming season, Bildeston Rangers Youth proudly fields seven teams, ranging from Under-6s through to Under-13s, providing football opportunities for children from Bildeston and the surrounding villages. The demand has demonstrated just how important grassroots sport remains within our community.

The Club's rapid progress reflects not only the enthusiasm of local families but also the dedication of the volunteers who have helped make the Club's return such a success. Week after week, coaches, committee members and parents give their time freely to organise training sessions, prepare pitches, manage teams and support young players on their footballing journey.

While the expansion of the Club has been remarkable, our focus remains firmly on participation, development and enjoyment. Grassroots football is about far more than winning matches. It helps young people develop confidence, resilience, teamwork and respect, qualities that will benefit them throughout their lives both on and off the pitch.

Bildeston Rangers Youth FC, cont'd

As the Club continues to develop, maintaining quality facilities is increasingly important. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the trustees of *Kings Pightle* for their generous grant towards the purchase of a new mower. Their support will help us maintain our pitches to a high standard and provide the best possible playing environment for our young footballers.

We would also like to place on record our heartfelt thanks to *The Crown* and *Nedging Hall Estate*, who were quick to recognise the potential of the Club and became our official sponsor during our inaugural season. Their support has played an important role in helping us establish strong foundations, and we are delighted they will continue their sponsorship for the coming season.

As we continue to grow, we welcome conversations with local businesses, organisations and supporters who would like to play a part in the Club's future. Whether through sponsorship, fundraising support or volunteering, every contribution helps ensure that grassroots football continues to thrive in Bildeston for generations to come.

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Whilst a lot is happening in Bildeston, and most of it is brilliant, we have just received some unsettling news from local resident, Mary Brooks, and think it important for you to know about.

A pot plant was stolen from her husband's grave at Bildeston Churchyard. As she says, *"They must be very hard up"*. This is very distressing for Mrs. Brooks and not who we are in Bildeston. Our thoughts go out to her, and our hope that the perpetrator/s will develop a conscience, and that we never need to publish anything like this again. *The editor*



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June 1st
July 6th
August 3rd
September 7th
October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th





WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



MONDAY

- 3.30pm - 7.30pm MLSPA
- 7.45pm - 9.30pm Badminton



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- 10.00am - 11.00am Zumba
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- 7.00pm - 10.00pm Carpet Bowls



WEDNESDAY

- 7.30pm - 11pm Open Mic



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Fixtures for August

Tuesday	4th	Polstead	home
Tuesday	11th	Roll up	
Tuesday	18th	Whatfield	home
Tuesday	25th	Roll up	

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Bildeston Primary School

Learning and Growing Together

Our recent Sports Morning was a tremendous success. The decision to hold the event during the cooler morning hours worked brilliantly, and we were delighted that the sun shone throughout. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm in all the events. Afterwards, families joined us for a picnic, giving parents, children and staff the chance to relax together and enjoy the lovely weather.

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a visit to Jimmy's Farm on one of the hottest days of the year. Despite the challenging temperatures, the children behaved impeccably and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing the animals and taking part in the day's activities.



We were also incredibly proud of our recent production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Our Year 6 leavers took on the main roles, ably supported by our talented Year 5 pupils. The children did a superb job and amazed us all with how well they learned their lines

As a special treat, our Year 6 leavers had an exciting trip to Suffolk Leisure Park to enjoy Ringo's and Mini Golf before returning to school for a sleepover. The evening included a delicious supper chosen by them and provided a wonderful opportunity to make lasting memories with their friends before moving on to high school.

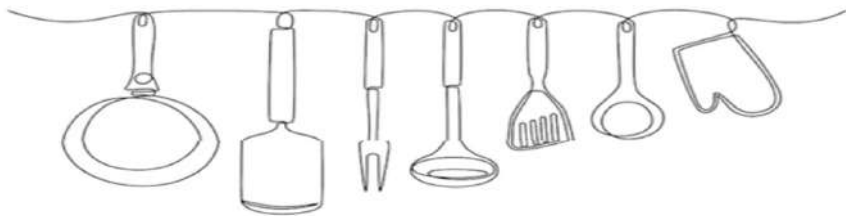
We wish them all well in their next education adventure!

