

Worlingworth village welcome pack



Worlingworth Parish Council and St Mary's Worlingworth welcome you to our Parish. We hope this pack provides you with useful information about the Parish, its groups and organisations together with practical information that will help you settle into your new home and community.

We look forward to meeting you.

MORE INFORMATION

Parish website: Worlingworth.onesuffolk.net

Next door: www.nextdoor.co.uk

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WORLINGWORTH



PC information

Monthly meetings at 7.30pm on third Wednesday of the month.

AGM in May.

Village spring-clean and autumn tidy-up followed by lunch.

Annual footpath walking day.

Worly Goes Green recycling initiative.

Village "greening" project e.g. promoting recycling/planting trees/adding flower beds

There are seven Parish Councillors.

Manager of the village defibrillator which is housed at the Community Centre.

Owner of the village emergency plan.

WORLINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome from Andrew Nunn on behalf of Worlingworth Parish Council.

If you are reading this you will hopefully be in receipt of the "Worlingworth Welcome Pack" that will give you some idea of what happens within our community, access to public footpaths, and what the village has to offer beyond a place to live, and you will have joined our small but thriving village.

In moving to Worlingworth you may have done your preliminary investigations to find out something of the history of the village, where we are geographically in relation to major services, shops, major roads etc, and what we can offer to you as a new resident.

This welcome pack is designed to hopefully give you some further guidance and detail about what Worlingworth has to offer, its clubs and organisations, businesses etc and more clarity as to what happens within our community that you may wish to use or participate in.

Although small in numbers we are a thriving and active community, with many voluntary organisations, an active and ancient church (thirteenth century), a community centre with playing field and a primary school with nursery, one of only 9 in the whole of Suffolk to achieve an "outstanding" rating from OFSTED for the last two inspections, certainly a jewel in our crown.

At a governance level the village is represented by a Parish Council of nine elected Councillors, all of whom are volunteers, but who represent all those within our village in regard to policy matters - full details available on [Welcome to our website » Welcome to Worlingworth \(onesuffolk.net\)](http://onesuffolk.net). We, along with our Parish Clerk/Financial Officer, are here to serve you. We hold regular and open meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the Community Centre. You are most welcome to attend and participate within the public forum section at which time you can raise issues that you consider important. You can also follow proceedings as we go through the business of the council, considering items like planning, finance etc, receive reports from our resident tree warden and footpath officers where relevant, so an active and busy schedule but hopefully for the benefit of all within our village.

If you have any concerns, questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact myself as Chair, our Parish Clerk or any of the Councillors (names/email details/phone numbers are displayed on any of the three village notice boards) who will endeavour to help you where possible.

Kind Regards, Andrew Nunn. andrew.nunn.worlypc@gmail.com

ST MARY'S WORLINGWORTH

Pastoral care, Baptisms, Wedding and Funeral arrangements:

Priest-in-charge Revd. Enid Pow. Tel: 01986 743093

email: [revenid4rivers@gmail](mailto:revenid4rivers@gmail.com)

Church Wardens:

Bert Stanford 01728 628474 and Ann Davidson 07807 588485

Lay Elder

Bert Stanford 01728 628474

St Mary's Worlingworth, with St Margaret's Southolt, forms one ecclesiastical Parish within the Four Rivers Benefice which is part of the Hartismere and Hoxne Deanery. The Benefice includes Bedfield, Brundish, Cratfield, Laxfield, Monk Soham, Tannington, Wilby and Worlingworth and Southolt.

St Mary's is a beautiful medieval Church, Grade 1 listed, with many interesting features and a well kept churchyard. It is open dawn to dusk. Southolt, formerly a chapel of Ease, is now looked after by a body of Trustees and is still in use for Baptisms, weddings and funerals. Four special services are held there each year.

The Church holds a Flower Festival and Open Gardens. In addition, a variety of musical events are held in the Church. The churches in this area produce and distribute a monthly newsletter to every home in the village. The editor is Val Swallow v.swallow44@btinternet.com.

We have four Parochial Church Council meetings and an Annual Meeting each year.

The Ladies Guild supports the Church with fund raising.

We hope we will have the pleasure of meeting you at one of our services where you will be warmly welcomed.

Find a Church near by www.achurchnearyou.com



Church information

Details of other church services taking place in the Benefice can be found in the Benefice and Village newsletter and on the village website.

The Parish Memorial to the men who gave their lives in the two World Wars is situated in the Churchyard.

Our Churchyard is a "haven" in peaceful countryside with spring flowering blooms. It is maintained in a sympathetic manner to provide access to graves and areas for wildlife.

As part of the Mission and Ministry at St Mary's, we aim to continue "outreach" with informal services e.g. Mothering Sunday in the community centre, Rogation Sunday walking service to bless gardens/crops etc, Harvest in the Community Centre with a Let's Celebrate service and lunch and lastly, in Advent, a Christmas sing together.

