

Annual Parish Report

WINTERTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

2021 - 22



Low Road Resurfacing

Improved access

Restricted ByWay

Formed Environment Working Group

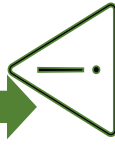


Protect habitats: dark skies, hedgerow management

Protect biodiversity: increase pollinators

Protect environment: address invasions, carbon cutting, waste management

Use and improve



signage



Supported start-up of a resident led newsletter

Support Group established

Ongoing

PC meetings by Zoom

COVID

Mobile Testing Unit

Village Award

Community Champion (Cllr. Clegg)

Royal Community Award (Cllr. Smithson)



Wildflower trials commenced

- Full council of 9 members all year
- Chairman, Mark Bobby, elected May 2021
- Zoom meetings until June 2021
- 22-23 budget will use reserves to prevent adding to cost of living increases for residents
- Second Saturday surgeries started

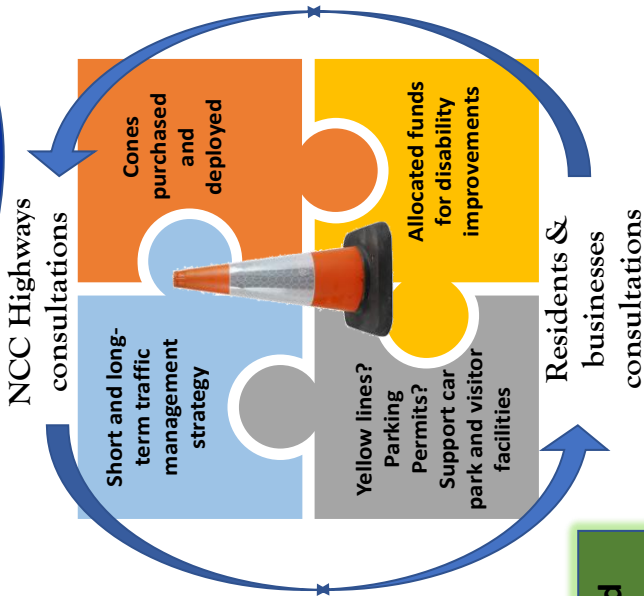
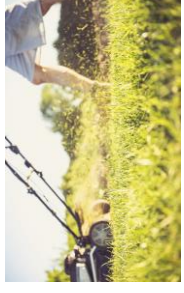
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Garage sale Craft Fair

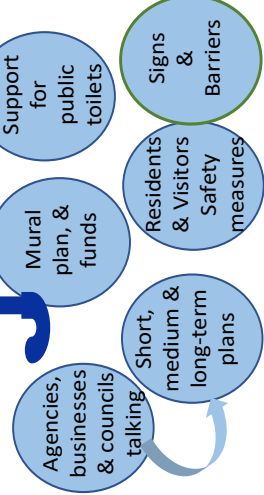


Completed installation of mains water to allotment and surrounding areas

Neighbourhood Plan approved (started 2017) and Incorporated into GYBC Development Plan



Coastal Actions



The village of Winterton-on-Sea is represented by nine Parish Councillors:

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Councillors have specific responsibilities, but our next Annual General Meeting (May 2022) may change these. See our website for details or attend a meeting!

The Parish Council meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month, except in December. This may be in a virtual format or at Winterton-on-Sea Village Hall. Parish Council agendas are published on the Parish Council website three clear days before the meeting. Minutes are published in draft on the website shortly after the meeting. They are also available from the Parish Clerk or on village noticeboards.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all monthly full Parish Council meetings. A time is set aside for public comments before the meeting begins. Alternatively, the Parish Council can be contacted via the website if you wish to discuss something privately.

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Winterton-On-Sea Parish Council Financial Report 2021-2022

Annual Return 2021-2022

	<u>2020/21 (£)</u>	<u>2021/22 (£)</u>	<u>Variance (£ +/-)</u>
Balances Brought Forward	53,769	75,668	
<u>Receipts</u>			
Annual Precept	32,797	34,105	1,308
Total other receipts	34,670	18,510	-16,160
	<u>67,467</u>	52,615	-14,852
<u>Payments</u>			
Staff Costs	25,487	28,053	2,566
All other payments	20,081	29,907	9,826
	<u>45,568</u>	57,960	12,392
Balances Carried Forward	<u>75,668</u>	70,323	-5,345

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance at 1st April 2021	£75,667.67	
Total Income		52,614.61
Total Expenditure		57,959.62
Closing Balance at 31st March 2022		£70,322.66
Current Account:		19,739.38
Deposit Account:		<u>50,583.28</u>
Net Balances:		70,322.66

Total cash and short-term investments	£75,668	£70,323	
Total Fixed Assets, plus other long-term investments & assets	£42,297	£47,686	5,389
Total borrowings	0	0	

County Councillor James Bensly writes:

Cllr. Bensly, who lives in Hemsby, was elected to Norfolk County Council in May 2021 for the East Flegg division which includes Winterton-on-Sea.

