

Brundall Parish Council Annual Report 2022





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Welcome

This report assesses the progress that the representatives, clubs and organizations in Brundall have made during the past twelve months.

The Parish Council continues to work with the community and its groups to ensure that the parish is looked after to the highest of standards and with a proactive approach so that its future is better secured and well planned.

It is hoped that through this report, you – the residents of Brundall can see that this Council is determined to make living in Brundall better.

About Brundal

Brundall is approximately six miles east of Norwich, lying on the banks of the river Yare. From a population of around 300 only 50 years ago, it now contains around 4,500 inhabitants, many of whom work in the city of Norwich. It does, however, still retain the atmosphere of a village and manages to cultivate a very active community life. It is served by both bus and train routes and the level crossing at Brundall station is still manually operated.

The closeness of different amenities to the centre of the village helps to foster a positive and friendly community spirit. Close by is the Memorial Hall, which is a regular home to many sports and other local groups.

As the village has excellent road access and regular bus and train services it's not surprising that many people decide to make it their permanent home.

This Report contains the Annual reports given at the Annual Parish Meeting held at the St Laurence Centre on 11th April 2022 presided over by Parish Council Chairman Kevin Wilkins.

Welcome and Report by the Chairman of the Council(Kevin Wilkins)

The year under review continued to be challenging for the Parish Council as a consequence of issues relating to the pandemic but I am delighted to report that business has continued pretty much as normal as we adjusted to a new way of working

In the previous year we had delivered most of our business virtually but from May 2021 this no longer became an option for formal meetings. We returned to 'in person' formal meetings in a COVID safe environment and have continued to operate effectively during the year.

Following an extended period of preparation and planning, we have now agreed to move forward with our Sports Hub project, and this will be delivered in phases, with the first phase being the 3G pitch which is due for completion later in 2022. This will provide a much needed facility for the community and is the first stage of improving our recreational offer.

We are also working in parallel on the Village Green and Country Park projects which will be delivered on Land East of the Memorial Hall under a Section 106 agreement with the developers. This work is in the planning and preparation stage, pending when the land and funding becomes available. For the Country Park we are working in collaboration with Blofield Parish Council and likewise for the Village Green we will be working with Brundall Memorial Hall.

These opportunities will significantly improve our recreational provision and facilities in the village and residents will begin to see delivery of the projects during 2022/3. The recent survey of residents worked extremely well and helps inform and shape our thinking.

The Council has continued to deliver its normal business through the sub committee and working group structure and I am grateful for all the work that councillors, the clerks and co-opted members put in as we regularly report at our council meetings

We are also appreciative of the regular reports and ongoing work of our county and district councillors – although we were grateful for the district councillors who temporarily supported us during the absence of the elected councillors, since the September 2021 election we have benefited from the service of two active district members.

This Easter will see the departure of the Revd Peter Leech and his wife Paula-Marie to a new challenge in the Diocese of Ely. Peter has been rector of our parish for over 8 years and has worked tirelessly to bring the community together and we are grateful for all of his efforts and work with the Parish Council and Brundall Memorial Hall.

As we move into a new business year, the Council's agenda remains busy not only to deliver our normal service but also to focus on priorities such as road safety and the delivery of recreational projects. I am grateful for the commitment and contributions of all parish councillors as well as the Clerk, Sharon, and Deputy Clerk and RFO, Claudia who combine to bring the whole council together and allow us to deliver the best service we can for the local community.

Report by the Responsible Financial Officer (Claudia Dickson)

Responsible Finance Officer's Report 2021-22

The Precept for 2021/22 was set at £125,500. For 2022/23 the Precept will be £137,750. This is an increase of 6.9% (or £0.44 per Band D property per month) and reflects the Council's commitment to continuing provide the facilities and services already in the village, and includes money towards providing a safe crossing point on The Street and maintenance of current assets.

S106 Spending

- The original amount from an ex gratia Persimmon payment of £200,000 has now been spent.
- £220,811.20 S106 spending occurred in 2021/22, all on the Sports Hub project.
- £221,295.37 remains from the S106 funds from the Pastures development, and needs to be spent by the end of 2024.
- £384,299.43 remains from the S106 agreement from the Mallards development, and needs to be spent by October 2026.
- As well as the land for the Sports Hub the Council has received £455,763.30 from the S106 agreement, which needs to be spent by June 2026.

CIL Funds

The Council has received the following CIL funds:

- £16,635.56 from the development at Hillside, Strumpshaw Road.
- £15,342.85 from the land at Oakhill.
- £33,353.62 from the Berryfields development.

Land in Brundall

Brundall Parish Council owns:

- Church Fen
- Cremer's Meadow
- Cucumber Lane Cemetery
- Meadow View Play Area
- Memorial Hall Play Area
- Land at Yarmouth Road for the Sports Hub

Brundall Parish Council leases land for:

- Countryside Park
- Allotments

Projects for 2022-23

- Ongoing Friend's of Cremer's Meadow development plan, including works to the watercourse
- Tree management work at Low Farm Wood
- Building, opening and running of the Sports Hub
- A zebra crossing on The Street near the school
- Improvement of cycleways through the village

Further Information

All finance information of the Parish Council can be found on the website.

The Finance Report will be published in the Annual Parish Report 2022, and the full accounts will be available in due course once they have been finalised. Details will be published on the website, or contact the Deputy Clerk.

Planning Report – Cllr Lawrence Britt

Cllr Britt spoke about the planning applications that were put before the Council in 2021-22

April 2021

20210552; Description: Demolition of flat roof extension & construction of single storey side extension **Location:** 1 Springdale Road, Brundall, NR13 5QZ. The Council resolved to **support** the application.

20210442; Description: Installation of a timber outbuilding **Location:** 23 Station New Road, Brundall, NR13 5PQ. The Council resolved to **support** the application.

20210426; Description: First floor extension over garage. **Location:** 94 Lackford Close, Brundall, NR13 5NL. The Council resolved to **support** the application.

AGM May 2021

20210534 - Description: Variation of condition 9 of permission 20202216 - to establish permitted development rights for the provision within the curtilage of the dwellings of any building or enclosure, swimming or other pool (Class E) and chimneys, flues or soil and vent pipes (Class G). **Location:** Hillside, 1 Station New Road, Brundall, NR13 5PQ. The Council resolved **no objections**.

Appeal Reference: BA/2021/0001/COND Site Location: 39 Riverside Estate, Brundall, Norwich, NR13 5PU Development **Description:** Replacement riverside chalet. Appeal Reference: APP/E9505/W/21/3267755. The Council agreed that the Planning Sub-Group will consider the complicated issues and circulate their conclusions for comment, to be ratified at the next meeting.

June 2021

To ratify comments sent in by the planning sub-group:

BA/2/2021/0001/COND 39 Riverside Road.

