

# Welcome to the Annual Mattishall Parish Gathering 2026

*A review of the key events in 2025/26  
together with a short overview of  
Mattishall Parish Council activities*

## A warm welcome to the Mattishall Parish Gathering

The Parish Meeting is an opportunity for Parishioners to discuss parish affairs (Local Government Act 1972, section 9) and pass resolutions thereon (although it should be said that such resolutions will not bind the Parish Council).

**Graham Clarke**

Chairman, Mattishall Parish Council



# Agenda

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence
2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2025 (published on our website)

To receive reports from:

3. Graham Clarke, Chair of the Parish Council, on the Council's year
4. Anita Rose, Clerk to the Parish Council, on the Council's draft finances for 2025-26
5. Nicky Grandy, Mattishall Community Hub
6. Reverend Kirsty Long, Mattishall and Tudd Valley Churches
7. Statutory Bodies reports including Norfolk County Councillors, Breckland District Councillors and Norfolk Police
8. To receive a report from any other organisations



# Introducing Your Councillors

1. *Graham Clarke (Chair)*
2. *David Fowler (Vice Chair)*
3. *Janice Smith*
4. *Bob Burrell*
5. *Martin Goodrum*
6. *Roisin Murray*
7. *Lloyd Frosdick*
8. *David Piper*
9. *John Pickering*  
*Anita Rose (Parish Clerk)*



# Your Mattishall Parish Council – What we do...



## Events

Christmas, Commemorative and seasonal village events.



## Litter Control

Providing litter & dog waste bins and managing litter picking campaigns.



## Community Spaces

Managing community spaces: open spaces, grass cutting, tree planting etc.



## Traffic Calming

Working with Norfolk County Council to improve road safety in our village.



## Village Maintenance

Ongoing maintenance of gates, walls and fencing and repairs due to wear & tear.



## Burial Grounds

Cemetery, Churchyard, All Saints Church clock, War Memorial, Overseeing these facilities.



## Youth Services

Fund YMCA weekly junior and senior youth clubs.



## Children's Play Areas

Mandatory maintenance and safety inspections.



## Planning

Reviewing and commenting on planning applications, monitoring our Neighbourhood Plan.



# We also have a Secondary Reporting Role

- Reporting highway and other defects → Norfolk County Council
- Dog fouling & litter → Breckland Council
- Public Footpaths → Norfolk County Council
- Flooding issues – Reported by the individual → Flood Helpline and Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance
- Crime Prevention – ASB Reporting,  
Neighbourhood Watch → Police & Breckland Council

# Reporting Potholes – Norfolk County Council [Norfolk.gov.uk](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

Here's how to report a Pothole



1. **Online** (recommended) Visit [Norfolk.gov.uk](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk) Search "Report a highways problem"
2. Select Potholes and pin the location on the map 📍

## What to include

- Exact location (postcode or map pin)
- Size and position of the pothole
- Any immediate safety risk

## Points to note

- Potholes marked with paint have already been inspected
- You can see if a pothole has already been reported
- Most roads: Norfolk County Council
- A11 & A47: report to National Highways

# Just a Few Key Achievements – with community support

- **Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan adopted** – huge YES vote at referendum on **May 15th**
- **Mattishall Design Guide and Code in place**
- Wild and Wood Committee thriving
- Community tree planting ongoing
- Management of Public Footpaths by our volunteer Public Footpath warden – Wallace Murray
- Growing success of the fully funded **Mattishall Parish Council Youth Club**
- **Grants awarded to community groups** (e.g. defibrillator for Bob Carter Court)
- **SAM2 monitoring of traffic speed to help keep our village safe**
- Professional survey of All Saints Church wall conducted – Programme of refurbishment to follow
- **Successful lobbying of Norfolk County Council to deliver extension of the 20mph zone**



# Some Deliverables & Events

- **Keeping our village tidy** - Litter Picking Sessions throughout the year
- Continued high standard maintenance of the children's play area
- Providing a village Christmas event- Santa's grotto and Christmas tree lighting
- **Honouring the fallen** - Remembrance service
- Cleaning, moss and ivy removal Church wall and ongoing repairs and automation of the church clock
- **Caring for our parishioners** - Ongoing confidential support to residents on a wide range of issues
- **Respecting those no longer with us** - Ongoing maintenance of the cemetery
- Continued support to the Community Transport scheme
- **Community safety role**- liaison with responsible authorities i.e. BDC, Norfolk Police, Housing providers
- Introduction of new dog bins to help keep our village clean



Cllr. David Fowler

## Mattishall Planning Matters



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# Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan

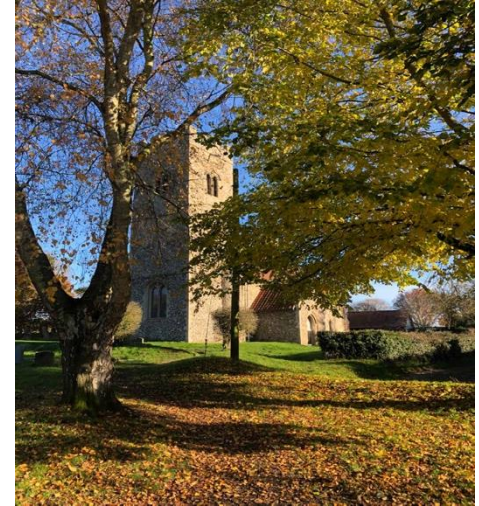
- Community Involvement: Our Neighbourhood plan has been developed by the Parish Council in partnership with the local community.
- Local Vision: The Plan provides a shared vision for our village.
- The Plan and its policies must be used by Breckland Council when considering planning applications in the village.

## The Neighbourhood Plan:

- Adopted following referendum in June 2025
- Thankyou to everyone who voted- resounding **Yes** vote.

## Key facts about the Neighbourhood Plan:

- ✓ Protection for 3 Local Green Spaces
- ✓ Extensive Conservation Area
- ✓ 26 Listed Buildings
- ✓ 14 Locally Listed Buildings
- ✓ 6 Important Views and vistas that must be considered when development proposals are submitted
- ✓ A detailed Design Guide and Code that must be complied with by developers



Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan  
2024 -2036

# Breckland Local Plan Review

The Breckland Local Plan sets planning policies for the district, including where housing development may take place and which land is protected

## Breckland's Current Proposals...

- Two potential housing sites at Dereham Road and Thynnes Lane were proposed
- In total around 150 new homes in Mattishall and...
- ...the removal of the Settlement Boundary Policy

## Community response...

- We held a special public meeting to provide a forum for people to comment and voice their concerns and objections. (c.100 people)
- We listened to people's views and concerns and opposition to the proposals was unanimous
- Residents' views and concerns were formally submitted to Breckland by your Parish Council



# Breckland Local Plan Review

Residents' views and concerns about the proposed developments were formally submitted to Breckland by your Parish Council



## Your Key Objections Raised...

- Impact on the natural environment
- Flooding and drainage concerns
- Access and infrastructure constraints
- Impact on public footpaths
- Significant housing growth already experienced by the village

## Next steps...

- Next version of the Local Plan expected July 2026
- Further consultation will be publicized
- A community event will be held to gather residents' view

*We will continue to represent the views of Mattishall residents at every stage.  
Hopefully, Breckland Councillors have taken on board our concerns.*

Cllr. Roisin Murray

Kingfisher Open Spaces  
& Mattishall Allotment Society



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# Kingfisher Open Spaces

Volunteers, Councillors and Lay Members of the Wild and Woodland Sub-Committee worked diligently throughout the year



## Planting

210 Native woodland whips (new tiny trees)  
30 Larger native trees  
30 Locally developed fruit tree varieties



## Sewing

Wildflower seeds in a third of the Open Space and in the Orchard area



## Cutting

The grass areas around the planted trees and piling them to provide a haven for insects and wildlife, hedgehogs etc.



## Watering

All the new plantings on a regular basis during the drought periods of last summer



## Moving

The fruit trees into the wildflower meadow area and planted them in a grid formation



## Mulching

Around the young trees to discourage grass and weeds taking over and choking growth

# Kingfisher Open Spaces

creating a beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy and share

A big Thank You to all our  
Volunteers, Councillors and  
Lay Members for their hard  
work throughout the year!



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# Mattishall Allotment Society (MAS)

- Burgh Lane Site (behind the Swan) – 23 Plots (2 vacancies)
- Kingfishers Site (Denbury Homes Development) – 25 Plots (1 vacancy)
- Kingfishers is home to 2 Community Plots
- There are two MAS meeting per year – AGM and our Summer meeting
- Enquiries and application for plots please contact the Secretary [roisinmurrayt@outlook.com](mailto:roisinmurrayt@outlook.com)