He joined the Conservative majority on the County Council. He is also our borough councillor (Great Yarmouth).

The following is a summary of his full report, which can be found on the parish council website <http://www.winterton-on-seaparishcouncil.org.uk/> from the Annual Parish Meeting menu option.



Norfolk County Council report for 2021/22

- 70% of Norfolk streetlights converted, or work underway to convert to LED
- 96.7% of highways inspections completed within timescale
- 99.6% of dangerous highway defects dealt with within timescales set out in the Transport Asset Management Plan
- 94% of Looked after Children (LAC) with an up-to-date Personal Education Plan
- Completed 51,000 Adult Social Care Assessments for 20,700 people.

The 2022/23 Budget

A £464 million net revenue budget, a £25m increase from last year, with increased spending across key service areas and capital programmes, along with a 2.99% Council Tax rise has been agreed to enable Norfolk to build back better after the pandemic.

Cllr James Bensly, continued...

Adult Social Services - additional £35.4m of investment, against savings of £10.5m,

Children's Services - £23.2m further investment,

SEND School Programme - additional £10m investment with £12m against planned savings;

Community and Environmental Services - £11.2m, against savings of £3.5m.

Within Community and Environmental Services: a £10m pothole fund; new recycling centres; £5m on library upkeep and extension of services; and, £12m on the Better Broadband project.

The Conservative Group's 2021 Manifesto pledged to deliver a better future for Norfolk through:

- Protecting valued services
- Investing in care services
- Strengthening community resilience
- Leading on economic development
- Supporting families and young people
- Caring for our environment

Protecting Valued Services

- Love Norfolk, Hate Litter – boost for pickers as litter is now accepted at recycling centres;
- £29m maintenance programme benefitting pavements & roads, well underway across Norfolk;
- Brand new £1.9m Norwich South recycling Centre recently opened;
- Fire and Rescue staff presented with awards;
- Council received the Gold Award (highest honour of the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme from the Ministry of Defence for outstanding support of the armed forces community in Norfolk.

Investing in care services

- Plan to tackle adult social care's winter pressures through various support initiatives;
- Under the Health and Care Bill, integrated care systems (ICSs) are being established to drive changes leading to better, more joined-up care for the population. NCC has agreed support for new local Health & Wellbeing Partnerships which will play a key role in driving this activity.

Strengthening community Resilience

- A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched;
- Flood Reserve Fund spending agreed;
- Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (founded in 2021) has formally adopted a strategy to bring together all agencies & partners involved in planning for/ responding to, flooding in Norfolk.
- £1.02million awarded to 25 different voluntary and community groups across Norfolk with grants ranging from £3,400 to £250,000.

Leading on Economic Development

- The C-CARE (Covid Channel Area Response Exchange) initiative, funded by Interreg France (Channel) England - a cross-border programme between north France and south of England - allocated €2.2m for C-CARE in Norfolk for businesses and people hardest hit in the pandemic.
- Faster Broadband: hard to reach premises in Norfolk are to receive between £115m and £195m of funding as part of the Government's Project Gigabit to provide 1GB per second broadband to up to 119,000 premises. Contracts will be awarded from February 2022.

Supporting families and young people

- New Roads was set up by NCC with significant investment, to give vulnerable young people access to a dedicated support team. providing education, coaching and speech & language therapy, as well as access to short-term residential beds and foster care placements.
- Hundreds of free activities for children and young people in school holidays funded by the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and delivered by Norfolk County Council in partnership with Active Norfolk.
- Free online business summer school for 16-25-year-olds in Norfolk;
- Plans for thousands of new school places in Norfolk;
- Ofsted Inspectors praise support for children in care in Norfolk.

Cllr James Bensly, continued...

Caring for our environment

- Carbon cutting commitment is central to the new county transport plan which aims to support a growing economy, strengthen communities and reduce environmental impact. NCC has pledged to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.
- Pollinator paradises set for Norfolk roadsides with plan to triple the number: Fewer cuts for rural roadsides, a pollinator action plan, and 188 more roadside nature reserves are all on the cards as part of plans to boost biodiversity along roads and paths across the county.
- Development of a new verge management policy which will include information for parish and town councils wishing to take on responsibility for verge cutting in their local area.
- Plans to help boost cycling and walking across the county through multiple Local Cycling, Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS) being developed.