Comment submitted to Planning Inspectorate: Whilst we do not think the “for holiday use only” condition is unfair, or contra to BA planning policies, it is the limitation imposed by the BA of a limit of only 6 weeks continuous use that is unfair. We regard Condition 5 as rather ambiguous, but our interpretation is that “holiday use” can be for the owner or for him to let to clients. However, we feel that the stipulation of using the accommodation for a period not exceeding six weeks is unfair. We cannot understand how the Planning Officer arrived at this duration. By this we mean that having looked at Policy BRU1 and policies DM25, DM 29 and DM30, we could find no evidence referencing six weeks as a continuous period.

20210939 - Proposed single storey rear extension, conversion of garage into a study and erection of garden room Oak House, 13A Blofield Road, Brundall, NR13 5NN – Comment submitted - No Objection.

20210805 Variation of condition 3 of 20182021 to allow change to opening hours from 11:00 to 21:00 Mondays to Saturdays; Sundays and Bank Holidays 11:00 to 22:00 Location: 116 The Street, Brundall, NR13 5LP Removal/Variation of a condition (S73) – **Comment submitted – Support** (but to request that the opening hour be delayed until 12 pm, to reduce any annoyance caused to neighbours by cooking aromas).

The Council unanimously **resolved** to approve the comments submitted.

20210957: First floor bedroom extension with balcony and single-storey rear extension. 19 Mallard Close, Brundall, NR13 5PR. The Council unanimously **resolved** to submit no objection.

July 2021

Application No: BA/2021/0209/FUL **Proposal:** 10 floating holiday lodges, demolition of shed, replacement quay-heading, installation of floating pontoons and raised pathway **Address:** Broom Marine Services Ltd, Riverside Estate, Brundall, Norwich. The Council unanimously **resolved** to support the application.

Application No: BA/2020/0276/HOUSEH **Proposal:** Replace existing quay heading currently in wood to dark brown colour in corrugated plastic sheet piles with horizontal wooden walings **Address:** 60 Riverside Estate, Brundall, Norwich, Norfolk. The Council unanimously **resolved** no objections to the application.

Application No: 20211139 **Description:** Reserved matters following outline permission 20191155 - Detailed information regarding the proposed dwelling, materials, drainage, landscaping and access. **Location:** Kenrose, 21 Strumpshaw Road, Brundall, NR13 5PA **Application Type:** Reserved Matters. The Council unanimously **resolved** no objections to the application.

August 2021

20211277 - Description: Erection of a detached outbuilding. Location: Fraydohn, 64 Cucumber Lane, Brundall, NR13 5QR Application Type:

20211398 - Description: Replacement Cart Shed Location: 2 Low Farm Barns, Postwick Lane, Brundall, NR13 5RQ Application Type:

Application No: BA/2021/0105/FUL **Proposal:** Replace quay-heading, widen wet dock and install finger jetty. Address: Plot 17 The Mallards, 17 Brundall Bay Marina, Riverside Estates, Norwich Norfolk.

The Council unanimously **resolved** no objections to the above planning applications.

20211287 - Description: Erection of 4 No Dwellings Location: Land At Oakhill, Brundall, NR13 5AQ Application Type: Full Planning. DCllr Nurden has called this application in to be considered by the BDC Planning Committee. Several strong and coherent objections to the application are on the website citing: access issues, no pavement, overdevelopment of the site, threat to the ecological habitat of the site, TPOs on the trees on site but a guarantee should be sought to protect their integrity for the future, damage already caused to the infrastructure. The Council objected to the previous 3 applications submitted for the site. The Council **resolved**, with 1 abstention, to object to the application on the grounds discussed.

September 2021

Planning

Ratification of the following decisions:

20211537 - No Objection **Description:** Variation of condition 4 of 20100042 - to amend hours of operation to 07.30 - 18.00 **Location:** 2 Braydeston Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5JX

20211490 - No Objection **Description:** 1. Single story rear extension with flat roof, bi fold glass doors to garden and window to side aspect. 2. Removal of timber garage which is attached to side of property to be replaced with a single storey brick extension **Location:** Heathside, 12 Postwick Lane, Brundall, NR13 5LR

20211539 - No Objection **Description:** Construct new driveway and dropped kerb to improve access. Close off existing driveway. **Location:** Land Adjacent 39 Strumpshaw Road, Brundall, NR13 5PG

The Council unanimously **ratified** the decisions submitted.

20211493 - Description: The erection of 6 no commercial units (within flexible use classes E(a), E(b) and E(c)) and an adjacent solar park **Location:** Land to South of A47 and North of Yarmouth Road, Blofield **Application Type:** Full Planning. This application is Postwick with Witton not Blofield as stated by BDC. The Council unanimously resolved to **object** to the application on the grounds of increased congestion and traffic on Yarmouth Road and the Cucumber Lane roundabout. It will escalate the problems already there. No further assessment appears to have been done to include the 2 further developments approved since the original permission

was passed for a single supermarket on the site. There is poor pedestrian access to the site and no safe place to cross Yarmouth Road included in the application. There were no objections to the solar panels.

20211660 - Description: Proposed 2 storey rear extension and carport addition to existing double garage **Location:** 14 The Street, Brundall, NR13 5LB **Application Type:** Householder. The Council unanimously resolved **no objections**.

BA/2021/0368/HOUSEH Location: Riverside Lodge 17 Riverside Estate Brundall Norwich Norfolk NR13 5PU **Description:** Decking and habitation usage of mezzanine floor (retrospective). Installation of new sewage treatment plant. Installation of 'eyebrow' window on west elevation. The Council unanimously resolved **no objections**.

October 2021

BA/2021/0384/FUL Proposal: Re-profiling of moorings including 20m of new piling with walkway Address: 13 And 14 Riverside Estate, Brundall, Norwich, NR13 5PU

BA/2021/0386/FUL Proposal: Replacement quay heading and walkways Address: Serena & Yare Breaks, 31 & 32 Riverside Estate, Brundall, Norwich

The above applications were considered together and the Council had **no objections**.

20211287 - Description: Erection of 4 No Dwellings Location: Land At Oakhill, Brundall, NR13 5AQ (Amended Plans). The Council **resolved**, with 1 abstention, that the revised plans have not been amended enough to change any of the objections already submitted: over development of the site, traffic concerns, loss of land and trees.

November 2021

Planning

BA/2021/0424/FUL Proposal: Demolition of existing chalet (retrospective) and replacement Address: 13 Riverside Estate, Brundall, Norwich, NR13 5PU. The Council had **no objections**.

20211917 - Description: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 20171386 to enable revised dwelling designs and siting details to 23 dwellings previously approved in 'Phase 1' Location: Land East of the Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL Application Type: Removal/Variation of a condition (S73). The Council voted to **object** on the grounds that the information provided is incomplete as the highways entrance is not visible on the plans available and therefore there is insufficient information to make a decision on the whole. Concerns have previously been raised about the access.