If you are considering Bildeston Primary for your child, please phone the office on the number below.

We can arrange personal tours of our school.

Bildeston Primary School Newberry Road, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 7ES Telephone: 01449 740269

www.bildeston.suffolk.sch.uk



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Here's a quick, lovely lemony pasta ... with a kick! Cheers!!

Spaghetti with gin lemon butter sauce

Serves 2

200g spaghetti
2 tbsp olive oil, for frying
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
Juice of 3 lemons
60ml gin or vodka
20g freshly grated Parmesan,
+ extra for serving
1 heaped tsp cracked black pepper,
plus extra for serving
30g cold butter
a few chives, snipped,
or basil leaves to serve (optional)



Put a large pan of salted water on to boil. Cook the pasta until almost al dente or according to the package instructions, then drain, reserving 30ml of the cooking water.

Meanwhile, set a large frying pan over a low heat and add the oil. Add the garlic and a big pinch of salt. Cook for 2 minutes. Add the lemon juice and cook for another 2 minutes, then add the gin and cook for 3 minutes more. Take off the heat.

Put the Parmesan and pepper in a bowl, then pour a little of the reserved cooking water in – just enough to make a paste with the cheese. Put the cheese mixture in the garlic pan then turn the heat to medium. Add the pasta and the rest of the cooking water.

9. Cook, stirring vigorously for a couple of minutes, or until you have a sauce which is starting to cling to the spaghetti.

Turn the heat off, add the butter and keep stirring until melted. By now the sauce should be glossy. Serve straight away in warm bowls with extra Parmesan, black pepper and a few chives or basil leaves if you like.

BRETT VALLEY BENEFICE

Services in the Benefice -August 2026

Sunday 2nd August 9th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Naughton
	18.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Lindsey
Sunday 9th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	Baptism followed by Holy Communion	Bildeston
Sunday 16th August 11th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Nedging - patronal festival The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 23rd August 12th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Semer
Sunday 30th August 13th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Whatfield

Morning Prayer said during the Month:

- 1st Monday of the month 9am Bildeston
- 2nd Tuesday of the month 9am Naughton
- 3rd Monday of the month 10am Whatfield
- 4th Tuesday of the month 9am Nedging

Benefice Coffee Morning on behalf of the Bildeston Food Bank held in Bildeston Church – Monday 3rd August 10.30am – 12noon - Celebrating its 1st Anniversary

All the Benefice Churches are open during daylight hours apart from All Saints Semer, where the key can be collected from Hollow Trees Farm Shop

Please contact Revd Nicola 07521 457 844 revnictv@outlook.com for any information re. Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals or any matters of faith. For more information about the Brett Valley Benefice please go to www.brettvalleybenefice.uk

Please pray for Ben & Jacky, Luke & Georgia, Jodie & Bob who are all getting married in the Benefice in August and for Noah Sewell who will be baptised this month.

We are delighted to have Revd Teresa serving as Curate in the Benefice



Summer Holiday Activity Morning 'Caring for the Planet'

Mon 24th August 9.30am – 12noon
St Mary Magdalene Church, Bildeston

To book please contact Revd Nicola 07521 457 844
revnictv@outlook.com

Brett Valley Benefice Pastoral Letter – August 2026

From the Rector – Revd Nicola Tindall

Dear Friends,

As August unfolds and many of us look forward to a holiday, or at least a slower pace of life for a few weeks (and that's not just because of the road through the Village being closed!), I find myself reflecting on a moment of real joy for Bildeston and this Benefice - the ordination of our curate Revd Teresa, to the priesthood. To have walked alongside her through her year being a deacon, and now to see her ordained priest, is one of the great privileges of ministry. There is something moving and joyful about watching someone grow into a vocation. The ordination service on a very hot afternoon at the end of June in St Edmundsbury Cathedral was both of those things.

