



CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report April 2023

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Please join us...

CASTLE HEDINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2023, 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The **Annual Parish Assembly** is an opportunity for all residents of Castle Hedingham to find out about the work of the Parish Council over the year and raise any matters relating to our local community. Representatives from local groups are also welcome to join us to share their news

DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Election day for Braintree District Council and Castle Hedingham Parish Council is May 4th 2023. **Photo ID** will be required this year to vote at a polling station. www.gov.uk/how-to-vote
If you are not yet registered to vote in the elections on 4th May you need to apply by 11:59pm on Monday 17th April. For a postal vote apply by 5pm on Tuesday 18th April

Our Annual Parish Assembly will be held during the pre-election period. No political campaigning will take place at the event.



New Park Rewilding

With the support of the Essex Wildlife Trust and Braintree District Council, we are starting a rewilding scheme at the land alongside New Park. We have plans to involve children from De Vere Primary school in visiting the site and recording what they see, and we will also share information about our project through our website, Facebook page and signage on site.

Community Allotment

This year we have received a further £5,000 grant from Braintree District Council to help with rainwater harvesting, tools and other set up costs for our

Community Allotment area at the Village Park. All residents are welcome to join the allotment group, it's a chance to get out in the fresh air, be active, meet new friends, learn about gardening or share your knowledge. Come along to our Annual Parish Assembly to find out more and meet the team



Wishing all residents a healthy
and happy year ahead

Garry Southgate
Parish Council Chairman



CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

THE ROLE OF YOUR PARISH COUNCIL IS TO:

Represent the views of the people who live in Castle Hedingham

Raise issues of public concern with other authorities, for example Braintree District Council, Essex County Council and Essex Police

Comment on planning applications and other proposals which affect the village – Braintree Planning has the final say on all planning applications

Provide and/or maintain public areas and facilities, including the cemetery at Sheepcot Road, the public toilets and our Village Park & Community Allotment

Maintain grassed areas, village greens, footpaths and roadside verges, some on behalf of Essex County Council

Keep streets clean and collect litter on behalf of Braintree District Council

Maintain the closed churchyard at St Nicholas Church, and carry out repairs and maintenance to the church clock

Undertake other projects and obtain grant funding to support the parish, e.g. Public Access Defibrillators

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KING CHARLES III CORONATION

SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2023



RETURN OF THE CHARITY THRONE RACE

For non-powered two person teams 1.30PM MEMORIES CROUCH GREEN

CORONATION BIG LUNCH STREET PARTY

2-5PM ST JAMES STREET BRING A CHAIR AND A PICNIC

St Nicholas Church Clock

The Parish Council maintains the church clock as it is the only public timepiece in the village. This year it is undergoing extensive repair to the pulleys in the Smith of Derby workshop, at a cost of £2,728.00 which will be funded from Parish Council reserves. If any resident would like to contribute towards the cost, please contact the Parish Clerk for details of how to make a donation

Parish Council Accounts

The precept is the Parish Council share of the Council Tax. In January 2023 the Parish Council requested a precept of £32,838 for the 2023-24 financial year, an increase of 9%.

This represents £68.09 per year for a Band D property.

This still leaves us with a budget deficit which will be funded from Parish Council reserves. We continue to look for cost savings where possible without compromising the services we provide to the village.

INCOME 2022-23	£
Precept	30,502.00
Agency Grant Income	5,899.11
Cemetery Income	2,288.00
Grants (Community Allotment £10,000)	10,500.00
Other Income (inc. donations)	1,821.86
Interest on deposit accounts	457.49
VAT reclaim	9,596.59
Total income	61,065.05
EXPENDITURE 2022-23	£
All staff costs - wages/Tax/NI/Payroll	23,773.56
Village maintenance costs (not wages)	30,036.70
Administration & office costs	5,318.80
Grants	360.00
VAT	5,471.28
Total expenditure	64,960.34
Year end balance 2022-2023	-3,895.29