20211885 - Description: Development of land with one dwelling Location: Land to rear of Riverdale, Strumpshaw Road, Brundall, NR13 5PA Application Type: Planning Application Outline. The Council voted to **object** on the grounds that the site is outside the settlement area, there is a lack of ecological assessment, it is contrary to the development plans, access, against the Joint Core Strategy policy 1 against climate change and protecting environmental assets.

20211941 - Description: Retrospective application for erection of fence on side and front border of property Location: 61 Braydeston Crescent, Brundall, NR13 5LD Application Type: Householder. The Council had **no objections**.

December 2021

None

January 2022

The Council **ratified**, with 1 abstention, the comments submitted to the following 2 applications:

20211287 - Description: Re-consultation - Erection of 4 No Dwellings Location: Land At Oakhill, Brundall, NR13 5AQ. Applicant: Mr Chris Williams:

Brundall Parish Council **continues its objections** to development of land off Oakhill (20211287) for the following reasons:

1. Plans do not provide lasting (via water flow and space) protection for protected Trees. There also needs to be plans and timing *details for landscaping and management during the establishment of trees and hedgerow planting*.
2. Plans do not show how and where species like hedgehogs will thrive and be protected on the site. *Plans do not show location of bird and bat boxes*.
3. Whilst Plot 3 is too high, those properties already built next to Oakdale Road residents appear to badly overshadow and block out light.
4. There is serious concern for the safety of pedestrians on Oakhill as they must walk on the road. Brundall Parish Council recommends a footpath needs to be provided.
5. There is a need to improve the road/access turnings on the new development - as larger vehicles are having difficulty negotiating entrance.
6. Roads on the new site need to be adopted.

Brundall Parish Council considers the present building proposals are an **overdevelopment of the site**.

Brundall Parish Council asks environmental and infrastructure conditions to be met before commencing any further building.

20212175 - Description: Extension to create Attic Rooms Location: 5 Holmesdale Road, Brundall, NR13 5LX Application Type: Householder – **No objection**

The Council considered the following application:

20212278 - Description: Proposed single storey extension to rear Location: Halt Cottage, 20 West End Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5RF Application Type: Householder. A member of the public read out their objection to the application. The property is for sale and the application has been submitted by the purchaser. The current owner gave the planning group access to the property. The Council **approved**, with 3 abstentions, the following comments and objections: BPC is concerned about the size of the proposed extension in relation to the existing property and neighbouring property; the removal of trees not mentioned on the application; impact on the environment; impact on existing trees; no arboricultural report; concerns about drainage.

February 2022

20220108 - Description: Erection of 6 no. single storey dwellings and the construction of a vehicular access (existing dwelling to be demolished) Location: Land at 15 Highfield Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5NT. Application Type: Full Planning

[Cllr Wilkins excused himself from the discussion and Cllr Warns took the Chair]

Various members of the public voiced their concerns and objections to the application.

The Council **resolved**, with 1 abstention, to **object** to the application on the following grounds:

1. 3 houses within the development are outside the settlement boundary and contrary to Policy GC2.
2. Our Housing Policy 2012 states that Brundall PC will only accept 100 houses (see attached).
3. The development is contrary to NPPF16 conserving and enhancing the historic environment. We believe the proposed and unnecessary demolition of this house and the over-development of its surrounding gardens would be an insensitive and careless interpretation of local housing policy and planning regulations. It would be a tragic physical loss, not only to the immediate locale of Highfield Avenue and its neighbouring residents but also to the village as a whole.
4. Policy EN2 Protection and enhancement of landscape and settlement character states:
5. "Development proposals should demonstrate that their location scale design and materials will protect, conserve and where possible enhance the special qualities and local distinctiveness of the area including its historical, biodiversity and cultural character". The demolition of the dwelling is clearly only to serve creating the roadway and has paid no regard to the special historical and character of the house to be demolished.
4. The proposed inner road is to be gravel only with no footpaths. This is unsatisfactory for the reasons that people with physical disabilities need a tarmac footpath to enter and exit the development.

5. In the Site allocation DPD policy document 2016, point 4.4, (page 54) the Joint Core strategy states that Brundall should accommodate 50 houses and potentially as part of the 2000 units smaller sites in the NPA allowance. However, Brundall has already endured subsequent planning approvals i.e; 155 houses (Berryfields 20161483), 170 houses (Quantum Land 20171386) with a number of small developments totalling approximately 13 houses, such as Hillside, Oakhill and Station New Road. 338 houses of the extra 2000 smaller units should count as being sufficient for Brundall and it has "done its bit".
6. The proposed site entrance is in a precarious position with TPO lime trees either side causing an unacceptable visibility splay issue. The dangerous location will pose a problem with the construction traffic and for the cars entering the site once the housing is built. Highfield Avenue is a 30- mph road whereby in Dec 21 our SAM2 speed device captured data as follows in one month:
 23200 cars passing one way
 4805 cars exceeded 35 mph to 40 mph
 830 cars travelled at 40 to 45 mph
 133 cars exceeded 45 mph.
7. The amount of car parking space per house will be inadequate and so extra parking will be used on Highfield itself causing further hazards.
8. The dwellings are more than 45m away from the Highfield Ave highway and therefore, as no fire hydrant has been planned in, this is contrary to the Fire Service's regulations for developments.
9. There is no emergency access for the site.

Incidental information: Residents reported to the council that, during a site meeting, the developer told them that if he did not get planning consent, he intends to offer the land to Hopkins Homes and asked the Council to pass this information onto the Planning Department.

March 2022

To consider the following applications:

20220108 -Re-consultation: -Description: Erection of 6 no. single storey dwellings and the construction of a vehicular access (existing dwelling to be demolished) Location: Land at 15 Highfield Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5NT (These amendments take the form of:- A revised site layout has been submitted to take account of the Highway Authority comments). No further comments entered

20220282 - Description: Single storey side extension Location: 3 Morse Close, Brundall, NR13 5LG Application Type: Householder No Objection

20212278 - Description: Proposed single storey extension to rear Location: Halt Cottage, 20 West End Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5RF **No Objection**

20220212 - Description: Variation of condition 3 of permission 20160064 (Change of Use from Professional Services (A2) to Cafe (A3)) to allow outside seating area to rear (Retrospective) Location: 78 The Street, Brundall, Norwich, NR13 5LH Application Type: Removal/Variation of a condition (S73) - **No Objection**

20220278 - Description: Permanent change of use from residential to mixed use residential/childminding business for up to 12 children Location: Avondale Lodge, 18 Postwick Lane, Brundall, NR13 5LR Application Type: Full Planning - **No Objection**

To Ratify the following comments made by the planning sub group:

20220188 - Description: Single storey side extension Location: 28 St Laurence Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5QH Application Type: Householder – **No Objection**

20211539 - Description: Construct new driveway and dropped kerb to improve access. Close off existing driveway. Location: Land Adjacent 39, Strumpshaw Road, Brundall, NR13 5PG Applicant : Mr Jason Taylor – **No objection**

County Councillors Report (Andrew Proctor)

In the same way as the whole county responded to Covid, work is ongoing to welcome our **new residents from Ukraine to Norfolk**. In a fast moving situation key responsibilities are about keeping people safe through DBS checks and checks on properties.