Ordination is not a finishing line but a threshold. Revd Teresa now carries new responsibilities; to preside at the Eucharist, to pronounce absolution and blessing, to have the privilege of marrying couples, of baptising infants and adults alike. However, the heart of her calling remains what it has always been – to love and serve the people of this parish and Benefice. I hope you will continue to support her with your prayers as she develops into her new ministry.

It seems fitting that as Teresa embarks on her new role, many of you will be embarking on pastures new as you travel on your summer holidays for much needed rest and recuperation. Rest is good, we all need it for our bodies and for our minds. Whether you're travelling abroad this summer or simply spending a quieter few days at home in the garden with a good book, I hope you find in it something restorative.

For those staying closer to home, please do visit our churches across the Benefice. All six offer a quiet and cool space in which to reflect or just to be. In Bildeston Church we will be holding a morning of activities for children on Monday 24th August 9.30am -12noon, focusing on Eco projects. Please contact me for more information and to book in.

For those travelling, may you return refreshed and ready for the autumn ahead, when church life picks up its pace again with harvest, the new school term begins, and we look forward to the many opportunities for the village to come together.

Whatever your plans this month, know that you are held in our prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Nicola

Tel. 07521 457 844

revnictv@outlook.com

Always Keep in Mind ...

Bell Ringing The band of enthusiastic bellringers continue to thrive and practise every Tuesday. For more details, please contact either Church Warden.

Church Wardens Neil Ashwell: 01449 741 370 and Martin Rodgers: 01449 743 120

Fundraising footnote for St Mary Magdalene

Maintaining our historic church gives us many challenges, from cracks, movement and falling plaster, to rodent damage, updating lighting and paying electricity bills takes time and money. Your Church needs your help and support for it to survive into the future and provide the beautiful setting we need for Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings apart from our normal services and large Village events.

All donations are most welcome and, to enable easy access to cash free donations and charitable giving, you can use the QR code. We also have a card-reader in the Church. Just touch on the front screen the amount you wish to donate and then tap your card on the top. If preferred, cheques made payable to 'Bildeston PCC' or BACS transfers - Account Name: BILDESTON PCC Sort code 20-44-51 Account number 60187186 are very welcome too! If you are regular monthly donor, we really value your commitment to our church and thank you for your ongoing support but have you considered an inflationary increase in your standing order as your Church struggles to meet rising costs.

Please contact Richard Lester our Church Treasurer if anyone needs further information on regular giving on 01449 744 120 or email: *richard.c.lester@btinternet.com*



DON'T GO HUNGRY

Are you finding it hard to meet the current costs of food and energy?

Has work dried up or you have very little money?

In these difficult times nobody should go hungry.

If you and your family are struggling to put food on the table, we can help.

Bildeston Food Bank is a discreet service for Bildeston residents.

Call us on 01449 257 136 (local call charges)

or email **bildestoncsg@gmail.com** in strictest confidence

If you can help support Bildeston Food Bank, we would love to hear from you, too.

We need food, toiletries and cleaning products. We also need games, tools and bric-a-brac for our car-boot stall.

