

Shimpling News

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Alpheton and Shimpling
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Shimpling Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you again to everyone who was able to drop into the Feedback Event in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st February.



For those not able to attend, or if you would like to re-see them, the Information Boards are available to view online via the village website: <http://shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net/>

The Event was feeding back the results from the Survey undertaken in September 2024. We delivered the survey to 187 households. We received 106 responses. 61 people attended the Feedback Event. As you will see, the last four boards gave

visitors the opportunity to “vote” for proposed Aspirations and Actions that the Committee drew from the results of the Survey carried out in September 2024.

For all 26 of the Aspirations and Actions there were between 19 to 33 votes in support. 5 of the proposed aspirations/actions were “not supported” by 1 to 6 people.

Following the results from the Feedback Event the Committee’s next step will be to meet again with the Consultant to discuss what planning policies should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The consultant will then draft the report for feedback, before it is submitted to the District Council, then for Independent Examination, before the final Parish Referendum.

We hope this will be completed within the next year and appreciate everyone’s interest and support throughout this process.

Committee members: Mark Beaver, Claire Douglas-Hughes (Chair), David Dunkley, Mike Fahie-Wilson, Jane Wall.

Shimpling: landscape and history.

The following is extracted from a Landscape Assessment of Shimpling which was commissioned by Shimpling Parish Council from Landscape Architect Lucy Batchelor-Wylam as part of the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Her full report will be available on-line later in the year.

Shimpling lies across a rolling, shallow valley landscape, in the upper reaches of the Chad Brook valley. The rolling topography [referred to locally as the Suffolk Alps] is a key part of the parish's scenic distinctiveness. The Chad Brook valley feeds into the Dedham Vale Stour Valley National Landscape, downstream an area designated for its traditional, scenic lowland valley character, the setting to many a Constable and Gainsborough painting.

Higher in the valley, traditional meadows are absent and modern farming has been able to take more hold of the landscape.

Nevertheless, there is evidence that the landscape in Shimpling was noted as being of higher value. The recently replaced 2006 Babergh Local Plan defined a 'Special Landscape Area', (SLAs) that covered most of Shimpling and five of the adjoining parishes to the west and south.

Shimpling is an ancient, agricultural landscape. Bronze age finds and ancient earthworks indicate people have been living here for thousands of years, making use of the water supply from the Chad Brook, and the plentiful supply of wood that would have been present in past centuries. It was known as 'Shimplingthorne' in times past and still features ancient remnants of woodlands and hints of a medieval deer park. Ashen Wood, Bavins Wood, Aveley Wood and Hospital Grove are designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

Shimpling retains a strong connection with farming and agricultural development. Lime-rich loamy and clayey soils make it good farming country, particularly suitable for cereals. Owing to the quality of the soils, enclosure of agricultural fields happened early in this area of Suffolk. Shimplingthorne became enclosed well before the 18th-century enclosure acts.

History

The village has a dispersed settlement pattern. There is a small cluster of settlement near the church in the south of the parish, and there are two clusters in the north. There is a small group at Slough Hill, but the bigger grouping along Shimpling Street is the only one to have a defined Local Plan settlement boundary.

Settlement developed around the medieval manors Chadacre Hall, Shimpling Thorn, and Shimpling and Gifford's Halls. The church and hall at Shimpling Hall were two of the earliest buildings. The Suffolk Landscape Character Assessment states, "In the Suffolk landscape there is a recurrent pairing of medieval churches and manorial halls, usually in prime valley side locations close to a water supply. The halls were often surrounded by water-filled moats in the 13th or 14th centuries as an indication of their status, but the actual 'hall-and-church' clusters are probably older. Evidence from Suffolk and elsewhere in England suggests that these clusters originate in the Late Saxon period (c.AD 850-1066), when the possession of a church was one of the indicators of the gentry rank."