A **£464 million** net revenue budget for 2022/23 has been agreed, a **£25m increase** from last year, with increased spending across key service areas and capital programmes, along with a 2.99 per cent Council Tax rise was agreed to enable Norfolk to build back better after the pandemic. The overall capital and revenue spend is £1.45bn. **Adult Social Services** will see an additional **£35.4m** of investment, against savings of £10.5m, **Children's Services** will receive **£23.2m** of further investment, with a further **£10m** this year for the **SEND School Programme**, with £12m against planned savings and **Community and Environmental Services** will see an additional **£11.2m**, against savings of £3.5m. There is a new **£10m pothole fund** to draw upon, **new recycling centres** across the County, **£5m on library upkeep** and extension of services and **£12m on the Better Broadband project**.

The major financial challenge will come in 2023/24 which is why we are commissioning an organisational review to ensure we are as efficient and effective as we can be.

There has been substantial **Beryl Bikes and E-Scooters** uptake during the past year, with the average journey being over 3.5km (taking multiple car journeys out of the City) and multiple Local Cycling, Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS) plans being developed across the County (including Greater Norwich, King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Dereham).

In a major boost to Norfolk's ambitions to run a net zero transport system £3.2million in funding has been secured to introduce 15 electric buses to the network in Norwich. The funding has been secured from Department for Transport (DfT) in a joint bid with First Bus for the 'Zero Emission Bus Regional Access' (ZEBRA) scheme. This bid is matched by £3.6m of local investment from First Bus and will deliver 15 battery electric buses which will be in operation by March 2024.

Norwich Western Link is a key **strategic infrastructure project** alongside the Long Stratton By Pass and the West Winch Housing Access Road demonstrating how we are working across the whole county. The Great Yarmouth Third River Cross is due for completion in 2024.

Following analysis of the data obtained from our 2021 surveys re the **Western Link**, it was determined that there is a roost location used by a maternity colony of barbastelle bats (that has a significant level of environmental protection) near to part of the proposed road alignment. Work is currently being undertaken to assess, refine and develop the relevant length of the route alignment of the scheme and to assess and address the need for mitigation to minimise the impact of the scheme on the relevant area of woodland.

Norfolk County Council and New Anglia LEP were part of an ambitious cross-border project which helped to deliver a **unique package of Covid-19 recovery support for local businesses and people**. The C-CARE (Covid Channel Area Response Exchange) initiative, funded by the Interreg France (Channel) England programme which has allocated €2.2m for C-CARE in Norfolk, was set to reach businesses and people that were been hit hardest in the pandemic. In Norfolk the project will work to support over 600 people into employment or self-employment and provide support for up to 800 businesses.

As the national Great British Spring Clean launched on Friday 28 May 2021, there was good news for litter pickers as the county council announces that it was able to accept litter at any of Norfolk's recycling centres. People can now bring up to three bags of the waste to a recycling centre for disposal as part of **Love Norfolk, Hate Litter**.

A new service to support some of Norfolk's most vulnerable young people to live within families and achieve their full potential called **New Roads** launched on June 1st 2021. It was set up by Norfolk County Council with significant investment to give young people access to a dedicated support team that sticks with them, understands them, and helps them to achieve and succeed. Based out of two hubs, in Dereham and Norwich, the service's aim is to give young people stability, reduce risk-taking behaviour and help to avoid the need for long-term residential care, as well as longer term costs to themselves, the wider system and communities.

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) has formally adopted an overall Strategy, designed to enable county wide responses to flooding across all agencies involved. The Strategy, which lays out the NSFA's vision, objectives, approach and structure, is a major milestone in the development of the Alliance, which was founded in 2021 to bring together all agencies and partners involved in planning for and responding to flooding in Norfolk.

A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched, allowing residents to report any sort of flooding quickly and efficiently. In the event of flooding residents can call 0344 800 8013 giving residents a single point of contact and allowing reports to be made swiftly. Alternatively, residents can continue to report flooding online via [our flooding pages](#). Where there is a potential risk to life from flooding people should still call 999 immediately.

The Council's £1.5m Flood Reserve Fund will be used for additional highway and ditch maintenance, drainage asset improvements work and drainage grips and kerb drains on Norfolk's highways, as well as operations to clear some of the county's 145,305 gullies that help drain rain water.

Pavements, cycleways and roads all benefited from the county's **£29m maintenance programme** taking place right across Norfolk. The crucial upkeep work is a key part of the £42 million budget for roads and infrastructure that was agreed in February 2021. This year £4.5m is being spent on maintaining pavements and paths, for example a £167,000 scheme to remove the existing worn and uneven pavement surface on Kennedy Avenue in Gorleston and replace it with a new smooth asphalt surface.

We have an ambitious **Local Transport Plan** supporting a growing economy, strengthening communities and reducing our impact on the environment. A carbon cutting commitment is central to the transport plan which supports the county council's pledge to achieve net zero carbon by 2030, which councillors adopted as part of the authority's Environmental Policy in November 2019.

Tripling the number of **Roadside Nature Reserves** in Norfolk were among a range of green measures agreed last July. 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. There are plans to help **boost cycling and walking across the county**, and 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. The aim is to help involve local communities more in decisions about verge management near them.

Norfolk County Council has been recognised for its outstanding support of the armed forces community in Norfolk, following an announcement from the Ministry of Defence. The council has been given the Gold Award, the highest honour handed out through the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. The award is given to organisations that employ and support those who serve in the armed forces, service leavers, veterans and their families, with the Gold Award also acknowledging the Council's partnership working through the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant Board.

The Business & IP Centre (BIPC) Norfolk, managed by Norfolk County Council's Library and Information Service, ran a free online **Summer School in 2021** for 16-25-year-olds to help them decide whether starting their own business might be right for them.

Norfolk is 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. Rural homes and businesses across Norfolk and Suffolk will get next-generation gigabit broadband brought to them under a £5 billion plan to level up internet access across the UK. It means families no longer having to battle over bandwidth giving people in rural areas the freedom to live and work more flexibly, with the speed and reliability needed to start and run businesses.

Community and voluntary organisations across Norfolk were awarded £1m from the [Norfolk Social Infrastructure Fund](#) . Total awards were £1.02 million to 25 different organisations, with grants ranging £3,400 all the way up to £250,000. The fund saw 64 applications with funding requests that totalled almost £5million. This was more than double the number of applications received last year.

Most children in care in Norfolk are well looked after and receive good support for their emotional and mental health and education, **Ofsted inspectors have found as they praised the support for children in care get in Norfolk**. Ofsted's visit follows a [similar focused visit in 2019](#), which looked at how the council responds to child safeguarding calls and referrals. Following that visit, inspectors described the quality of decision making as "consistently strong".