All donations to be delivered to Park House, 9-111 Duke St, Bildeston IP7 7EW

... We Need You

Duke Street, Bildeston email: bildestonbc@gmail.com

Service Every Sunday Morning at 10.45

Strollers & Striders

Mondays 9.45am
Ring 07584 189 356
or 07901 563 281
for details

Craft It Together

alternate Tuesdays
2pm to 4pm 33
Smock Meadow,
07759 644 786
for details



Lunch Club

12.30 First Wed
every month Ring
07584 189 356 to
reserve a place

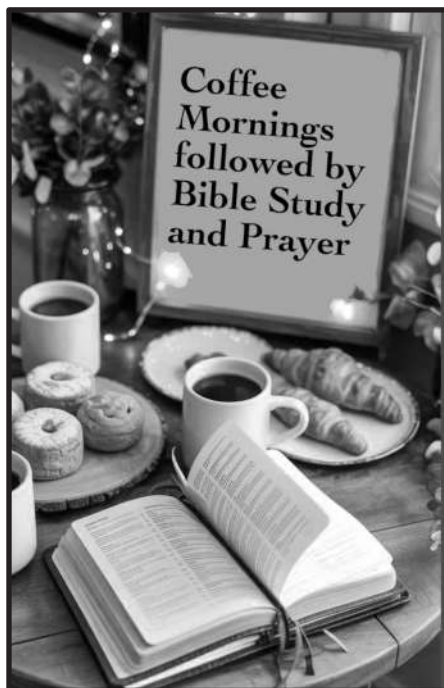
Motley Crew

Bible Study

prayer and lively
discussion 7.30pm
Thursdays at 33
Smock Meadow

Community Coffee Centre Fridays 9.00 to 11.30am

All are most welcome. Enjoy meeting old and new friends at any of these events



10.30 am to 12 noon
87 High Street, Bildeston

An opportunity for fellowship, to pray
together and to ask questions about our
faith in Jesus

All Welcome

Dates: July 8 & 15
& September 9, 16, 23 & 30.

For more information, please call

Neil Pearson on 07774 893 484
email: njp111@hotmail.com

Teresa Lester on 01449 744 120
email: teresalester47@gmail.com

Two buses for the price of one!

Dear Residents, I'm very pleased to say that the 51 bus between Hadleigh and Stowmarket is not only still operating during the Bildeston High Street road closure, but there are now two different routes to ensure people can still get between the two towns. The 51S is shuttling between Bildeston and Stowmarket and the 51 will run between Stowmarket and Hadleigh but miss out Hitcham and Finborough and go, instead, via Needham Market. I had been on to the bus company, Anglian Water and Suffolk County Council Highways multiple times about this, so it's great that they've found the money to run the extra bus. Below are the timetables. The operator, *Konect*, has promised me they will be putting up "roadside information" at what stops they can, as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Robert Lindsay, County councillor Cosford
Suffolk County Councillor, Cosford division (Green)

TIMETABLE

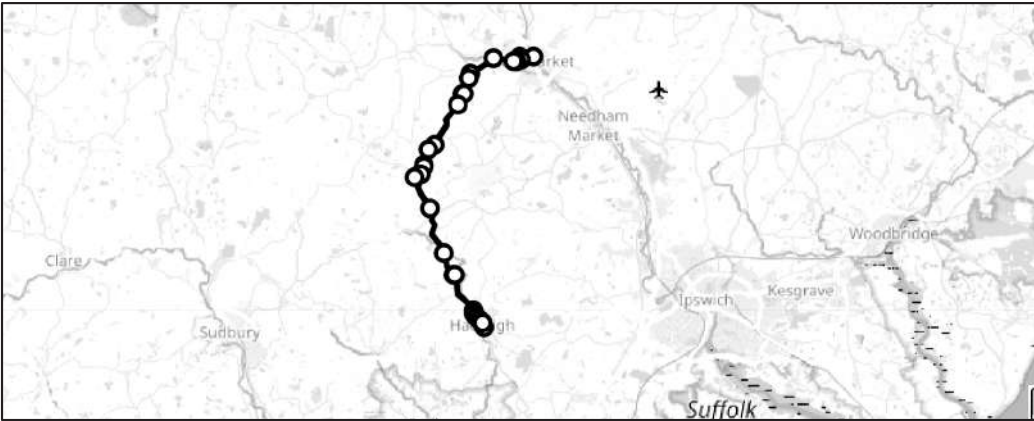
Monday 29th June to Tuesday 3rd November

	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>
Bildeston, Clock Tower	07:13	09:13	11:13	13:13	15:13	17:13
Hitcham, White Horse	07:16	09:16	11:16	13:16	15:16	17:16
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:25	09:25	11:25	13:25	15:25	17:25
Stowmarket, Rail Station	07:34	09:34	11:34	13:34	15:34	17:34
	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>
Stowmarket, Rail Station	07:40	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:49	09:49	11:49	13:49	15:49	17:49
Hitcham, White Horse	07:58	09:58	11:58	13:58	15:58	17:58
Bildeston, Clock Tower	08:13	10:13	12:13	14:13	16:13	18:13