Simon Knott's Churches of Suffolk records The Church of St. George has an impressive setting at the end of avenue of lime trees. There are twelve trees, perhaps representing the apostles or the twelve tribes of Israel. The building we see today is essentially 14th century, though it retains an earlier 13th-century doorway which has a frieze of traditional Norman dogtooth decorative carving. A comprehensive restoration in the 1860s swept away many medieval features but stained glass windows endure from this time.

The church of St. George is a Grade 1 listed building and there are 19 Grade 2 listed buildings in Shimpling.

The Halifax family, who built and lived in Chadacre Hall in the 19th century, left a significant mark on Shimpling. Chadacre Hall was previously the seat of the Plampin family. Thomas Halifax (d.1850) was a wealthy London banker and his family became significant local benefactors. After building a new Regency-style mansion in around 1834, he created the designed parkland landscape around it. The family built a village schoolhouse, a schoolmaster's house, other houses in the village, a coal house, as well as helping pay for restoration work to St George's church. (Shimpling no longer has a

primary school - it closed in 1989 and instead Shimpling's children attend primary school in Lawshall).

During the 20th century the Hall was the base for the Chadacre Agricultural Institute, opening in 1921 under the custodianship of Earl Edward Cecil Guinness, the first Earl of Iveagh. He was born in 1847 in Dublin and was fourth in line to the Guinness dynasty. His interest in agriculture led him to found and endow the Chadacre Agricultural Institute in Shimpling. Lord Iveagh believed in the need to provide sound practical training for people working in agriculture and it was one of the first such institutions in the UK. At its inception its purpose had been to provide 'free agricultural education for the sons of farm labourers, small-holders and small farmers together with the sons of those engaged in trades ancillary to agriculture in Suffolk and neighbouring counties'. The Institute closed in 1988 and the estate went into private ownership.

In the late 19th century, the main village cluster was almost entirely linear although a handful of cottages had been built on Gents Lane. The two separate clusters west of Slough Hill and Shimpling Street had already developed. Settlement was surrounded within a network of small fields, radiating out to the north and south, often arranged along a common axis. The positions of individual trees on these early OS maps is known to be reasonably accurate, so views out of the village at this time would have felt quite wooded.

The pattern of the settlement has not changed fundamentally over time and the village retains its core identity as a historic linear settlement. Gaps in the road frontage have gradually been filled in, and a small modern estate was added to the east, Halifax Place and Streetfield Close sometime in the 1950s.



Parish Council News

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Vacancy	

Contact details for the Clerk are:

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(Correspondence and Appointment only)

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The Parish Council meet bi-monthly in January, March, May (AGM), July, September and November every year. Extra meetings may also be held throughout the year when required.

Annual Parish Assembly – Reports presented by the Council and local groups / charities / committees from within the parish. Members of the public can speak freely at this meeting in May, raise issues and ask questions relating to the reports.

Annual Meeting of the Council (AGM) – Each May, Election of officers of the council. Declarations of acceptance of office.

Parish Council Meetings – Council considers matters relating to finance, planning and the Parish. Additional extraordinary meetings are held when required.

Dates of meetings: Parish council meetings will be held at 7pm on the following dates;

Monday 10th March 2025

Monday 12th May 2025

Monday 14th July 2025

Please note that these meetings will be held at the Village Hall.

Parish Council Website and Social Media and Notice Boards

You can find council information on the notice board by the bus stop in The Street. This is also circulated via our Village Round Robin System and posted on the Shimpling Community Facebook page. Alternatively, the village web site is regularly updated as well as our Facebook and Twitter account. Please follow us on Twitter and like our Facebook page:

Twitter: @shimplingpc

Facebook: Shimpling Parish Council

Website: <http://shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net>

Could you volunteer to help your Village?

We need a new Parish Councillor to join our team. Parish Councillors do a worthwhile job ensuring that your voice is heard and overseeing work so that your village is kept looking good. If you would like to know more about becoming a Councillor then please get in touch with the Clerk or any of our wonderful Councillors.

Report from Chair, David Dunkley:

The Chair reported;

Cllr Dunkley's read the below report from his last couple of months as Chair:

The Budget for 2025 has been derived and agreed and is to be confirmed later in this meeting. As with most, if not all, councils the overall size of the budget has again risen to cover the increased costs of most of the services being provided. Naturally, all services have been reviewed to see where, if possible, savings could be made.