Norfolk Adult Social Services have faced a level of unprecedented challenge in 2021/22 as a result of the pandemic, with national and local workforce shortages, rising demand in hospitals and the community and the continued infection risk posed by COVID-19 as well as other recurring respiratory viruses such as flu.

Action being taken by the Council includes:

- Expanding action to support people at home or, where appropriate, in short term residential settings
- Stepping up the council's care recruitment campaign, to tackle staff shortages

- Providing wrap-around support for care settings
- Providing assistive technology, with 100 video phones sent out to homes
- Improving capacity in the Norfolk First Response service
- Supporting mental health services, with three new step down services

The new Norwich South recycling centre opened at Harford on 1 December. The £1.9m recycling centre is the sister site to the new Norwich North recycling centre that opened on 22 September. Together the two sites will provide improved recycling facilities for the growing greater Norwich area. The move to a larger site allows room for a one-way traffic system to smooth traffic flow and reduce queues, low-level bins meaning people will not have to climb steps to recycle their waste, and there is plenty of parking for cars, bicycles and vehicles with trailers.

Bookings are now open for [The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun](#), a programme of free activities that will run over the Easter holidays for 5–16-year-olds across Norfolk. The scheme is provided as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and is being delivered by Norfolk County Council in partnership with Active Norfolk. After the success of HAF over the Christmas break and some brilliant feedback from parents, it's returning from 4 April though till 19 April with free activities for children eligible for means-tested free school meals.

District Councillors Report (Eleanor Laming and Jan Davis)

This report covers the period from 28/9/21, when two district councillors, Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming were elected in a by-election held in Brundall Ward.

During this time we have attended all main council meetings at Broadland District Council and have a place on the following committees or panels:

Overview and Scrutiny, Environmental Excellence, Economic Success, Licensing and Regulatory, Place Shaping Policy Development, Wellbeing Policy Development, Awards and Electoral Arrangements.

We have attended main parish council meetings for Postwick, Brundall, Strumpshaw and Cantley and cluster group meetings (at which representatives of local parish councils meet to share ideas and current issues).

We corresponded with residents over a wide range of matters such as highways concerns mainly related to road safety, waste collections, fly tipping and planning and enforcement issues.

We have commented on several planning applications where appropriate, both in the ward and in neighbouring wards. We successfully supported an objection to a development in a green space in Brundall by calling in the application to be heard by the Planning Committee.

We have asked the council questions on a range of issues including: planning policy, street naming and numbering, environmental strategy, the waste contract, the use of peat, changes to Council Tax assistance, carbon offset funds from developers and plans to respond to the crisis in the Ukraine.

Cllr Davis has met with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), to discuss inconsistencies in the crime statistics given to parish councils compared to other crime figures available on the Norfolk Constabulary website.

Cllr Davis has been working with Brundall parish council and the BDC Environmental Department to look at traffic related air pollution. As a result, a 12 month air quality monitoring project is now in place in Brundall to provide average air quality measurements at 8 locations in the village.

Cllr Davis has liaised with Anglian Water, MP Jerome Mayhew, and the Norfolk County Council Flood and Water Manager re flooding issues in the ward in both Strumpshaw and Cantley.

Cllr Davis has liaised with both local landowners and the local school to plan new hedge and tree planting in Cantley.

Cllr Laming applied for a Member Grant for 1st Strumpshaw Brownies of £350.91 which has been awarded.

Cllr Laming and Cllr Davis submitted a motion to Main Council on 9 December 2021 asking the council to declare a climate and biodiversity emergency. The motion was not carried, with 14 voting for it and 22 voting against.

Cllr Davis and Cllr Laming spoke against the motion put to Main Council on 31 March which asked the council to support the construction of the Norwich Western Link. The motion was carried with 4 voting against and 1 abstention.

Report by the Acle SNT Police team (Not in attendance)

PC 1586 Jackie Chambers and PC 1682 Steve Godden.

Please note recent change of supervisor to Sgt 487 Olly Ketteridge.

We have had a look at the crime figures for just Brundall from 01/01/2022 to 30/03/2022.

There were 23 Crimes raised;

9 of those were committed within a care home facility.

4 Thefts – minor theft, nothing for the community to be concerned about, isolated offences, but the main one under investigation is the Theft of the tip jar at East Hills café at the Brundall Marina.

2 Burglary Dwellings – one under investigation with a suspect and the other one was domestic related.

2 public Order offences – parties known to each other on both occasions.

1 Public Order/harassment and Malicious communications – all part of same incident with parties known to each other.

1 criminal damage – garden furniture.

1 drug offence – as a result of a planned warrant executed.

1 Burglary Business – appears to be known suspects in dispute with current owners.

We held our Priority Setting Meeting for the Acle LPNT, which includes Brundall, on 29th March.

The following priorities we set:

Speeding and Traffic Calming.

Tackling anti-social Behaviour.

We continue to pay attention to the school parking issues along The Dales in Brundall. We have been in contact with Tim Youngs from the CC Highways Service, regarding the yellow zig zags along The Dales. We have both made reports/requests that Clear Way signs need to be in place, along with the TRO (that we have been informed exists) for the school Zig Zags. We are aware that the zig zags at the bottom of The Dales are redundant.

We have conducted several speed checks along Cucumber Lane and Strumpshaw Road and will continue to do so. Further plans are in place to carry out more action days with the Road Collision Reduction Team which will encompass further speed checks. Our local Special Constabulary Traffic officer has also been helping out in the area.

Report by Yare Valley Churches

Whilst the church, along with the rest of the UK, have been coming to terms with an ever-changing set of COVID rules and regulations over the past year, there have been many highlights –

Cafes

All our cafes have been able to remain open and we acknowledge the hard work of the team of volunteers in adapting to the changing regulations.

It has been good, through our cafes, to be able to help combat social isolation and loneliness, support those on the dementia pathway and their carers through our Forget Me Not Café, support the young people through the youth café and also provide a place of connection with our Toddler Café.

The ParkRun continues to be a highlight of the week with the green catering pod making it's weekly visit to the Brundall Countryside Park. We are delighted to be able to support this fantastic community event and thank the organisers for their continued support.

All the cafes are staffed by volunteers and any income is reinvested in providing support for the local community.

Sports Work

Tom Woods continues to head up the sports aspect of the work of the church; connecting with the schools, working with the recreation and wellbeing subcommittee of the Parish Council, running after schools clubs and the monthly sports café as well as leading 'armchair aerobics' for our dementia café clients.

Anna Chaplaincy

The church has appointed two Anna Chaplains who work specifically with the older generation offering support and signposting to relevant support agencies. They also lead monthly services in each of the care homes (when covid restrictions allow).

Services

Our services have all started again following the break caused by COVID and we look forward to celebrating Easter at the end of the week.