TIMETABLE

Monday 29th June to Tuesday 3rd November

	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>
Hadleigh Bus Station (Stand A)	07:00	09:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00
Bildeston, Clock Tower	07:13	09:13	11:13	13:13	15:13	17:13
Stowmarket, Argos Store	07:30	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30
Stowmarket, Rail Station	07:34	09:34	11:34	13:34	15:34	17:34
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Stowmarket, Rail Station	07:40	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Stowmarket, Bury Street	07:43	09:43	11:43	13:43	15:43	17:43
Bildeston, Clock Tower	08:01	10:01	12:01	14:01	16:01	18:01
Hadleigh Bus Station (Stand A)	08:16	10:16	12:16	14:16	16:16	18:16



Daily Bus Service to Stowmarket and Hadleigh
Six-service-a-Day, Monday to Friday bus service, the 51



Route	51	51	51	51	51	51
Stowmarket Railway Station	07:40	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:48	09:48	11:48	13:48	15:48	17:48
Hitcham, White Horse	07:57	09:57	11:57	13:57	15:57	17:57
Bildeston, Clock Tower	08:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00
Hadleigh, Bus Station	08:16	10:16	12:16	14:16	16:16	18:16
Route	51	51	51	51	51	51
Hadleigh, Bus Station	07:00	09:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00
Bildeston, Clock Tower	07:13	09:13	11:13	13:13	15:13	17:13
Hitcham, White Horse	07:16	09:16	11:16	13:16	15:16	17:16
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:25	09:25	11:25	13:25	15:25	17:25
Stowmarket Railway Station	07:34	09:34	11:34	13:34	15:34	17:34



Route 112 runs every Tuesday and Thursday leaving Bildeston Clock Tower at 9.30am and stopping in Chelsworth, Monks Eleigh, Brent Eleigh (on request), Little Waldingfield, Great Waldingfield and Sudbury.

The Return service leaves Sudbury Bus Station at 1pm.

Every passenger is valued as fares are crucial to keeping this important service viable, and there is no restriction on who can travel.



Community Transport

TIMETABLE ROUTE 112 **[TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS ONLY]**

2026

OUTWARD JOURNEY		RETURN JOURNEY	
Bildeston Market Square	09.30 am	Sainsbury's store front RQ	
Chelsworth, Peacock pub	09.34 am	Sudbury bus station	13.00 pm
Monks Eleigh, Swan pub	09.37 am	Tesco store bust stop RQ	
Brent Eleigh, Village Hall	09.41 am	Sudbury Health Centre RQ	
Lavenham (adj. Swan Hotel) RQ		Chilton roundabout	13.04 pm
Little Waldingfield, Swan pub	09.49 am	Bantocks Road, White Hall	13.08 pm
Great Waldingfield, post office	09.53 am	Bantocks Road, Lynns Hall	13.09 pm
Bantocks Road, Lynns Hall	09.55 am	Great Waldingfield, post office	13.11 pm
Bantocks Road, White Hall	09.56 am	Little Waldingfield, Swan pub	13.15 pm
Chilton roundabout	09.59 am	Lavenham (opp Swan Hotel) RQ	
Sudbury Health Centre RQ		Brent Eleigh, Village Hall	13.23 pm
Tesco store bus stop RQ		Swingleton Green RQ	
Sudbury Bus Station	10.04 am	Monks Eleigh, Swan pub	13.28 pm
Sainsbury's store front RQ		Chelsworth, Peacock Pub	13.32 pm
		Bildeston Market Square	13.37 pm
		Brooksfield, Bildeston RQ	

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Ipswich Route 111 Operated by Mulleys Motorways

Hitcham – Bildeston – Somersham - Ipswich

Monday to Saturday

Bildeston Clock Tower (opp)	Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station
0720	0817
0950	1046
1350	1446
1650	1746

Ipswich – Somersham – Bildeston – Hitcham

Monday to Saturday

Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station	Bildeston Clock Tower
0840 (0850 in school holidays)	0932 (0936 in school holidays)
1235	1329
1540 (1550 in school holidays)	1642 (1643 in school holidays)
1750	1843