A significant effort from the Neighbourhood Plan group produced a survey document, which was distributed to the village in November. The response was very encouraging with over 100 respondents. Analysis of the responses has produced some interesting results, which will be fed back to the village at an open event at the village hall in early February.

It was hoped that I would be able to announce the completion of the work to produce a new Village Hall lease. However, the work continues.

The agreement to provide EV charge points at the Village Hall is progressing as expected and there are no issues identified at this time.

Over the past few months, the information for regional and central government around the re-organisation of local government has intensified. At this point there is no certainty on what this will finally look like, but will share what information we receive with the village.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2025.

Recycling

Please remember that the Parish Council receives money from the paper (although not cardboard) glass, clothing and shoes deposited in the recycling bins near the Bush Inn.

Clothing and shoes should be bagged before depositing in

the clothing/shoe bank. This income helps to run the council and therefore is a direct benefit to the village. **Please keep recycling.**

What the Parish Council have been up to ...

Over the last couple of months, we have:

- Progressing with grant applications for Solar Panels for the Village Hall

- Looking at getting EV Chargers at the Village Hall

- Still working on renewing the lease for the Village Hall

- Setting the budget for 2025/2026

Do you have new neighbours?

For some time now, the Village Hall Committee have been sending welcome letters with local information to new residents. If you have new neighbours, can you please let the Village Hall Committee shimplingvh@gmail.com know so that they can organise a welcome letter.

Shimpling WhatsApp Support Group

This was set up at the start of COVID to support those in need but has developed into a good way of communicating with others in the village. Recently we were asked to relay an urgent message to a villager and were able to locate the person quickly using the WhatsApp Group. If you would like to join the group, please contact Katie Haselhurst kh.shimpling@gmail.com.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has now been formed and have had a few meetings! Please do get in contact if you would like to help, there is room for everyone! For more information on the process or what has been produced so far look on the website:

<http://shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net>

Buses

Here is a link to the full timetable

[2024-05-29-Chambers-375.pdf \(suffolkonboard.com\)](#)

Here is a link to the full timetable

[2016-09-08-Felix-715.pdf \(suffolkonboard.com\)](#)

Planning

<u>Application</u>	Shim- pling PC Com- ments	Planning Authority Decision
DC/24/04211 - 5 Streetfield Close Shimpling Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HZ - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of single storey rear extension	Did not comment	Not yet decided
DC/24/04287 - Rectory Cottage, Old Rectory Lane, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HQ - Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No replacement dwelling including enhancement of 5 acre horse paddock (existing dwelling to become Bat Habi-	Did not comment	Not yet decided

<u>Application</u>	Shim- pling PC Com- ments	Planning Authority Decision
DC/24/05329 - Shimpling Village Hall The Street Shimpling Suffolk IP29 4HS - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed use or development - Construction of solar panels to roof – Awaiting deci-	Did not comment	Not yet decided

District Councillors

Our District Councillors usually attend each Parish Council meeting and can also be contacted as follows:



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stephen.plumb@babergh.gov.uk

Michael Holt
01787 281712/07801 766813
michael.holt@babergh.gov.uk



**Copy for the June 2025 edition is required by 22nd
May 2025 (A4 WORD or .PDF file please)**

**Sarah Smith—slsconsulting21@outlook.com
07774 116128**

**When advertising events please ensure there is a
contact name with a landline number.**

Please remember not everyone is on the Internet !!

SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

It has been brought to our attention that there are an increasing amount of vehicles speeding through our village. The Parish Council have invested in two speed indicator devices in order to deter such antisocial behaviour, but unfortunately this is still a very serious problem through Shimpling. Speeding endangers everyone on the road: In 2022, speeding killed 12,151 people. We all know the frustrations of modern life and juggling a busy schedule, but speed limits are put in place to protect all road users. Multiple residents have reported that they have the number plates from the few serial offenders of speeding and we have urged them to report them to the police. Please reduce your speed through our Village to protect all our residents.