"A busy first year as we come out of this terrible pandemic and more to do but it's a great privilege to serve my home villages here in the East Flegg Division and I'm forever grateful. As ever, if I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you."

James

Councillor James Bensly,
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The Winterton Film Society

Winterton Cinema Society continues to show well received, high quality and recent cinema releases on its big screen in the village hall, usually on the last Saturday of each month.

To begin with, in August 2021, people were obviously worried about coming out when lock-down restrictions were lifted. The superb film '1917' had a lovely audience of 4, to whom I was really grateful. Since then, audience figures are steadily rising, although still short of the pre-pandemic average of 32. We are having to use the profits we made before lock-down to keep afloat, but when another 10 or so people increase our numbers, we should be back in the black.

Other films since our restart have been 'Military Wives', 'Fishermen's Friends', 'Parasite', 'Little Women', 'No Time To Die', 'King Richard', and recently, the brilliant 'West Side Story'.

I would like to thank Peter Robins who came to our rescue when the amplifier decided to pack up. He very kindly donated a new amplifier which was more than generous. The standard of presentation is as it was before, much to the delight of the two suspicious looking nuns at the Christmas showing of 'The Sound of Music'. Thanks also to the Post Office and the Fish shop who let us advertise in their windows. Dave Jones, our treasurer since we started, has stood down. My sincere gratitude to Dave - **anyone** who would like to step in is more than welcome.

It's still the case that many residents are unaware of the excellent resource our equipment provides when a film is shown. The 5 speaker audio is second to none, the films are always in Blu-ray to provide high-end definition, and the cosy setting almost gets you right into the screen. If you've not been, for goodness sake give us a try - you'll be pleasantly surprised! *Geoff Roper*



We are back to having an old-fashioned interval, where you can stretch your legs with a coffee or tea, and a natter about the film.

Winterton In Bloom

Corona virus restrictions impacted In Bloom in the spring of **2021**, so we were playing catch up for several weeks. We were very successful with our GoFundMe page; an incredible £2,120 was raised. This enabled us to have raised planters made. Bird boxes were put up in various areas around the village and in April the installation of 'bug hotels' sparked lots of interest. In Bloom received a grant of £1,850 for specified work to be done around the village from our successful bid to Great Yarmouth Tourist Board.

In May 2021 a Crab apple tree was planted on the village hall green in memory of Sir Tom Moore. The raised planters were installed in June with a small ceremony on the village hall green to mark the occasion. A very busy time followed, planting up the sensory garden and planters, plus all the other gardens we look after around the village. We held our AGM and buffet at the village hall in September: Elaine Hillier stepped down as vice chair due to work commitments and Cheryl Knight was voted in as the new vice chair.

We braved the elements to do our Winter tidy up and put the gardens to bed in November, rewarding ourselves with a really enjoyable team dinner at the Fishermans Return. In February 2022 Great Yarmouth Tourist Board awarded us £1,500 for specific work to enhance the village and the parish council gave us £500 to paint the bus shelter. We welcomed Steve Knight as our new treasurer as Andrew Simonsen resigned due to ill health.

Spring 2022 has been such a busy time! The bus shelter was painted; new beds dug and planted; planters moved; wildlife hedge planted on the village hall green; we helped the environmental group plant fruit trees. We are making sure the village green spaces look fantastic for the Jubilee celebrations and the rest of the year will be spent making our village a place to be really proud of.

Follow us on our website to see what we have been doing:
<https://www.wintertononseainbloom.co.uk/>

Claire Thompson (chair)



Friends of Horsey Seals: Atlantic Grey Seals at Winterton.

The 2021 -22 pupping season started as usual at the very end of October, with numbers increasing dramatically through November and December, trailing off by mid to late January. Each year the number of pups born appears to be about 10% higher than the previous season, and last season was no exception, with the number born at Winterton rising to 398 from the previous season of 360. As the autumn school break was the last week in October, we felt it prudent to commence wardening a week earlier than usual to protect the pregnant females awaiting to give birth.

The whole colony now ranges from Winterton to almost Waxham church. The new chestnut paling fence was considerably extended by Natural England, which enabled us to keep visitors away from the seals, and perhaps more importantly, prevented the vast majority of the seals from straying far into the dunes. (As in most families, there are always a few "black sheep" and some seals managed to ignore our efforts!!)

Unfortunately, we are unable to quote an accurate total figure for the colony this year as, after a series of high tides just before Christmas, the mothers, pups and some very large unfriendly bulls took refuge on top of the dunes from Somerton to Horsey. This made it impossible for the counters to walk amongst: it would have endangered both the pups and counters. We ended up with an estimated overall total of 2600.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who visited for keeping dogs under control, and maintaining our advisory safe distance of 10m wherever possible.