EcoChurch

Earlier this year, we were awarded the bronze EcoChurch award for the work we are already undertaking to reduce the impact of the church on the environment. All areas of church life have made addressing climate change a high priority in their planning for this coming year. We are now working towards the silver award.

Transport

We continue to offer transport to anyone who is needing to travel to appointments and social events. This transport is offered free of church and is staffed by volunteers.

We are currently exploring purchasing another WAV to increase capacity.

Partnership

We have been delighted to be able to continue to work closely in partnership with the Memorial Hall Trustees and also the Parish Council. Working in collaboration with others for the benefit of the local community has been an important feature of our work over the years. We continue to seek collaborative working when it is possible and in particular in those areas that impact the wider community.

As Church, we have begun a new partnership with the parishes of Woodbastwick and Ranworth, supporting and developing them as they currently have no vicar.

Buildings and Churchyards

We seek to make our buildings and churchyards as accessible as possible.

A prayer trail has been set up in Braydeston churchyard and plans of underway for identifying areas within the churchyards which can be managed as conservation areas to encourage the diversity of flora and fauna. These green spaces have become important areas for our community to be able to draw breath, relax and reflect – particularly as the amount of green space within and around Brundall has reduced in recent years.

The churches continue to be open everyday and Braydeston and Postwick have automatic door locks fitted.

The redevelopment of the site at St Laurence, Brundall is still ongoing and a response from the planning department at Broadland is expected at any time.

Change of Leadership:

After 8 and a half years as Rector of the Yare Valley Churches, Peter is leaving to become the Deputy Director of Mission and Ministry in the Ely Diocese. Peter, Paula-Marie and the family have really appreciated the way the community has welcomed them and embraced them over the years. They have really working with and serving the local community and have many fond memories that they will cherish as they move to new challenges.

All should be 'business as usual' and events such as holiday club, bus pass holiday club (activities for the more mature!) and the annual Remembrance Service and Armistice service at the Shard should continue as in previous years.


The Diocese of Norwich has begun the recruitment process and an advert will go out soon. The Diocese would like to make a new appointment as soon as possible. Until that time, the leadership team of the Yare Valley Churches will continue to hold the fort with key people overseeing areas of church life:

Buildings and Churchyards: Tom Morgan
Partnerships: Libby Morgan
Worship services: Vicky Gaskin
Cafes and Community Support: Patrick Beales
Finance: Gillian Groat

Lisa Taylor continues as our resource manager (yvc@dioceseofnorwich.org)
Tom Woods continues as our Sports Minister (sportsministry@dioceseofnorwich.org)
Matt Luscombe continues as our curate (Matt.Luscombe@dioceseofnorwich.org)

Report by the Parish Tree Warden

Delivered in Power Point format



Thank You Brundall



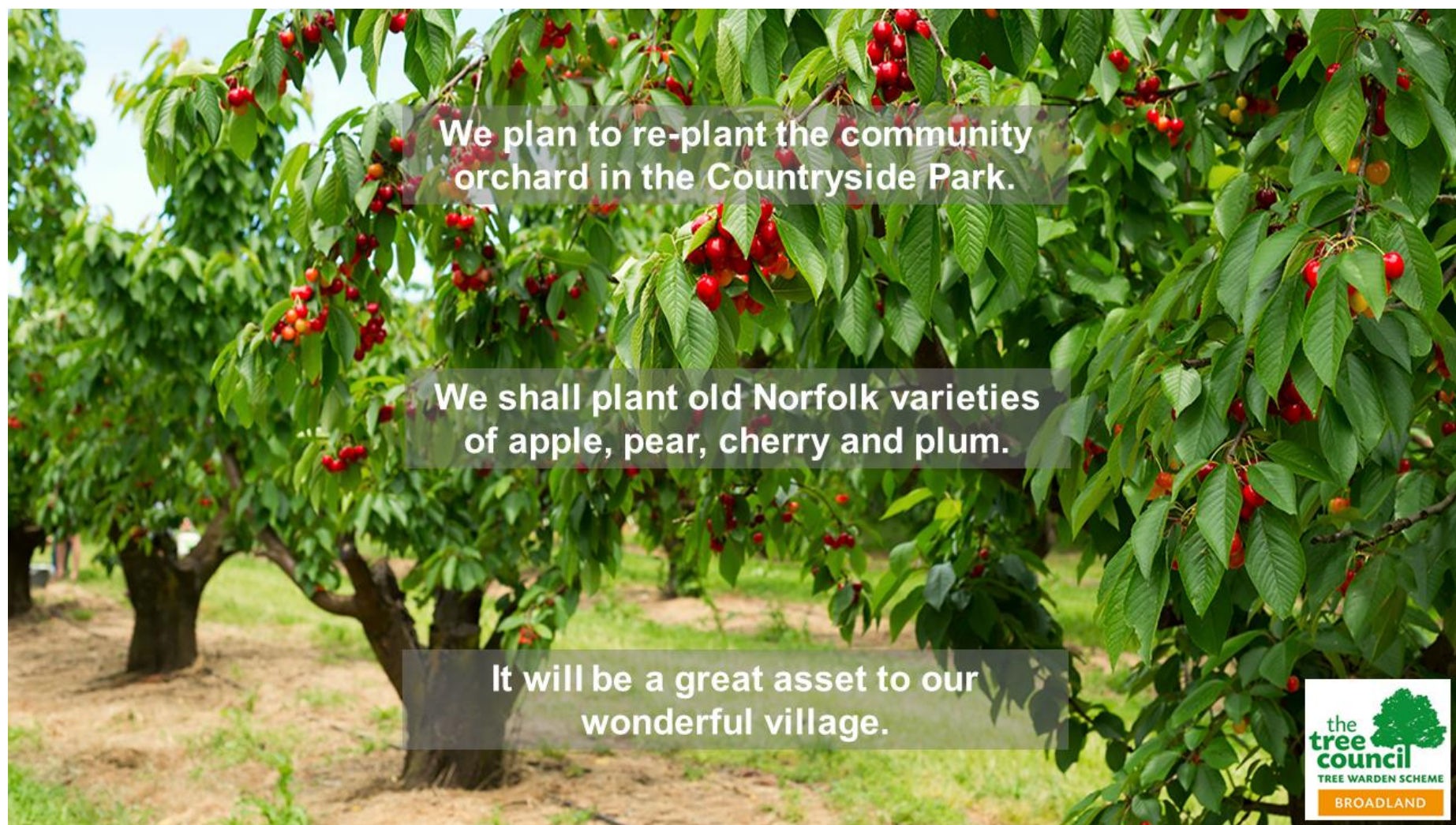


... and of course, we shall ...

... continue to protect Brundall's magnificent trees...

... and provide free advice to parishioners.






We plan to re-plant the community orchard in the Countryside Park.

We shall plant old Norfolk varieties of apple, pear, cherry and plum.

It will be a great asset to our wonderful village.