BE SAFE – BE SEEN !

In these dark mornings and evenings it's more important than ever that dog walkers, runners, bike riders and other 'non-vehicle' road users can be seen to be safe. There are many places through and around the village where there is no



footpath or even a grass verge to be a safe place to walk or run which means you have to be on the carriageway. Those of us of a certain age can remember the old public information films that recommended you 'Wear something white at night' so that you could be seen by vehicle drivers – that still applies now and there are many readily accessible and easily wearable 'hi-vis' garments for both humans and animals, plus a dazzling array of flashing, blinking and multicoloured lights to make sure you (and your dog) can be seen from a distance.



ALL IT TAKES IS A MOMENT

SPEEDING

CAN RUIN

LIVES

Almost 30% of road fatalities
are caused by speeding.



**Give yourself time
to react & slow down on the road**

drivingsafetyawareness.site.co.uk



Wallace and Gromit

Much as I enjoyed watching Gavin and Stacey at Christmas, I laughed even more watching Wallace & Gromit's 'Vengeance most Fowl'. I loved its Britishness - for example the jokes about the Yorkshire / Lancashire border; I delighted in its ridiculousness - for example the racing canal boats being outpaced by a granny; and I appreciated the tongue-in-cheek references to various action movies.

At one level the plot was very simple - Wallace and Gromit rescue the situation when robotic garden gnomes get nefariously programmed into 'evil mode'. But there were more subtle philosophical perspectives too. For example, rather than merely coming out as pro or anti-technology (and particularly for or against artificial intelligence), we are led to understand that the intent of the user is more important than the technology itself.

Furthermore, despite Wallace's love of technology, he ends up affirming that his relationship with his (admittedly amazing) dog is ultimately worth more than the benefits technology can bring. At a time when some fear the dehumanising effects of AI, let us be reminded that there will always be something special about us simply because we are human - made in God's image as spiritual as well as physical beings, and morally accountable accordingly. Indeed, I hope that when we finally meet our maker we will hear him say the equivalent of: 'Well done lad'.

Shimpling Church Graveyard Tidy

Sat 22nd March, 10am to 12pm

Please help with the maintenance of your village church on what promises to be a fun couple of hours with refreshments provided. We will clear the suckers in the driveway and do general graveyard maintenance. Please bring some basic tools and hedge cutters if you have them. Thankyou.



Shimpling Spring Market, Village Hall, Sat 12th April 10.00am - 1.00pm.

The world-famous Shimpling Spring Market (!?). Fantastic stalls, refreshments, atmosphere, company ... and maybe a raffle. What more could you want? Do pop in if you can for a good catch up with people and help raise funds for the maintenance and running of your church. Thankyou.

March

Sun 2 nd	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	10.30am	Melford	Family Communion
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 9 th	4.00pm	Lawshall	Exploring HOPE -Café Church #
Sun 16 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
	4.00pm	Melford	Messy Church Melford School #
Sat 22 nd	10.00am	Shimpling	Graveyard Tidy
Sun 23 rd	4.00pm	Melford	Shine Informal Worship #
	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion
Sun 30 th	10.30am	Melford	Mother's Day Service

April

Sun 6 th	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sat 12 th	10-1pm	Shimpling	Spring Market in Village Hall
Sun 13 th	4.00pm	Lawshall	Family Palm Sunday with Donkey
Fri 18 th	10.00am	Shimpling	Cross Walk, Bush to Village Hall
Sun 20 th	10.30am	Melford	Easter Celebration
Sun 27 th	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion

May

Sun 4 th	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 11 th	4.00pm	Lawshall	Exploring HOPE -Café Church
Sun 18 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
Sun 25 th	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion

... and at Holy Trinity Long Melford **every Sunday at 10.30am**
(Google 'Holy Trinity Long Melford Facebook' for *livestream*).

for our 4 o'clock community with family friendly services socials and events almost every Sunday at 4.00pm, contact Nicky on [07938 681319](tel:07938681319) or chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com



For further information on our toddler and youth groups, please contact Pam on [07890 880976](tel:07890880976) or melfordfamilyworker@gmail.com.

