

Tendring Parish Council News.

I have just arrived back from the Scarecrow festival. What a great event this was bringing both young and not so young together to enjoy not only the delights of the Scarecrows but also our beautiful Village. The standard of scarecrows this year as always was incredible. Hand crafted and often humorous representations of various countries vied with each other to win the best scarecrow and runner up scarecrow. It was certainly hard to decide and I for one am glad that it is a public vote that determines this as I could not have picked a favourite. Thanks to all those that took part and helped to make the event such a success. Particular thanks must go to the Scarecrow committee (Richard Cronin, Val Parry, myself and Jo Cauvain) and also Cllr Simon Conner ,Cllr Vicky Cauvain along with Nick Brattan who worked behind the scenes to ensure it went according to plan. The funds raised from the pop up cafe nearly £300 at this point will be donated to John Parry who is doing the sponsored walk from Lowestoft to St Davids in June. Thanks to all the cake bakers and helpers without whom this would not have been possible. The winner was Australia crafted by Lorna Dodman with runner up Sierra Leone crafted by the reception class at Tendring Primary School. The trail map competition was won by The Cotteer family .Well done to everyone -an amazing festival.



Other news this month, the popular Ghostly Tales performance will return on Saturday 14 November with newly written ghost stories to delight and terrify all. Tickets will be available nearer the time but thought it was worth mentioning so that you can save the date as last year we sold out before the performance.

The Parish Council received the Inspection report from Goose Green play area and was pleased to hear there were no concerns raised regarding the apparatus. The play area is currently being extensively used and it is a pleasure to see so many children enjoying the great outdoors. Another matter raised was that of road safety and in particular speeding through the Village. We

have come up with a few ideas and would like your feedback. Firstly there was a proposal to issue speed signs to attach to rubbish bins with the appropriate speed clearly displayed. This would only be an option for the areas with a 30 or 40 mph restriction. What do you think please let us know. There is currently a questionnaire about the Safer Speed strategy that you can contribute to and have your views considered. We are also considering erecting a welcome to Tendring sign- position and content to be decided at the next Parish Council meeting. The sign may also have a thank you for driving carefully comment. Please attend if you can and give us your opinion. Concerns were also raised about the number of advertising signs around the Village. It was felt that they could distract drivers and does not contribute to the aesthetics of the Village. If you have an opinion on this please let us know.

Planning applications discussed included ones for The Topiary at Chapel Lane and Mistletoe on The Street. Details of the discussion can be found on our website

<https://www.tendringparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/tendring-parish-council-20973/minutes/>

Our next meeting is

Tuesday 26th May 2026 (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Please note this is not our usual Monday slot.