Also, a special thank you to Jan, for allowing us free parking once again, plus looking after our radios due to the sad demise of the Natural England black hut, especially as she was, and still is, under great pressure trying to maintain the car park.

Peter Ansell, Chairman FoHS



All photos taken by seal wardens or with zoom lenses

The Year at Winterton Dunes National Nature Reserve 2021-22

Thriving Nature
for people and planet



John White from Natural England writes

The 109 hectares of land which forms the National Nature Reserve consists primarily of sand dunes and heathland and runs as a long thin strip of land between Winterton and Horsey. It is owned by Burnley Hall Estate and managed by Natural England through a Nature Reserve agreement.

The management of this site is based upon balancing the protection of a delicate coastal habitat and allowing appropriate public recreation. The site has international status because of its little terns, who nest on the beach between May and July, but also legal protection as habitat for rare species such as natterjack toads and nightjars. The main bird species on the site (little terns, meadow pipit, nightjar & skylark) are all ground-nesting birds, meaning they are vulnerable to pressure from people and dogs. You may not notice the impact you have on birds seeking a safe nesting site or being regularly disturbed by passers-by during your walk. Therefore, it is important to consider taking a few measures during the nesting season to limit your impact.

- Stay on the main paths to avoid accidentally trampling on the nests;
- Keep your dog on a lead during this time, in case your dog inadvertently spooks the birds.

These simple measures could be your way of helping to keep this beautiful nature reserve an important part of Norfolk's landscape. We recommend heading south towards Hemsby if you want to let your dog off the lead during the summer, or, if heading north, wait until you get to Winterton Ness.

This summer we are employing a seasonal warden to act as 'eyes and ears' on the site. They will be there to help visitors get the most from their visit and limit any impact on the delicate ecosystem. The warden will also be monitoring the wildlife, picking up litter and ensuring it's a safe place to be.

During the summer of 2021 we saw the little terns nesting on the beach. They arrive from mid-April and usually start nesting around mid-May, having flown several thousand miles from west Africa to sites around Europe and Britain. Winterton has traditionally been the largest colony of little terns in all of the UK and in 2021 we saw 200+ chicks successfully fledge at Winterton. They struggle against all odds to successfully raise their chicks – they must overcome hazards such as tidal surges flooding their nests, and predators like kestrels and foxes. Dedicated RSPB staff & volunteers warden birds on the beach and are always happy to talk to visitors about the lives of the amazing little terns. From August the birds start flocking together, ready for their long migratory flight back to west Africa.

Summer of 2021 also saw the emergence of our small population of natterjack toads. These nocturnal creatures use temporary pools during the summer to lay their spawn. Specific ponds had been dug to provide the toads with tailor-made accommodation. If the water levels drop too low in these ponds, we top them up to ensure there is always somewhere for the toads to lay their spawn. Unfortunately, during 2021 season we didn't see any spawn being laid on the site. We know the toads are there because we hear them croaking at night. Two Winterton residents are helping Natural England monitor the natterjack toad population by doing evening patrols to try and spot them. This year we have provided the volunteers with a thermal imaging device to enable them to better find the toads.

Early November begins the grey seal pupping season. Natural England provided the chestnut paling fence to maintain visitors' safety by keeping the seals back behind it. We fold open part of the fence outside the seal season. It has worked well, stopping seals from venturing over the dunes posing a real risk to visitors. Strong winds and high tides in October 2021 caused massive collapse of the cliffs at the car park in a very short period of time. A fishermen's hut, owned by Natural England, was left just a few metres from the edge of the cliff. The hut was taken down during November and removed from site. Shortly after, further cliff edge loss saw the concrete base the hut was built on fall into the sea. Of course, this dramatically affected the car park, with much less parking space. Also, the recently established England Coast Path will have to be re-routed as part of it was also lost.

In February 2022 one of the big ponds on the reserve was filled-in. It had become choked with an invasive, non-native species called New Zealand Stone crop. There is no way to eliminate this plant once established in a pond. The only option was to fill in the pond to kill off the weed. We plan to dig out and re-establish the pond in a few years' time once the plant has died away.

Environment Working Group

Over this year the parish has formed an Environment Group to advise the parish council on ecological and environmental issues, and to look for opportunities to work across the village on environmental issues that our residents care about. In just 8 months the group has organised a couple of volunteer days to clear the invasive plant Russian Vine from the valley, saving a number of mature trees. We have planted trees, created a project around wildflowers, begun discussions with Burnley Hall Estate and are investigating how we can safeguard our dark sky. Please contact cllrpunchard@gmail.com if you'd like to be involved.

