

BEDFIELD & MONK SOHAM **COMMUNITY NEWS**



23rd OCTOBER 2022

INCIDENTS IN THE PLAY AREA

As you are aware, Bedfield has a playground second to none which is enjoyed by the residents of both villages and many others from further afield. Unfortunately, there have been two separate unacceptable incidents in the play area in the last week.

Bedfield Parish Council installed CCTV at the HUB in line with its CCTV and Privacy Policy, which includes its use to deter potential vandalism. We have therefore scrutinised the images in an attempt to determine what actually happened and when.

We are disappointed that such incidents have occurred, and both were recorded on the CCTV, from which the images have been saved. These show that:

On Tuesday 18th October, at around 6 p.m., two boys (aged around 11 or 12 years old) treated the equipment with disrespect, eventually throwing the toddler swing over the top rail putting it temporarily out of action. The boys arrived and left on foot.

On Thursday 20th October, a boy and a girl (aged around 10 or 11 years) cycled to the play area at 3:25, presumably directly from school. The boy appeared to unlock the combination lock so the access gate could be opened, and then they both cycled over the tunnel.

We do not want at this stage to escalate the incidents or see them repeated. We therefore feel it might be helpful to let children know the impact of inappropriate use of the play area, which could result in the equipment becoming dangerous, unusable and very expensive to repair, in addition to any further action deemed to be appropriate.

There were no other users of the community space during both incidents. However, we encourage all users of the play area to challenge any inappropriate use, should they see it.

Geoff Robinson

Clerk to Bedfield Parish Council

Bedfield and Monk Soham Community Club

NEW COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

Community Bus Woodbridge Service

There has been a great deal of interest in our Woodbridge service, due to start on 5th of November. In fact, there has been so much interest that there is a likelihood of the bus being full on its first run with some passengers being unable to board and we are not permitted to take bookings.

If you are unable to board, please accept our apologies in advance, if the Woodbridge service is as popular and well used as it seems it will be, then we will seek to add additional services.

Thank you,

High Suffolk Community Bus Committee

COLD WEATHER HELP and INTERNET AVAILABILITY

As the weather gets colder you might want to turn off your heating on a Tuesday morning and come to the Community Hub from 9.15 to 12.30. There will be Wi-Fi and a laptop for you to use or learn new skills. Alternatively, you may want to join in with others for a board game, dominoes or just bring your own game. We also welcome home workers who may wish to work from the Hub at these times.

Another opportunity to turn off your heating is being offered by Jenny Hinchey at Ash Lodge, Southolt Road, Bedfield on a Friday between 12 noon and 5 p.m., just phone 627134 to say you're coming. Tea/coffee and a sandwich provided. Sit and chat or snooze or read, you are most welcome.

Other facilities at the Hub on a Tuesday morning include:

The **pop-up Café**, open from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Warm scones are always available to eat in or takeaway. Come and join us for a cuppa and a catch up with friends and neighbours.

The **Post Office**, open from 9.15 a.m to 11.15 a.m.

Did you know? Not only can you buy stamps and send parcels, but you can also bank cash into your bank account and withdraw cash (even if you bank with another provider).

There is also a **pop-up shop** selling essential items.

There are **recycling facilities** for bottles, clothes (including handbags, belts and shoes) and batteries.

There is a **large selection of books**, all available free of charge, although we happily take small cash donations to pass on to the food bank, as well as accepting food donations.

The Gardening Club offer a **seed swap**.



BEDFIELD XI F.C.

The Bedfield football team has had a great start to the season. They play on Sunday mornings on the playing field, kicking off at 10:30.

Their next two home matches are on Sunday 30th October against Coldham Hall, and Sunday 6th November against Stanton.

Tea, coffee and snacks are available.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICE

The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Independent Living Service is there to support individuals and families who need help coping with the challenges of living at home with long term health conditions.



Grants are available for home adaptations - up to the value of £30,000. If you think this might be of benefit to you, or to anyone you know, more information is available [here](#).

DEBENHAM SHED

A recent project for the Debenham community was to make some custom bookshelves for the telephone box on the village green, using recycled wood. Model sailing boats are being repaired, furniture renovated for resale, bicycles restored, and numerous small projects undertaken. "It's like the shed at the bottom of your garden, but all your friends are there," said a recent article in the *Guardian*.



Our 1976 MG Midget renovation is being held up by availability of replacement springs, arriving from Malaysia next year—or we hope earlier. Once fitted we can take the car for respraying. Debenham Garage is continuing to help.

Debenham Shed is at 2 Fields Farm, Low Road (IP14 6BJ). Officers: Les Wright 07793 470694, Bernard Rose 07538 974119, Tony Hutt 07906 614328. Visit our website at www.debenhamshed.org.uk, where you can sign up to our newsletters on the Contact page. Like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DebenhamShed.

*What is Debenham Shed? A place to make things by yourself, with guidance or with others. It could be in metal, cloth, wood or plastic. We have lots of tools and sourcing materials. You may want to repair or make new - the limit is your imagination. It is also for social connecting and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter. **Debenham shed is open to all adults.***

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

It has become apparent that the various means by which the public can contact their local policing team and the ways Police interact with our communities were either not clear or misunderstood.

As a result, the police have issued new guidance. This is on the Useful Information page of the websites, which can be accessed [here](#).

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We produce these newsletters to keep residents of Bedfield and Monk Soham informed of events in the area. They are added to the village websites, and residents are emailed a link to it whenever a new one is added.

We are sure that there are other events taking place but, **if you don't tell us, we can't publicise them.** Email bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com to include it in a newsletter.

Email Lisa at lisaj1976@gmail.com to add your event to the village websites, <https://bedfield.onesuffolk.net> and <https://monksoham.onesuffolk.net>

You can also follow the Facebook page [Bedfield and Monk Soham Community Club | Facebook](#)

Our facilities are available for hire and details are available on the websites or you can contact us via email or phone 01728 628046.

If you have neighbours without internet access, please print and share a copy with them. We will deliver a hard copy to anyone in the villages on request; just phone us on 01728 628046.