Stowmarket Route 461 Operated by Hadleigh Community Transport & Chambers

Stowmarket – Great Bricett/Hitcham – Hadleigh

Monday & Thursday

Bildeston Clock Tower (opp)	Hadleigh Bus Station
1305	1340

Hadleigh – Hitcham/Great Bricet - Stowmarket

Hadleigh Bus Station	Bildeston Clock Tower
0950	1003

Bury St Edmunds Route 379 – Wednesday only

Bury St Edmunds – Bildeston – Hadleigh

Bildeston Clock Tower (opp)	Hadleigh Bus Station
1351	1414

Hadleigh – Bildeston – Bury St Edmunds

Hadleigh Bus Station	Bildeston Clock Tower
0942	1009



Appeal for awareness after jewellery worth thousands stolen in courier fraud

Officers are urging families, friends and neighbours to make vulnerable members of the community aware of ever-changing courier fraud tactics after jewellery worth thousands was stolen. The incident took place in a village in the Babergh district, with the victim being called by two offenders. One fraudulently claimed to be from her bank, while another said they were from the National Crime Agency. They claimed they were calling to warn of a spate of burglaries in the area and successfully convinced the victim, a woman aged in her 70s, to use a courier to send her bank cards and jewellery worth tens of thousands of pounds to them to keep safe. Police are urging families, friends and neighbours to make elderly relatives or vulnerable members of the community aware of courier fraud and of the ever-changing nature of these crimes, including the requests for valuable items such as jewellery and the direct messaging of victims through methods such as the use of WhatsApp.

Between February and May this year there were 14 incidents reported in the County, with around £160,000 stolen. Officers have put together a list of some of the tactics used by the criminals to help advise members of the public:

- They often claim to be from the Metropolitan police and will provide a name that sounds legitimate, for example PC 85372 Barker or DC Colin Phillips from the Fraud Squad. They may even set up a password and say that it must be used in every conversation.
- They are able to use technology that makes the caller ID look like a local or London number. They may call from a withheld number.
- On some occasions, they advise that fraud has been occurring within their bank or their local police force and they need the person's help to catch those responsible. Alternatively, they may say that there has been fraudulent activity on the person's account. This may be alleged fraud by people dispensing cash from the banks, counterfeit money having been paid into someone's account or large-scale fraud at a bank branch.

Police Connect Appeal, cont'd

- They may advise the victim to hang up and then call police on 999 or 101 to check they are genuine. The fraudster will stay on the line when the victim hangs up and in some cases play a dialling tone so it sounds like they have hung up. When the victim dials 999 they are actually still speaking to the criminal or an accomplice. If you have any concerns about the legitimacy of the call please contact the police, ideally via another phone line or other method, to verify the details of the officer provided in the call.
- The fraudster will usually ask the victim to withdraw a large sum of cash from the bank to 'test the system' or 'reveal the fraud'. Victims are told that they will get the money repaid, sometimes with a reward as well. They may ask for a credit card and PIN. They will say that the victim must not tell anyone else what they are doing as this is a secret/covert operation.
- They will often provide a cover story for the victim to use at the bank, for example they are having building work done and the builder will only accept cash, or that it is for a grandchild who is getting married.
- They may tell the victim that they need to keep their phone with them when visiting the bank and on to remain on a call to the fraudster to provide 'evidence' of the offence taking place as a reassurance for the victim. They will say the phone should be out of view.
- Once the cash has been withdrawn, they will often send a courier to collect it. This is sometimes via a local taxi firm or other transport service such as Uber. The courier will provide the password and take the cash/card. Sometimes people are asked to leave the cash/card hidden somewhere close to the house. They may call back and ask for more cash. The perpetrators can become threatening.

If you have any concerns or feel you or someone you know may have been targeted, please report it. Reports can be made to both the police and to Report Fraud, while further advice on this and other scams is available on the *Report Fraud website: Courier fraud - Report Fraud*



Bildeston Parish Council report by Robert Lindsay County Cllr 6.7.26

Resurfacing of High Street

I'm delighted that Highways have listened to my repeated requests to take advantage of the road closure to resurface 80% of the High Street. They are not doing some bits – ie south of Ipswich Road turnoff and the north end just beyond Wattisham Road turnoff - but I have pointed out there are humps and bumps and potholes here too. At the moment they are resisting request to do 100% saying it would cost them more in their current budget.