For more details or any questions, please contact Vicky on [07804 558160](tel:07804558160) or chadbrookoffice@gmail.com. For the most up to date information please check the diary of the Long Melford Website or look at the Holy Trinity Long Melford website diary (bottom left of homepage).

Rector: Rev'd Matthew Lawson 01787 310845

Churchwarden: Vacant

Church Contact : Charlotte Blyth 01284 828544
07939 194233

THE HALLIFAX TRUST

A locally based charity providing grants to students under the age of 25 receiving further education at colleges or universities or undergoing formal training for a profession or vocation.

These are non-means tested. To qualify students must simply have parents living in Shimpling or alternatively have in the past attended Lawshall School whilst their parents were living in Shimpling.

Funding is additionally available for other school and village projects. Applications from students for funding for the forthcoming academic year must be received by 30th September.

HELP US TO HELP OUR CHILDREN

We have recently received a small number of donations to the Charity for which we are extremely grateful. Please consider whether you could help with a donation or a legacy. These are tough times for students and the more funds we have the more we can help. For grants or donations contact:

hallifaxtrust@gmail.com

Claire Wilson 01284 830574 or Jenny Pine 01284 827073
Hallifax Educational Trust is a Registered Charity No.310396



**GREENING
SHIMPLING**

NEWS from Greening Shimpling:

We recently met with John Pawsey who explained the reasons behind the recent hedgerow and coppice management which has been taking place on Shimpling Park Farm. He also outlined some exciting ideas about the development of the copse at the top of the hill leading out of the village

from Gents Lane, and how we can become involved in the replanting of native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. This will be a long-term project and we look forward to meeting again to discuss our ideas, with a view to planting next winter.

We also discussed the possibility of seed sharing and if you would like to share the purchasing of seeds or get involved in some seed swapping please contact

charlottefblyth@btinternet.com .

As the newsletter goes to publication, we are preparing for our first nest box building workshop in the Village Hall which is proving to be very popular with children and adults alike. We will be tapping into the talent and extensive bird knowledge of some of our members and are very grateful to them for their time. We are also very grateful to the Hallifax Trust who have helped to fund this activity.

We have an active WhatsApp group which we use to share ideas and concerns, and we also meet on an ad hoc basis with the times and venue confirmed in the WhatsApp group. If you are interested in our local environment and would like to get involved, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

For further information please email jane.wall@hotmail.co.uk.

December 2024 saw Shimpling and Alpheton WI members proud to celebrate our 75th anniversary as a branch as we did it in style combining it with our Christmas celebratory meeting! We were joined by past members who helped to make it the branch which it has become today. We met at Alpheton village hall, gaily festooned with decorations, especially eye catching bunting reflecting the WI's brand colours and sparkling table decorations made by committee member Gill Leggetter. Fabulous entertainment was provided by Bures and Sudbury Mandolin Ensemble with additional guitars and harp! On display were a super montage of our branch over the years and also two certificates congratulating us on our special anniversary. Thank you WI for all that you have meant to women in this area for the past 75 years! Here's to the next 75 years!



January 2025 What a moving and inspiring talk we were treated to this evening! Carol and David Dunkley, themselves Shimpling residents, are puppy trainers for Guide Dogs for the Blind. They brought their current trainee puppy called Fern along to meet us all. At the age of 10 months she proved to us that she is well on track to becoming a very important centre of someone's life. Since 1931 the charity has partnered 36,000 blind or visually impaired people aged between 14 & 98 years with a guide dog. From birth to retirement it costs over £54,800 to fund each dog. The dogs do not all go on to become guide dog companions for adults, some become buddy dogs for children, whilst some of the best go on to become ambassador dogs helping volunteers to tell the charity's stories. Puppy raising is followed by advanced training before working life and finally retirement with their owners or other caring people. The puppies go to the volunteer puppy raisers around 9 weeks of age. This means that there are important basics for each dog to learn as soon as possible: sit, down and stand as well as learning their own name at the start. The training with the puppy raisers continues for 15 - 18 months and is done via positive reinforcement with food and toys, and the calm kindness of Carol and David in the room towards Fern was clearly evident. Socialisation is an important part of their progressive training