Did you know?

We have outlets in the village for fruit/veg/milk/eggs/basic foods.

We have a newspaper delivery service. Contact Tuckwell news delivery Tel 01728 685385

We have a series of dog bins around the village for dog walkers.

The primary school's motto is "Cherish all, achieve together". The school also has a Nursery school.

The Parish has 17 miles of clearly marked public footpaths.

The Community Centre committee have set up a Worlingworth Film club, with films each month in the Centre.

Our MP is Dr Dan Poulter
www.drdanielpoulter.com

USEFUL INFORMATION

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk

- Stowmarket 01449 676060 or 01449 676280

Bus services

- BSEVC connecting communities <http://www.bsevc.co.uk>

Refuse collection

- Every Monday, rubbish and re-cycling alternate

Recycling (see page 10)

- Glass/paper at the village Community Centre, Clothing at Fire Station Framlingham

Shops and supermarkets

- Earl Soham, Framlingham, Debenham, Eye, Stradbroke, Horham

Post Office

- Main Post Office is in Framlingham, 01728 723420: Post Offices at Horham, Eye, Stradbroke: Outreach Post office every Tuesday 9.15 to 11.15 at Bedfield Sports Pavilion

Medical centres/GP surgeries

- Framlingham 01728 723627 (includes branch at Earl Soham 01728 685325), Stradbroke 01379388313, Eye 01379 870689

Dentist

- Framlingham 01728 723651

Milk deliveries (and a wide range of other products)

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday Milk and More 0345 6063606
www.milkandmore.co.uk

Newspaper deliveries

- Every day Stephen Tuckwell 01728 685385

Garages

- Sax vehicle services, Fingal Street Worlingworth, 01728 628628 (repairs, servicing, tyres etc)
- Petrol/diesel Framlingham

Vets

- Stowmarket, Diss, Debenham and Framlingham

USEFUL INFORMATION

Places of worship

- CofE St Mary's Worlingworth, Baptist Horham, Methodist Framlingham, Roman Catholic Framlingham, Mosque Ipswich

Eggs/vegetable/supplies within the Parish

- The Shed, Mill Road, and Jack's Eggs in Swan Lane

Local Councillors

- Matthew Hicks (both Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council) 01728 628176 or 07824 474741

Libraries

- Debenham and Framlingham
- Mobile library calls every 4 weeks on Thursdays (Springfield House at 14:20 and Church Road at 14:45)

Worlingworth oil heating syndicate

- Contact James Connelly. Tel 07342 201653, Email:

worlyoilsyndicate@gmail.com

Vets

- Stowmarket, Diss, Debenham and Framlingham

Defibrillator

- Sited at the Community Centre

High Suffolk Community Bus

Started over 40 years ago, when all local commercial services were withdrawn, it is operated and driven entirely by local volunteers. The bus is intended to service residents mainly of Bedfield, Beddingfield, Kenton, Monk Soham, Southolt, Tannington and Worlingworth.

The bus currently runs to Framlingham (Tuesdays), Diss (Fridays), Stowmarket (three Thursdays each month). In addition, there are two services per month to Bury St Edmunds and Norwich. There are summer services to Felixstowe (once each month in May, June and September) and Southwold (once each in July and August).

Services and timetables are often updated so for latest information see the website www.combus.org.uk or email support@combus.org.uk or call Alan Nette-Thomas (01728 685694)

We are always in need of volunteers to operate and drive the bus. If you are interested, please contact Alan as above.

Did you know?

The mobile library calls every four weeks on a Thursday.

There are glass and paper recycling facilities at the community centre.

There is a children's playground and a table tennis table at the Community Centre.

The village has three Parish noticeboards.

The village cricket ground is in Bedfield.

Dustbin collection is on a Monday morning.

Suffolk libraries provide free audio book downloads and, currently, on line exercise groups.

Did you know?

Business and services can advertise in the monthly newsletter. Contact Val Swallow: 01728 628068.

Promote your business via the website if either your business is based in the Parish or you live in the Parish and run your own business.

Contact:

Andrew.luton.worlypc@gmail.com

You can hire the Community Centre for private functions. <https://worlingworthcommunitycentre.co.uk/>

The social club meets each Friday in the Community Centre. Val Ariss
valerieariss@btinternet.com

The Parish Council has reviewed and updated its village emergency plan.

Contact:

Andrew.nunn.worlypc@gmail.com

The village and local community has a Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2538897513009200>

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Although being only a relatively small village, Worlingworth offers a wide range of activities and organisations should you wish to get involved. These provide ideal opportunities to get to know new people. These pages provide contact details for you to find out more and see if any organisation may offer something that suits your interests. Don't wait to be asked!