During 2022-2023 we shall continue our work in Low Farm Wood ...

... but we doubt if we can complete it all.

That will be during the year after.





Norfolk County Council has pledged to plant one million trees.

They requested the help of Tree Wardens to plant them.

However, the process for obtaining trees was far too complicated ...

... and anyway we already had a tree planting budget from Broadland District Council!

So regretfully we shall not be working
with Norfolk County Council





During 2021-2022 the Network supplied to Brundall, free of charge, 140 trees and shrubs plus accessories.

That was ... Trees and shrubs = £614.85

Tree stakes, canes, guards and ties = £245.65

Tree chippings for pathway relocation in Low Farm Wood = £400

Making a total of £1,260.50





As you know, last year the Network carried out extensive tree and hedge planting in the cemetery.

It proved to be very popular with parishioners.

Indeed, it proved so popular that somebody helped themselves to one of the field maple *Acer campestre* we had planted.

We have replaced the tree.





During the 2021-2022 planting season Broadland Tree Warden Network planted 950 trees.

140 of those were planted in Brundall ... as pictured here with our Thorpe St Andrew colleague Joanne Collins planting a hornbeam *Carpinus betulus* in Low Farm Wood.

We also funded 13 of our Tree Wardens on first aid and tree safety inspection courses.





We planted a line of oaks and maples at the northern end of the Countryside Park.

They are to commemorate the 70th Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.





It's hard and challenging work ...

... but very rewarding.

It will be an asset to Brundall for many years to come.

However, we need younger people to take an active interest in such valuable conservation work.

That is why we will work with pupils from Brundall Primary School during 2022-2023, both educating them and increasing their knowledge of conservation and how much fun it can be.









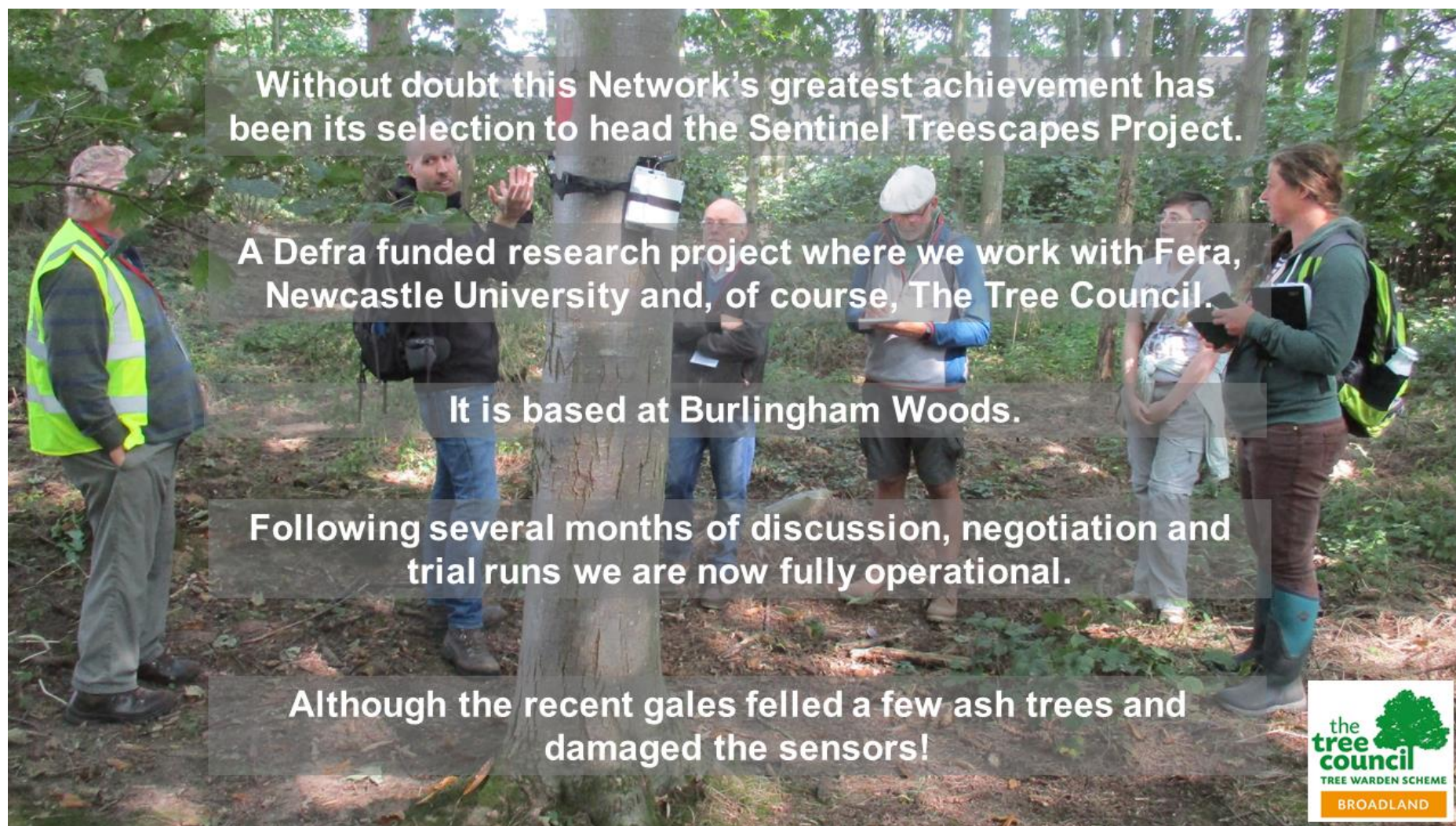
This is a pilot project and the intention is that it will eventually be rolled out to all Tree Warden Networks across the UK.

Sensors are attached to trees as shown opposite and record all movements in the tree, weather conditions, etc, with all data then being automatically transmitted to a local hub.

Our Tree Wardens check the rechargeable battery levels on an on-line dashboard and change the batteries as and when necessary. We also carry out visual inspections which we record on a mobile 'phone app.

Broadland Tree Wardens are at the forefront of arboricultural research.





Without doubt this Network's greatest achievement has been its selection to head the Sentinel Treescapes Project.

A Defra funded research project where we work with Fera, Newcastle University and, of course, The Tree Council.

It is based at Burlingham Woods.

Following several months of discussion, negotiation and trial runs we are now fully operational.

Although the recent gales felled a few ash trees and damaged the sensors!





Last year Brundall saw more applications for permission to carry out works on protected trees than ever before.

26 applications were submitted.

15 applications were approved.

3 were split decisions allowing part of the works.

5 were withdrawn.

Just 1 was rejected.

2 applications are outstanding.

So, just 3.8% were rejected.





Today we have 36 Tree Wardens

That is two less than at this time last year

We cover 25 of Broadland's 63 parishes

That is 39.7%

6 parishes are not interested in supporting the Network

So we have lots of scope for improvement!!





The Broadland Tree Warden Network is now in it's fourth year.