incorporating encountering new smells, sights and noises etc whilst walking in town, going into a shop or cafe. Distraction is important - the dog can see something but must ignore it! A rug put down for the dog suggests to them that they must be quiet and calm. To introduce confidence for the possibility of future air travel the raisers take the puppies on visits to Stansted airport and Duxford. The aim is to give exposure to as many different circumstances as possible, including escalators, busy cities and even glass lifts. Our speakers were excellent, but it was not only their talk which was inspiring but all that they have done in raising seven guide dogs which have changed the lives of seven blind people for the better over the past twelve years. We are proud to have such selfless work going on quietly within our own community.

February 2025 This evening Tania Thompson, one of our own members, spoke to us about Community Nursing as part of the Sudbury Integrated Neighbourhood Team and her work as a registered community nurse as well as her healthcare career which led up to this role. Her talk had several fascinating strands; firstly about the little girl who dreamed of becoming a nurse and started the journey of realising that dream by training at Essex County Hospital in Colchester. This was followed by 5 years working as a district nurse in the 90s when this role was not thought of as 'proper' nursing. From this she went on to have a long career in senior management within the private healthcare sector but Covid brought her and many others within the healthcare system to breaking point and in 2021 her management career came to an end. In its place she worked at St Nicholas Hospice and then went back to the NHS as a community nurse.

This led to another strand of Tania's talk, explaining what Integrated Neighbourhood Teams are and what they do. They are multi disciplinary which means that the team members include not only community nurses, but also occupational therapists, physiotherapists, GPs, social workers and phlebotomists. The team work together to prevent further healthcare needs, reducing inequalities and developing new strategies such as the 'virtual ward'. Access to their care which is only for the housebound is made by referrals from GPs, social workers, therapists, concerned friends and family members or

self referral. Tania then went on to explain the range of treatments which might be included in their work. It's a full-on job and the community has a lot to be thankful for that they are there for us when we need them. As for this evening's very enjoyable presentation, we all learned so very much and we are proud of our Tania and all that she does.

We warmly welcome woman of all ages to come and sample a couple of our meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, alternating between Alpheton and Shimpling village halls.

Our next 3 meetings will be

March 11th. "Wicked Genes" by Pauline Headland at Shimpling Village Hall.

April 8th. Growing up in East Anglia in the 50's and 60's at Alpheton Village Hall.

May 13th. AGM at Shimpling Village Hall.

For any further information contact Marion Argent on 01284 827074.

HARTEST AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Looking back...

We started the new year programme in **January with a very special visit from Tom Hoblyn** who shared his experiences "Designing Gardens for RHS Chelsea."

Tom is famed for creating intimate and enduring gardens and has won numerous medals, including an RHS Gold Medal in 2022 and a Silver Gilt Medal at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2023.

Tom runs an award-winning garden design and landscaping practice in Bardwell and therefore knows the challenges of our

Suffolk clay soil and dry conditions! Look out for his completed RHS Chelsea show garden in May and, in the meantime, check out some of his work on his website: <https://www.thomashoblyn.com>

In February, we welcomed Chris Wiley who talked to us about his passion for Sweet Peas. Chris runs a busy mail order business in Suffolk (<https://sustainableplantstore.com>), as well as being the Bury in Bloom Coordinator, and the founder of the Bury St Edmunds Seed and House Plant Swap (www.bseseedswap.com).

Chris specialises in selling sustainable, eco-friendly alternatives to popular plants which are delivered in 100% recyclable/compostable packaging.

Chris shared his passion for Sweet Peas, tips on when and how to plant and the differing types for scent, cut flowers and ease of growing. The audience were delighted to hear that Sweet Peas are not fussy about their soil, do not need feeding and will flower all summer into the Autumn – as long as they are well watered.