Wildflower Project

The Environment group has the recognition and protection of biodiversity at its core and seeks to address the huge challenges from climate change where we are locally affected. If we look for small ways to improve our landscape, recognising that wildlife thrives on diversity not uniformity, and create more room for our insects and birds (essential pollinators for our food) we can also make Winterton-on-Sea an even more interesting and beautiful village for ourselves.

We identified four potential areas in the village for a wildflower project and are trying out methods of combining types of planting and plants with grass of various heights.

The Butterflies have already landed, and the bees are very busy searching for nectar. We hope our Wildflower project will eventually make it easier for them to find food as our seedlings are beginning to sprout but not yet in flower. As well as providing extra food for our beautiful creatures we are hoping that the people of Winterton will enjoy the slightly different and ever-changing green areas around the village. It is very much still in its early stages, and we are learning as the process develops. We also hope that villagers will offer us hints and advice as to the best type of seeds for the different soils in the four areas we are piloting. In particular, we are very grateful to the residents near Bulmer Pit who have sculpted the grass, planted the flowers in the centre and have several ideas regarding the shrubs and trees around the pond.

Duffles Pond is an example of an area that can flourish, after many years of careful management by Tony and Russell. Patrick G has planted some new flowers in the form of Milk Parsley and Hemp Agrimony. If they establish, we may be lucky and see Swallowtail Butterflies, arguably the most beautiful butterfly in the UK.

Rebecca Durant



Milk Parsley & Hemp Agrimony at Duffles Pond

Plants' regrowth after removal of the Russian Vine



901 Troop Marine Cadets TS Fearless

Over the last year we have had a lot to deal with as a unit. We were not able to fund raise as often. Covid-19, and the huge amount of paperwork and process involved with that, meant we were working online, using the Zoom platform for training with the cadets. It required a total rewrite of training for cadets each time. Staff worked so hard to open the unit back up when we were allowed



Our Presentation Evening was on a smaller scale because of Covid-19, but the next one will be a great chance for the cadets to show off their skills in all areas.

Our diary is filling up for the next year with all the events that are coming up

- Exercises in the field, with the support of Terry Byrne and the Jeep club;
- Training in the field, showing cadets how to survive without technology -I know, that's a big deal to a child these days!
- We have Armourfest at the Norfolk Tank Museum, helping the team clean and move tanks, jeeps and other equipment;
- We're off to Strumpshaw Steam Rally for the Jubilee weekend to work there too.

Cadet Cavanagh was awarded mayor's cadet to help and support His Worship, the mayor Adrian Thompson in 2021. This has now ended and two more of our cadets were interviewed to be considered as mayor's cadet for the new mayor. This year we have the honour of receiving mayor's cadet for Great Yarmouth Borough Council: the new mayor's cadet from 901 troop is Lance Corporal Grace Prescott.



We also received a badge from Great Yarmouth Borough Council for being 'Freeman of the Borough' which is a great honour.



We have been working hard to give the cadets a chance to be able to complete the Duke of Edinburgh award. We now have the money to start the ball rolling, with donations from the Lions Club (left) plus our Just Giving web page, and the cadets doing a 10-mile sponsored yomp.

Out of this difficult year, the troop has grown and we are really looking forward to the future.

Captain Rachel Tooke Commanding Officer of the troop



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Winterton Primary School and Nursery Annual Report for the Annual Parish Council Meeting

This year, we have had a busy and successful year at Winterton Primary School and Nursery and we have many achievements to celebrate. Here is an overview of our highlights and a look ahead to some of our plans for the next year.

Pupil numbers

We reached a huge milestone in September 2021, as we increased our pupil numbers to triple what we had three years ago, when the school was faced with closure. In addition, this term our nursery provision is also full to capacity until September 2022 and we have just had our Reception intake confirmed for September 2022 as 13 children of 15 spaces - both are excellent results in our mission to grow pupil numbers. These are huge achievements which deserve thanks to a number of people.

Firstly, the children, parents, families and local community for their recommendations to other people about us as a school, as this is very often why we have children moving to us from other schools or choosing us over other local schools, when moving from away. Secondly, our wonderful staff working tirelessly to ensure that every child can access and engage with our broad, balanced and inspiring curriculum to enable them to achieve their full potential. Finally, to the contributors and followers of our school Facebook page, which we have used to showcase the children's fabulous learning and achievements, not just to current parents, but to prospective parents and the community too.