SIDs for High Street

I intervened to try to find out why Highways had not installed the poles for these as earlier agreed with the parish councillor Sidgwick. They tell me it got "*lost in the system*" when they transferred projects onto a new system but that they are now pushing ahead. Works have been reordered and they say the works should be done by the 25th September.

Two 51 buses during road closure

Very pleased to hear that the *County Council*, *AW* and *Konect* have agreed to operate two buses 51 and 51S between Hadleigh and Stowmarket, with one plying between Stow and Bildeston and the other going between the two towns but bypassing the High Street closure to go via Needham. The closure was delayed by a fortnight to allow the high Street to be used as a diversion route for a closure to mend a gas leak elsewhere but the news came too late to alter the new bus timetables which began last week.

51 Bus stop timetables

I have asked that *Konect* install timetables at the bus stops where they can, since the only one I know of on the route was posted up by Bildeston PC. They say they will do this "*as soon as possible*". In the meantime I sent the amended new timetables to the *Bugle* for publication.

Legal challenge to three unitary decision

On Monday (30 June), I attended the emergency cabinet meeting called by Reform's leader, Michael Hadwen, at which the cabinet nodded through his decision to mount a judicial review. As of writing (Wed 1st July) I have just signed, along with colleagues from all opposition parties, a "*call in*" request to the monitoring officer to have this decision reviewed by scrutiny committee. I will let you know the outcome; however, even if the call-in goes ahead, it is unlikely to prevent the judicial review being launched. The legal challenge will cost up to £500k, and that will have to come from the already tight reserves budget. It is far from clear that Reform can win this challenge. Hadwen has said his goal is to prevent any change from happening from the existing two-tier structure. While I am not a big fan of the changes imposed on us, I can't help thinking that things have got too far down the road to change that now, but I may be wrong.

**Cont'd - Bildeston Parish Council report
by Robert Lindsay County Cllr 6.7.26
and
District Councillor's Report to Bildeston Parish Council**

The risk is that the change to three unitaries still goes ahead but that we are not ready because of the distraction caused by this legal action. I also pointed out to Cllr Hadwen that Reform do not have a mandate to take this action which, if it wins, will prolong his term of office from two years to four years. This is because it formed no part of Reform's manifesto at the election. Cllr Hadwen said he had a mandate to make any decision because Reform won the election and that planning for three unitaries is going ahead in parallel with the action.

Bus Franchising

The county has won nearly £500k for a feasibility study of running bus rather than having to work with individual companies to subsidise buses they want. Under a franchise, as per London or Greater Manchester, the local authority simply pays bus companies for supply of buses with driver and the authority determines the routes, the timetables, standards and fares. This has allowed 38% passenger growth in the part of Manchester that was first franchised three years ago. It means busy commercial routes that make money can be used to subsidise rural routes that don't. Our group has discovered that two out of five parishes in Suffolk have no bus during commuter hours to their nearest town, and I will be proposing a motion calling for the goal of a minimum universal bus service five days a week for all parishes to their nearest town.

**District Councillor's Report to Bildeston Parish Council
Monday 6th July 2026**

Bildeston Issues

Waste and Recycling Collections during the High Street closure

Discussions have been held between the Council and Anglian Water. It has been garnered that Anglian Water staff will collect and return residents' bins and bring them to the site of the road closure where the domestic and food waste crews will empty them.

Due to the scheduling of the works, only household collections will be affected as access will always be available to all businesses. It just means the trade vehicles will, possibly, have to access the businesses from a different end of the Village than they do normally.

A further question meeting in a month or so time to catch up and iron out any issues that have occurred.