Looking ahead...

March: We will be welcoming Paul Hansord, who will be sharing his expertise on composts

April: Mark Mason who will come and talk about all things tomatoes-related, including their origins, differing varieties and examples of his own plants.

May: Is the start our season of garden visits with a special visit planned to Benton End in Hadleigh (19th May) to visit the former home of Cedric Morris, painter and iris breeder.


And of course, our fantastic plant sale on the village green – currently scheduled for Sunday 18th May. More information on this to follow!

In other news...

We are developing a new club logo (to be unveiled shortly) and will be updating our website and email contact details over the

next few months.

We have set up a new Instagram page. Please do 'follow' us and spread the word!

	@hartest_gardening_club
	Our website remains: https://hartestgardeningclub.onesuffolk.net

We always welcome new members to our club, which is very friendly and welcoming. We hold monthly meetings at 7.30pm, on the first Monday of each month at the Hartest Institute.

Terrarium Workshop

Shimpling Village Hall





A relaxing morning, connecting to nature whilst making your own open or closed terrarium.



Scan the QR code to book your space
or visit www.growmywellbeing.co.uk



Shimpling Village Hall
Shimpling
IP29 4HS



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Friday
4th
April



10:30-
12:30

Useful Online Reporting Tools

Many issues can be reported online by residents at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/report-online> Including potholes, overgrown vegetation, littering and fly-tipping
Flooding can be reported at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk>
Local road closure information can be found at [one.network](https://www.one.network)

CRAFT AFTERNOON held the last Friday of the month (except December) in Alpheton Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Bring along your craft or learn one, or just come along for a chat. Entrance fee £3 to cover hall hire and refreshments.
All enquiries - Ali Hughes, 01787 248302.



The Alpheton Film night is on the 2nd **Monday** of each month.



Mon 10th March **WONKA** (fantasy drama)
Timothy Challamet & Olivia Colman

Mon 14th April **LABOR DAY** (drama) Kate Winslett & Josh Brolin

Mon 12th May **WICKED LITTLE LETTERS** (true drama) Olivia Colman & Jessie Buckley

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Admission price is £5 including tea/coffee & biscuits. The Bar will be open.

Shimpling Village Hall Committee -

The Village Hall Committee meets every 8 weeks, to manage the hall and arrange events. We welcome interest from any resident who would like to get involved – please email or text the secretary Carol Squire: shimplingvh@gmail.com or phone / texting: 07855762812

Meeting minutes and information on all activities are available to read on the Village website <http://shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net/village-hall/>

The AGM for the village hall will be held on the 28th April 6.30pm – this is an open meeting

Village Hall Activities

The regular activities continue as scheduled so check the notices and join in the fun.

In addition, we had two Christmas festive events, a classic comedy sitcom night with mulled wine and mince pies and then after Christmas, the live streaming of the New Wolsey Theatres production of the pantomime Sleeping Beauty (with a rock twist!). It was a great afternoon's entertainment – we even had our own Aurora in the audience.



We will look for other live theatre shows we can live stream in the future.

Hall update:

The Parish Council has applied for a grant for SOLAR PANELS and an ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINT at the hall and now that the survey has been completed, we hope to have them installed in 2025. There will be some groundwork that needs to be done for the power lines, so we ask hall and car park users to be patient while this work is carried out.

The Fit Villages Survey was completed by many people in the village and an evening exercise class was most requested.

We now have an **evening PILATES class** on a **Wednesday evening (term time) starting 6.30pm** so come along - support getting this class established.

We will be seeking the views of the **young residents** of the village on what activities they would like to do during 2025.

In the meantime – don't forget you can book the hall to play **table tennis** and if there is enough interest we are proposing to look for a coach and have regular sessions in 2025

The Neighbourhood Plan Survey revealed that there was a lot of interest in attending **Arts & Crafts sessions** in the village hall (see posters in this newsletter). The committee has been reaching out to various local tutors and has now secured a wide variety of workshops for residents. **Please** book onto the ones that interest you and if enough people attend, we will arrange for more sessions later in the year. All sessions have minimum attendance targets.