Staffing

We have had a few new staff appointments this year and we said goodbye to Mrs Massingham who retired after over 30 years teaching at the school. Mr D'Rosario joined us in September as a new Early Years Foundation Stage teacher for the Starfish Class and we have also had Mrs Hewitt join us as a Teaching Assistant, Mrs Reid as a Catering Assistant and Mr Bell as Caretaker. We are in the process of appointing a new teacher for Seal Class from September to release Mrs Waters from the classroom, allowing her to focus on the leadership of the school, in her role as Assistant Academy Head.

Covid-19

Following the end of the lockdown restrictions for school closures, we were pleased to open the school fully to all children just before Easter last year. Since then, with our risk management plan in place and following the latest government guidelines, we have only had one period of disruption due to Covid-19. An outbreak in January resulted in a considerable number of children and staff testing positive, which unfortunately meant that the school had to be closed for two days due to inadequate staffing and to allow for a deep clean to take place. However, during this time the children were given packs of work to complete at home.

Curriculum enrichment

This year, the Trust has offered free curriculum enrichment opportunities for all children from 3.30pm-4.30pm every day through after-school clubs with a curriculum focus, led by school staff, as well as external providers. These have been very popular with the children; we regularly have 20 children staying each day. The clubs have included football, netball, athletics, arts and crafts, choir, cooking, ukulele, recorder, woodwork, drama, construction, dance, boogie bounce, Chinese and science.

Consortium Multi Academy Trust.

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Little Nippers

In September we started our new Little Nippers Toddler Group: this is a group that runs weekly on Monday mornings for preschool children from birth to 4 years to attend with their parents. The group benefited from a £2500 grant from Norfolk County Council which funded lots of new equipment and a new shed for storage. Each week, there are 10-15 different children who attend from all around the local area to take part in a range of different play opportunities, as well as a singing session. There are also snacks and refreshments provided for both the children and the adults.

Educational visits, sports fixtures and performances

After a very long period of time where Covid-19 restrictions prevented children from learning through educational visits, attending sports fixtures and taking part in performances with an audience, it would seem that normality has returned, and our children can enjoy all these once again. Over the last year the children have enjoyed visits to Norwich Cathedral to see Dippy the diplodocus cast; the Puppet Theatre for a puppet making workshop; the Hippodrome to see the Christmas circus show; the Roarr Dinosaur Adventure Park; Gressenhall Museum for a Victorian Day; Great Yarmouth to learn about Victorian holidays and we are also looking forward to a visit to the Norfolk Show, a residential visit to London, and an adventurous activities day at Eaton Vale Activity Centre.

The children have taken part in football tournaments and cross country races and enjoyed performing the Pirates of the Curry Bean to an audience of over 100 people. Later this year the children will also be singing in a performance at the Norfolk Show and dancing in a Dance Festival in Great Yarmouth.

Fundraising

Recently, we have had some really successful fundraising events, including our sponsored fun run to the Coastwatch Tower in Winterton to raise vital funds to support the relocation of the tower to a new safer location away from the erosion of the coastline. This was a very successful event where the children and staff dressed in sea themed fancy dress to run across the dunes to where the Coastwatch Tower stood previously, raising an impressive £1200.

We have also been delighted to see the return of the fundraising events organised by the Friends of Winterton Primary School, as the majority of it had to stop over the past two years due to the pandemic. A fantastic Easter Fayre raised almost £1000 for the school, and they have plenty more events lined up for this term, including a bingo night, raffle and the Summer Fayre.

At the end of April, we are holding a Ukraine Collection Day where we are supporting the collection of food, medical and survival donations for the Ukrainian refugees and the people left in Ukraine following the devastation that is happening there currently. Although planned initially for the school community, we are also encouraging the community to bring any donations they may have too. We have also asked each family to create a shoebox filled with small gifts for a Ukrainian child refugee.

From September, we will be starting a fundraising campaign to raise money to replace our existing play equipment which is nearly 15 years old and has started to rot. We are hoping to access a grant to support us with funding but we will also be looking for local businesses and to the local community who may be able to help with our campaign.

Field Study Centre

Due to the pandemic, the opening of our Field Study Centre was delayed. However, last summer we enjoyed hosting the residentials of two Suffolk schools from within our Academy Trust as they held residentials at Winterton. We also held a very successful residential week for our own children where they were allowed to stay the night in school and enjoyed a range of exciting activities across the week. Our Field Study Centre is now fully operational and is ready to take bookings for up to 30 children for the Summer Term and beyond.

Volunteers

We are always keen to hear from any volunteers who may be able to support our children or school in any way possible and especially from those who have skills, hobbies or professions which the children could learn from. Please contact the school using the office@wintertonprimary.org email address or using the school phone number on 01493 393218 if you would like further information.