Pressures from within and outside the Network have detracted somewhat from what we all really wish to achieve.

However, we have overcome those difficulties and are now stronger than ever.

Here in Brundall I like to think that we have it just right.

A strong Tree Warden Network working with an enthusiastic and environmentally conscious Parish Council to achieve great success.





Richard Farley
Broadland Tree Warden for Brundall
Annual Report 2021 - 2022

Report by Brundall Memorial Hall

We have continued to work to ensure the hall is a place that can be enjoyed by the whole community – an asset that the trustees manage on the community's behalf.

We have been pleased to be able to work closely with the Parish Council, and look forward to developing this working relationship over the coming months as we focus together on the land at the bottom of Links Avenue. As a group of trustees, we believe that it is only through this partnership working that the community will truly benefit. We have agreed to work with the parish council to develop plans that incorporate the whole site: the land held in trust by the Memorial Hall committee and the land east of the memorial hall that has been gifted to the parish Council so that more joined-up thinking can take place, which will ultimately be to everyone's benefit.

We were delighted that we were able to include questions about the memorial hall within the parish survey – another good example of the partnership agreement in operation.

The hall continues to be busy and bookings have increased as we have moved out of lockdown and as further restrictions have eased.

The trustees have continued to plan for improvement with a new administration office and rooms that are being refurbished as well as the usual repairs that are needed within a well-used venue.

The date for the AGM has been set for the 26th May at 7pm.

We are continuing to progress the Change of Status from a Committee of Trustees to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Report by the Brundall Allotment Association (Sarah Sloan)

Our Association is the member group for Allotment Holders at located at Brundall Countryside Park, the allotment grounds is one of the land areas managed by the Parish Council.

BAA helps the Parish Council to look after the Allotment Site, and we look after the association members interests at the site. All Allotment tenants are required to be members of BAA. Since the site was set up, many of the plots have been sub-divided, and

most people now have smaller plots. We have in excess of a hundred allotment holders and members of the association include family and friends who use the site regularly.

We are a self-funding group, with the Parish Council collecting rents from the allotment holders, and the monies being used for site maintenance, development of the site and bills relating to the facilities provided. We work in association with the Parish Council and report regularly to them at meetings of the Land Management Committee during the year. We must thank the Land Management Committee and the Deputy Parish Clerk, Claudia Dickson, for all their kind assistance.

In the last year, we have begun to hand back responsibility for the allotment waiting list and the signing up of new tenants to the Parish Council.

There has been a rent reduction for each allotment this year, the price is now £40 per year for a full plot. This was because income from the rental monies has in the past exceeded expenditure. A reserve account has been set up by the Parish to hold the previous overpayments by the allotment holders and I understand will be used for any major expenditure or projects in the future.

One of the BAA projects which has been completed in the last 12 months has been the Polytunnel. Erection of the polytunnel was delayed during the initial Covid 19 restrictions. The Polytunnel has now been erected, and the inside has been fitted out with benches and floor areas, which have been let to allotment holders for use this season. I must thank all my colleagues for their hard work on the both the set up of this, making the benches, circulars sent out and organizing a door rota for the spring and summer season. This is a facility we hope will benefit members for years to come.

Whilst the site was open throughout the Covid 19 pandemic, some of the maintenance tasks, which needed to be undertaken by groups of people have over the last year gradually been started again. We are planning to have our first BBQ in May this year, and I am sure that all the members will be looking forward to having social events again.

Report by Cremer's Friends



Cremers Meadow
powerpoint for Annua

Friends of Brundall Countryside Park

No Report was given

Report by the parkrun Director (Stuart Harper)

Brundall parkrun is now in its 7th Year. We started back on the 20th June 2015. Since then we have seen 30,148 people running our course in Brundall, that is 121,672 laps of Brundall and 152,090 km completed by Brundall parkrunners. This weekend saw our 265th parkrun Event and our current average attendance for 2022 is 73 runners each week. Since Brundall started in 2015 we have seen more events pop up in the Norwich and Norfolk area and there are lots of different choices for parkrunners, Lingwood, Yarmouth, Flegg, North Walsham and Colney (To name just 5). Even with these additions we continue to grow and develop as a parkrun. Our selling points have always been friendly, community, respect and personal growth. It does not matter if you are 1st or 73rd. The fact you are out and park running is the win. To show this we have recently seen the female Ladies 90-94 age category record set at 57:59. On average we have 17 volunteers from the local community, a mix of ages and great to have so many people take the opportunity to help. We have aided 4 teenagers with volunteering opportunities for 12 weeks for their Duke of Edinburgh bronze awards, building them up from newbie to running the full event. We have a close working relationship with many parts of the community, including the Yare Valley Churches who are key to the success of Brundall parkrun. You might think it's just coffee and cakes but it's a vital link to the community for both parkrun and the church. We continue to work with the Parish Council and recently submitted a number of ideas on potential developments for the winter months at the Countryside park, when it can become quite muddy. The Countryside park offers a safe and secure environment for the community from the runners to the dog walkers to people just wanting a safe and pleasant place to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. I hope this gives you a small idea of what we do on a Saturday at 9am at the Countryside Park. Any queries or questions I am happy to discuss.

John Evans Good Citizen Award 2022

This year's recipient is Terry Neve. Terry and his wife Christine have lived in Brundall since 1971 and almost straightaway began to care for the green space next to his bungalow in Page Road. If you visit that area, you will see that it is quite a sizeable area and Terry has been mowing that same grass area for over 50 years now.

In recent years, Terry has been in regular contact with the Council to make arrangements for the future maintenance of the area and has also kept a close eye on the public footpath leading from Cucumber Lane to Page Road, ensuring that the surface has been fit to walk on and from time to time liaising with his neighbours to put down chipped bark to keep it in a good state.

Terry has shown much tenacity and patience with the Council in making his voice heard during many phone calls in recent months with the Countryside Access Officer to ensure that the path and the grass area at Page Road will be properly maintained in future years and to enable him to take a well-deserved rest after more than 50 years toil!

Along with the Clerks, he has also been instrumental in getting the Page Road public footpath tarmacked and has been sure to oversee the ongoing works and ensure that the Council roadmen have been doing their job properly!!

Terry has also been an avid weight trainer since 1963 and is still a member of the Apollon Weight Training Club, He was informed that the club must find a new location when the Duke Street centre was closed. Apollon were invited by the Rugby Club at North Walsham Road to operate there in disused squash courts. Unfortunately, the Rugby Club moved from Spixworth to the UEA in 2016 and they were given notice. However, after many unsuccessful efforts to relocate, Apollon is still operating at the old Rugby Club premises but is still looking for a new building. Terry is still part of the club and says they are always on the lookout for new members!!

Terry has proved to be a very good citizen of Brundall, and I am very pleased to be able to award this plaque to him and to thank him for all his efforts to help keep Brundall a lovely village to live in.



Matters raised by Members of the Public
None