Cont'd - District Councillor's Report to Bildeston Parish Council 6th July 2026

Ipswich Road 'ditch'

The ditch has been a long running issue and is connected to Orbit securing a Section 278 agreement from the County Council. As you know, a Section 278 agreement allows developers to fund and carry out alterations or improvements to public highways in coordination with County Highways. In the case of the Orbit site, that would include the construction of a pavement down the road and the ditch "*sculpting*" and connections. There is a 600mm diameter pipe under the road at the site entrance. The new ditch which, as we know, is uphill from the site entrance, will take any ditch water coming down from uphill of the development through the new ditch and will then be routed through the pipe under the road entrance and onward as is specified in the S278 scope of works. The pipe could not be connected until the agreement was signed. The work will be done over the next two to three months. Orbit will not have to close the road and will use traffic lights so there will be a lane open for traffic up and down the hill.

Traffic on the High Street

I have spoken to the Senior Officer responsible for Heritage, and he has agreed to write to Highways to raise Babergh's concerns about the damage being done to listed buildings by heavy lorry traffic and suggesting traffic calming measures. I have also written to the Suffolk Preservation Society about the issue.

Empty Homes

I have been approached by a resident who is concerned about the number of empty houses in the Village. If residents want to report empty homes, they can do it via our websites. There is an online form and an email address. email enquiries@houses4homes.org or phone 0300 123 4000.

Empty homes - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk

I should point out that the owners of such houses are charged double council tax after one year, and there is a sliding scale after that; if a property was unoccupied for over ten years, we would charge a year's council tax plus a 300% premium. We also try and trace the owner and work with them to bring the property back into use. If that doesn't work, we will take enforcement action. Where an empty property is causing a statutory nuisance or affecting neighbouring properties, we could secure the property or carry out works to fix any problem that affects a neighbouring property.

Joint Local Plan

We have recently launched an initial scoping consultation as part of our research for the Joint Local plan. This is to gather views from our communities and would be grateful if you could share this information with residents in your area and encourage them to give their feedback.

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Better Recycling

This is the first major change to our recycling regime for over 20 years, and it presented a logistical challenge to us and the other councils in Suffolk. New vehicles purchased. New crews hired. Purchasing new bins and caddies. Designing and managing a county-wide communications campaign Negotiating new contracts with Serco and retooling the MRF.

We recognise that there have been issues with bin distribution and collection, but we are dealing with a more complex service. But we are getting there. Our residents are embracing the new service. Food waste tonnages are increasing every week. For the first three weeks of the service, 431 tonnes of food waste have been collected, equivalent to 36 double decker buses, all going to the anaerobic digester to create energy and fertiliser for farmers. I would like to thank residents for their patience and the enthusiasm with which they embraced this change.

Local Government Reform

The new County administration sent its pre-action letter to the Secretary of State. Perhaps, he has replied - perhaps not. We are all in the dark. The County Council Leader, Councillor Hadwen has decided to mount a legal challenge which will result in a judicial review.

The Government has said publicly that it "remains committed" to the local government reorganisation timeline as has the Minister for State, Alison Mc Govern at a recent Select Committee hearing. In a recent webinar with the Minister she repeated that, and we were also told that a draft Statutory Consent Order would be sent to councils next month for comment and then the final order would be laid before Parliament late October and would come into force late this year or in early January, so time is tight!

The districts and the borough took legal advice before we sent off our proposals. The previous administration would have challenged the decision if they could have found grounds.

Residents overwhelmingly preferred three unitaries during public consultation. I am pleased that, unlike the administration in Norfolk, Councillor Hadwen has not withdrawn his officers from the vital task of planning for the future of public services. 27 work streams made up of officers from all the councils are reporting into an Implementation Board of Chief Executives. This work cannot and must not stop if we are to provide our residents with the services they need.

I hope the Reform administration thinks long and hard before it commits council tax payers money, estimates range from £100k to £500K on a Judicial Review which it has little chance of winning.

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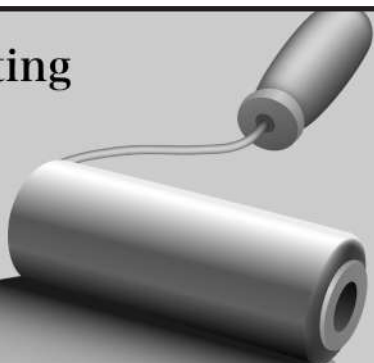
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