# Anita Rose

Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

## Mattishall Parish Council Finances for 2025-26



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# RECEIPTS – 2025/26

**Total Amount: £115,760.45**

**The receipts are made from the following receipts:**

- **Precept**
- **Grants**
- **Donations**
- **Burials**
- **Interest**



**PAYMENTS**  
– 2025/26

**Total Amount £85,489.05**

***Payments for the following:***

- ***Administration / Staffing costs***
- ***Maintenance to Open Spaces***
- ***Community Woodland and Orchard***
- ***Projects / Village Events***
- ***Youth Club***
- ***Grants***

# Earmarked Reserves – 2025/26

**Total earmarked reserves**

**£142,018.19**

<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>£130,018.19</b>
Meeting / Storage facility	£3,000.00
Open Spaces	£2,222.00
Professional fees	£7,500.00
Church clock	£5,730.40
Churchyard Wall	£7,850.00
Kingfisher Community Woodland / Orchard (S106)	£99,615.36

# Summary – 2025/26

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<b>Balance Brought Forward 1 April</b>	<b>£190,811.56</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£115,760.45</b>
<b>Less Payments</b>	<b>£85,489.05</b>
<b>Total balance</b>	<b>£221,082.96</b>
<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>£142,018.19</b>
<b>General Reserves</b>	<b>£79,064.77</b>

# Mattishall Parish Council Bank Reconciliation 2025/26

This report can be viewed on our website  
[www.mattishallparish.gov.uk](http://www.mattishallparish.gov.uk)

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prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

<b>Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2026</b>		
Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		190,811.56
<b>ADD</b> Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		115,760.45
		<b>306,572.01</b>
<b>SUBTRACT</b> Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		85,489.05
		<b>221,082.96</b>
<b>Cash in Hand 31/03/2026</b> (per Cash Book)		
Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
Unity Trust Bank (Current) 31/03/2026	49,952.54	
Unity Trust Bank (Deposit) 31/03/2026	38,347.00	
Unity Trust Bank (Instant Access A 31/03/2026	2,911.12	
NS&I Savings Account 31/03/2026	54,717.02	
Hinckley & Rugby Savings Account 31/03/2026	75,155.28	
		<b>221,082.96</b>
Less unrepresented payments		
		221,082.96
Plus unrepresented receipts		
<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>221,082.96</b>
<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		

Nicky Grandy

Mattishall Community Hub

Please note our new email address...  
[matcomhub@gmail.com](mailto:matcomhub@gmail.com)



# Reverend Kirsty Long

## Mattishall & Tudd Valley Churches



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# Statutory Body Reports

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## Statutory Body Reports

Norfolk County Council

Cllr. Bill Borrett

Breckland District Council

Cllrs. Paul Claussen/Paul Plummer

Norfolk Constabulary

Report

# Norfolk Constabulary Report (PC 898 Gilluley)



Further Information and the link to meetings can be found on the Mattishall Parish Council website  
[Mattishallparish.gov.uk](http://Mattishallparish.gov.uk)

The current police priorities are:

- Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (focused on Dereham & Thetford)
- Tackling Rural & Acquisitive Crime across Breckland

Neighbourhood Police (formally SNAP meetings) provide an opportunity for residents to hear updates on current police priorities and raise any concerns.

Venue – Breckland Council Offices (or via Teams) The next Neighbourhood meetings for the Mattishall and surrounding parishes are:

- Thurs 21st April 2026 at 7pm
- Mon 20th July 2026 at 7pm
- Wed 27th October 2026 at 7pm

For the link to join the SNAP meetings online please email your beat managers at [SNTBreckland@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:SNTBreckland@norfolk.police.uk)





# Reports from our local organisations



## Reports from our local organisations

Madeleine Fowler

Women's Institute

Guest

YMCA (Mattishall Youth Club)

Report

1st Mattishall & District Scout Group

Madeleine Fowler

Women's Institute



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YMCA



# 1st Mattishall & District Scout Group Report (Ann Futter)

Our Scout Group continues to thrive with currently 46 local young people aged 6-17 years, supported by over 15 regular adult volunteers.

**Scouts** 



The young people have taken part in lots of outdoor activities both locally in Mattishall and nearby in Norfolk.

Beavers visited the Dereham fire station; cubs the newly refurbished Norwich Castle and scouts paddled on the Wensum.

The scouts have had a particularly successful year winning both the District Shooting Competition and the District Challenge Hike, called *'Dragon Slayer'*.

Both the cub and scout sections attended the Norjam International Jamboree camp in August at the Showground, scouts for the whole week and cubs visiting for a day.

All sections participated in the village Remembrance parade and service along with organisations from across the community.

Sections welcomed visits from a both a therapy dog and handler as well community police officers.

# Open Forum

Any Comments – Suggestions – Ideas – Questions Please?



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