Written by Mrs. Hannah Waters for the Winterton-on-Sea Annual Parish Report

A Year at Winterton-on-Sea Bowls Club

Gordon Jewell (Club Chairman) writes...

2021 was a year where the club - as with everything else - was disrupted but with a bit of ingenuity and creativity we managed to keep bowling going. We made opportunities for members to play but maximise social distancing and health / safety as a priority. We did this by opening up the club in the afternoon, enabling members to book, and by keeping the number of rinks available to 3 instead of 6. Members playing were both distanced by having a spare rink between and keeping apart at a personal level. This was surprisingly successful, and the club was steadily booked throughout the summer season.

Real work came at the end of the season when we continued in our efforts to improve the quality of the green and all credit must be given to our main grounds person Dave Oliver.

At the end of the playing season, several of our existing committee retired and a new committee was elected. The value of those members retiring as committee members cannot be understated - many of whom were not active players - and their support and diligence in managing the club is appreciated by all. Also ongoing at this time was the negotiation for our new lease and I'm pleased to say that, just before the AGM for the 2022 season, we had largely completed our negotiations for a new lease on very similar terms to the previous one. In the closed season, a number of members had been actively promoting the club which we're hoping will bring our membership up this coming season.

The new committee, with help from members, have completed a huge amount of work around the grounds over the winter: plastic sheeting repaired; outside bowls rack painted; guttering installed; hedges and a neighbour's cherry tree cut; pump shed refitted; rotten floors and planks in sheds replaced; sheds painted; toilets cleaned and Gents painted; pavilion decluttered and thoroughly cleaned. Dave listed the work carried out on the green itself, including preparation for Willimotts (our professional grounds service), moss control, swishing and grass cutting, spiking and rolling, autumn/ winter fertilising, scarifying and thatch removal. Things for the 2022 season are looking good! Hopefully with a good green to bowl on and everything working we should have a smooth and enjoyable season (weather dependent of course).



Still grass cutting, even in January!



The 2022 season has finally begun, and we had a good turnout for the first day on the green. Although sunny it was still a bit chilly!

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Ben Utting writes...

Winterton Cricket Club has managed to buck the trend of recent years and Covid, by continuing to grow in the number of members and quality of facilities.

For the 2021 season the club fielded: two men's teams (one in the Norfolk Cricket Alliance and one in the Norfolk Cricket League); a women's first eleven; and, a competitive junior side at Under 15.

The season was one of many challenges (which continued through the winter), but specifically the range of Covid guidance for keeping everyone safe in regard to use of the facilities, changing rooms, refreshments, and social spaces, etc. The club had to complete a range of ECB and NCB documents covering risk assessments and guidance for players and members, just to be able to compete.



For the 2022 season the number of teams will increase to three junior sides at Under 11, 13 and 15 which will be a first for the club, along with the three adult teams. The increase is the result of being a part of the ECB's national programme, called All Stars, but also stronger promotion in the local area/primary schools. We offered winter net sessions that were well attended. These fixtures will take place during weekday evenings, with practice held on a Monday evening at the playing field.

The club has invested in increasing the number of coaches at Level 2, to meet coaching demands, and further invested in the facilities at the playing field. Last year it was mainly the electronic scoreboard - a long-term project - but now there are new sight screens at either end and new practice area matting.



There has been more investment (money and volunteers' time) in the cricket square, with grounds work and coring completed in Sept/ October 2021 which is starting to show positive signs of improvement.

This has been achieved through some successful grant applications (e.g. Inspired to Play from ECB) and sponsorship from local firms including: Richardson's Holiday Park in Hemsby, which also hosted our annual presentation evening in November 2021: Aldreds Estate Agents; Maverick Engineering based at Acle; Hydramec in Great Yarmouth; and Engraphics.

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We would like to thank everyone in the village who has supported the club and continues to do so as it is a small sports club run purely by volunteers, and also the parish council for their support and appetite to help and keep a village cricket club as part of the community.

For further information please visit our club website - <https://winterton.play-cricket.com/>

Winterton Newsletter

The village newsletter was relaunched last spring with the help of a £500 grant from the parish council and sponsorship from generous residents. In the early days an association was formed to get the publication off the ground and provide support. Last autumn we took over sole responsibility and decided to move to publishing monthly.

As the production team Peter and I have used our newspaper and magazine experience to create what we thought would be a useful, informative and entertaining read. We are there to report the deliberations of the parish council, highlight local issues, cover the news where we can (we both have day jobs) and reflect the life of the village.

We've produced eight issues as of April 26 and created a website wintertonnewsletter.co.uk where the current magazine and back issues can be read online.