Phone numbers start 01728 unless otherwise stated.

County & District Councillor	Matthew Hicks matthew.hicks@suffolk.gov.uk	628176
Choir - Benefice	Chris Stanford chrismstanford@icloud.com	628474
Church & Village Newsletter	Val Swallow v.swallow44@btinternet.com	628068
Community Bus	Alan Nette-Thomas (Chair) support@combus.org.uk	685694
Community Centre	Rosemary Ingate (Chair) rosemaryingate@hotmail.co.uk Mel Farrow (Bookings Secretary) wccbookingclerk@hotmail.co.uk	
Cricket Club	Chris Watson chrisandstellaw@hotmail.com	628782
Footpath Warden	Janie Wood barughhouse@aol.com	..
Rummikub for Guys 'n Girls	Sandra Gooderham	628570
Keep Fit Club	Pat Corston patcorston@outlook.com	628414
Local History Group	Geoff Robinson wlhg@hotmail.co.uk	628768
Oil Purchasing Syndicate	James Connelly worlyoilsyndicate@btinternet.com	627952

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Parish Council	Andrew Nunn (<i>Chairman</i>) andrew.nunn.worlypc@gmail.com Sarah Clare (Clerk) worlingworthparishclerk@gmail.com	627708/0 7840976 401 07801 628591
Primary School	Victoria Gascoyne-Cecil admin@worlingworth.suffolk.sch.uk worlingworthschool.co.uk	628397
St. Mary's Church	Bert Stanford (<i>Church Warden</i>) bertstan4d@btconnect.com Ann Davidson (<i>Church Warden</i>) aandcdavidson@btinternet.com Val Swallow (<i>Secretary</i>) v.swallow44@btinternet.com	628474 07807 588485 627862
St. Mary's Guild	Veronica Plowman veronicaplowman@icloud.com	628488
Social Club	Val Ariss valerieariss@btinternet.com	628786
Tree Warden	Francis Muldoon j50fjm@gmail.com	627166
Village Recorder	Geoff Robinson wlhg@hotmail.co.uk	628768
Willows Nursery	Victoria Gascoyne-Cecil admin@worlingworth.suffolk.sch.uk	628397
Women's Institute	Val Swallow v.swallow44@btinternet.com Diana Totten dianartotten@gmail.com	628068 628077
Worlingworth Charities	Chris Watson (<i>Chair of Trustees</i>) chrisandstellaw@hotmail.com	628782

*Please note that this information is provided for information only
the Parish Council does not endorse any services or activities offered.
Fees may be applicable.*

Did you know?

Worlingworth has its own village recorder. Contact Geoff Robinson: Email: wlhg@hotmail.co.uk

The Community Centre runs a monthly tote. Contact Val Swallow. Tel 01728 628068.

The Community Centre has a screen for showing films and for demonstrations/talks/presentations etc.

The village has a Boules/ Petanque team, contact Val Swallow: Tel: 01728 628068

The village has a number of its own charities. Contact Chris Watson: 01728 628782

The village is active on NextDoor for alerts/news/items for sale etc
[Notifications — Nextdoor](#)

There is a quiet garden at the Community Centre.

Worlingworth Past and Present IN PHOTOGRAPHS



Volume Two



A BRIEF HISTORY OF WORLINGWORTH

We can go back to before the Norman Conquest to trace the history of our parish. Aelfric, Bishop of Elmham, was given extensive tracts of land in Suffolk by King Canute and lands in Worlingworth formed part of this



'gift'. Subsequently, the advowson (the preferment for a priest) of the church belonged to the Abbey of St Edmundsbury until the Reformation. In pre-Reformation medieval times, much of Worlingworth's acres were in the form of "strips" of

land, perhaps only a few metres wide, worked by the peasants for their feudal lord. The present church was gradually built over a period of many years, the present chancel replacing an older church, probably of wood and wattle, between 1280 and 1310. The nave and western tower were added in the 1400s.

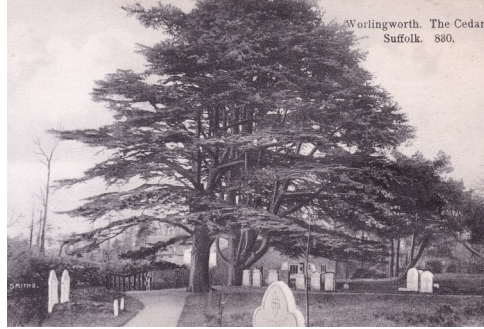
When the monasteries were dissolved by Henry VIII, the advowson of Worlingworth Church was sold to Anthony Rous of Dennington. The Rous (Rowse) family were feudal lords of the manor in the parish for hundreds of years until the 17th century. By the late 18th century, the Major and Henniker families had become the dominant landowners although the Ray family was influential in the commercial Shop Street cluster, centred around the Red House and the Worlingworth Maltings. The Ray family also managed a



shop which traded in spirits, drapery, butter and fine goods. This building is now called the School House.