REGULAR AND COMING EVENTS

Take a look at what is planned for 2024 on our page on the “Your Hall” website <https://yourhall.co.uk/hall/shimpling-village-hall/> or look at the posters on the notice boards around the village or on the village website – all updated regularly to provide the latest information.

Weekly Pilates – 2 sessions on a Monday 9.30am and 11am

and now a new evening session on **Wednesdays at 6.30pm**

All equipment provided – just £7 per session

Zumba Gold - Friday at 1pm on a term time basis just £5 per session

Yoga – Tuesday 9.30am – turn up or book online for a discount rate of £8 per session.

All classes are adapted to suit experience and ability and equipment provided so if you have a New Years resolution to improve your mind and body – come to one of the sessions in the village hall.



Rural Coffee Caravan visits Shimpling Village Hall every **4th Thursday** of the month in **2025** providing free coffee / tea and cake, advice and information. **Everyone welcome**

*******COMING SOON*******

Summer Dance – this year the annual village dance is going to be a **BARN DANCE** or **CEILIDH** with the brilliant band

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playing a wide variety of jigs, reels, polkas, hornpipes and slip-jigs that anyone young and not so young can enjoy and dance to – no partners required!

The proposed date is the **9th of August 2025** so put it in your diary and join in the fun.

The postponed **Vernon’s QUIZ** is being rescheduled for the Autumn so watch out for the posters and notices.

Email Carol at shimplingvh@gmail.com or text

07855762812 to register your interest in both / any event or to suggest additional ones.

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHTS

3rd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
7pm for 7.30 start

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COMING NEXT

18th Mar – **The Colour Room** starring Phoebe Dynevor & Matthew Goode - chronicles struggles of Clarice Cliff getting her pottery accepted.

15th Apr – **Glass Onion – a Knives Out Mystery** starring Daniel Craig & Kate Hudson

20th May – **Arthurs Whiskey** – comedy starring Diane Keaton, Lulu & Patricia Hodge

17th June – **Lee** starring Kate Winslet, a moving biographical war drama of the life & work of photographer Lee Miller

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The Annual Village Clean Up Morning will
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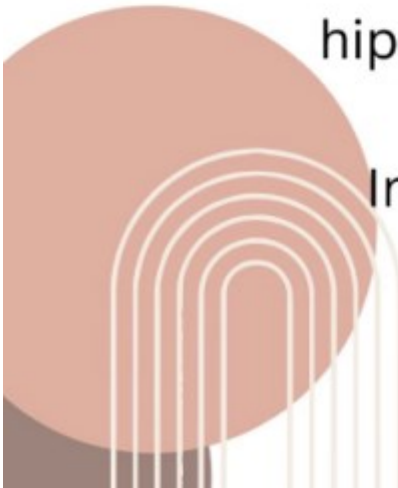
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(Shimpling AED Village Enterprise)

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In the event of an emergency, the precise location of the AED would need to be given, to enable the Ambulance Service to give the code. The location is

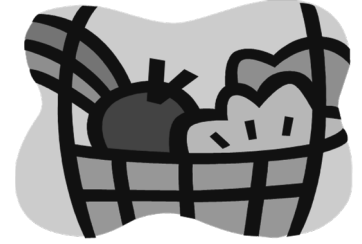
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Please make a note of these details, as it could save time in gaining access.

If you require any further details, please contact me
Marian Peck Chair, SAVE 01284 828187



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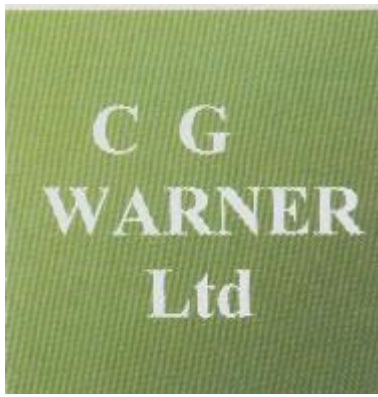
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