So far we've found the response from residents has been very positive. In fact people have stopped us in the street to say how much they've enjoyed reading it. One reader even said their household fought over who got first dibs on it, which is very encouraging.

But we are really keen to involve more people, especially as contributors. If anyone has an idea for an article they want to write or a regular column, we'd love to hear from them.

Printing costs are going up – a reflection of the increase in the cost of raw material and rocketing energy bills. This could mean dropping the size of the newsletter from 20 pages to 16. But we are hopeful that, as more local businesses see the quality of our publication and our very reasonable rates, they will want to take out advertising.

Peter and I are very grateful to those who have backed the newsletter with sponsorship, advertising and editorial contributions. Without them it just wouldn't happen. And without our willing delivery team it wouldn't land on people's doormats. We'd also like to thank our printer Roger Newman, of Century Printing, for the invaluable advice and practical support given over the past year.

Peter and Tina, Winterton Newsletter



Chair of Winterton-on-Sea Parish Council, Mark Bobby, writes...

It has been my privilege to serve as Chair of Winterton-in-Sea Parish Council from September 2019 on a meeting-by-meeting basis, permanently since May 2021, and my pleasure to have Cllr. Coe as Vice Chair, leading a full council of 9 councillors. The re-emergence of 'normal' life as the threats from Covid receded, has kept us all very busy. All councillors are unpaid volunteers, so the time given from their own busy lives to working for, or on behalf of, the parish, is valued and I'm so proud of the team. Sadly, our indomitable parish clerk, Stacey, is leaving at the end of May '22. Her tremendous workload on our behalf means Winterton, and our parish, borough and county councillors will miss her enormously. She has been the 'engine' of the parish council since November 2019 and kept us all going and growing.

Apart from projects undertaken (on the front-page) and management of our obligatory functions, I would like to talk about how, I hope, the pandemic has made us value those who 'do'. A memorial plaque commemorating Winterton's resilience during the pandemic was awarded, and we plan to recognise local community actions, including the Covid Response Group formed by Cllr Smithson, with an event later this year. Pastoral work has been maintained, but there is always demand for more help for residents in need.

Councillors put out traffic management cones most weekends, and we are very grateful to those residents who hold cones for their area. We encourage more residents or businesses to help us here. Our thanks too to those residents and councillors who helped us mow our green spaces when we suffered 'hiccups' with our contracted grass cutters, and to all residents who regularly mow or strim verges in the village. I must mention the In Bloom team who maintain the flowerbeds in our village greens with beautiful flowers and shrubs, and the allotment holders who maintain the space and the lovely, wildlife-rich Duffles Pond. Plus, the Somerton Road residents, maintaining Bulmer's Pit. We ask all residents and visitors to recognise the efforts many go to in keeping our village beautiful and accessible, by treating our green spaces with respect. Our village wildflower project, in keeping with parish and county emphasis on protecting the environment and encouraging biodiversity, needs patience to be established. Biodiversity brings me to the Ecology & Environment Working Group formed this year by Cllr. Punchard. The parish council receives good advice & guidance from the group who are very proactive in working to protecting dunes, wildlife and habitats and always looking for new members. We all benefit from their work.

The parish council, the school, the church, and all of the groups in Winterton, need people. It is the people of Winterton, coming together to work or play, that underpin the resilience and character of the village and keep us a strong, thriving community able to withstand the challenges of the coming years. I urge everyone to get involved, however they can, and take a stake in Winterton. Please keep in touch with councillors through meetings, surgeries, emails, website or just chat, so we know how best to serve.

Some future plans include:

- Supporting village events for the Platinum Jubilee to facilitate a positive and safe experience for all.
- Installation of a pathway from the end of Beach Road to come around the front of the village hall and extend to the green. This will enable safe access for wheelchair and pushchair users.
- Signs in the village: we aim to consult residents and businesses to determine what sign and where and to give a 'branding' that fits in with village life in a positive way.
- Village hall repairs and improvements to enhance the facility for villagers for leisure and storage.
- Form a 'gritting' team this winter, to grit for pedestrians around the shops and the village hall.
- We hope to publish a parish council briefing every 2 months from this summer onwards and maintain the 'Second Saturday Surgeries' to give villagers a chance to raise issues they may not have the opportunity to raise at the monthly public meeting.
- Working with groups to encourage more activities on the Playing field.
- A public meeting on plans for the coast to mitigate impacts of dune and beach erosion.
- Consultations on initiatives to protect 'dark skies' while maintaining safety in the village.
- Traffic Management including 20 mph limits and yellow lines, all with consultation first.
- Fundraising events, as we set a low precept this year that uses savings to meet the budget. As for everyone, our costs have rocketed, so efficiencies and income generation are even more important.