Worlingworth was a typical Suffolk parish of the 19th century, its inhabitants suffering greatly from the depression in agriculture. Bankruptcies,

suicides, migration, emigration and transportation all featured intermittently in the parish timeline. In the Government census of 1851, 25% of the parish adult population were classed as paupers. Many cottages were little better than hovels. Consumption and other diseases were a constant danger, even in a rural setting.



The saving grace for many was the parish church, the community centre of its time. In a religious survey of 1851, it was recorded that there were morning and afternoon services and that, on average, over 300 people attended divine service on a Sunday afternoon. However, the church had become dilapidated and it wasn't until the Rev'd Frederic French had settled in as Rector in the late 1850s, that the

parish's fortunes saw an upturn. The church restoration of 1866-7 and the introduction of the communal "Harvest Home" celebrations were examples of the Rector's determination to improve the living standards of the cottagers. Frederic French served the community as Rector, Manager of the New School, Jus-



tice of the Peace and County Councillor for many years, until his death in 1907.

Over a hundred years later, life in our parish is far, far removed from those halcyon days. Apart from the church, only a few other vestiges of "times past" remain, hidden behind the veneer of modernity.

Worlingworth has many interesting adventurous stories to tell; the boy who was given 5 shillings by the parish and sailed to Singapore in the 1830s, a child born on Fingal Street who joined the Mormons and emigrated to Salt Lake City; the village shopkeeper who supplied the Duke of York's army with beer and made his fortune in Woodbridge and the knighted Rector's son who handled the security arrangements for the 1911 Delhi Durbar. All were sons of Worlingworth in our so-called quiet parish.



Did you know?

Norfolk Chefs Fayre deliver in the village. Contact: 07903 966926 or 01603 789842

The village has its own tree warden. In addition, the Parish Council has funding available to help with additional tree planting in the village. Contact Francis Muldoon: j50fjm@gmail.com

The Parish Council can provide small grants to assist with starting new activities.

The village has a Footpath Officer. Contact Janie Wood barughhouse@aol.com

The WI was founded in June 1921 making 2021 its centenary year. It's motto is "Inspiring Women".

Worlingworth Community Centre is owned by all the residents of the Parish. It is managed on their behalf by a Committee of dedicated and community spirited volunteers.

WORLYGIG (GETTING IT GREEN)

Living in and around Worlingworth – how you can increase your recycling :

The nearest places for the following items are as follows:

- Glass bottles - Worlingworth Community Centre.
- Food & drink cartons/ paper cups - Stradbroke High School.
- Clothing & shoes - Stradbroke Leisure Centre or Foxearth Lodge Nursing Home, Stowupland village hall.
- Batteries - the Spar in Stradbroke & local Coop supermarkets.
- Plastic bags, toothbrushes/tubes, crisp packets, & bread bags - Bedfield Primary School.
- Mobile phones - there are lots of options for resale or reuse. The best website is recyclenow.com.
- Furniture and some electrical items - Contact Ipswich Furniture Project. Tel 01473 404004 or Email: service@ipswichfp.org.
- Carrier bags—most supermarkets.

Green bins:

- Plastics: plastic bottles (empty, wash, squash and lid on), plastic yoghurt pots, tubs & food trays, bathroom and household cleaning (with all tops on).
- Accepted metals—food and drinks cans, aluminium foil and trays, (roll foil into a ball)/empty aerosols -e.g. deodorants and air fresheners.
- Accepted paper/card—paper, newspapers, magazines and junk mail - no shredded paper or plastic packaging/cardboard, clean food packaging, boxes and cards (flatten boxes and remove any plastic/polystyrene) books, paperback and hardback.

Nearest Recycling Centres:

- Brome recycling centre (Privately run) [Brome Community Recycling Centre » Babergh Mid Suffolk](#).
- Other local sites can be found via [Recycling Centres - Suffolk Recycling](#).

Tools with a Mission

- Tools range from sewing machines and knitting machines to carpentry tools and mechanics tools. Tools are refurbished, sorted into trade kits & sent to the developing world for livelihood creation. [TWAM](#)

USEFUL SOURCES OF HELP AND SUPPORT

Police matters: www.suffolk.police.uk or 101 (non emergency) 999 (emergency)

Covid matters – NHS via 111 or www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19 or www.gov.uk/coronavirus. To arrange a test call 119 or www.nhsvolunteersresponders.org.uk. For those extremely vulnerable www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable or call 0800 0288327

Access to work: www.gov.uk/access-to-work

National domestic violence helpline: 0808 200 0247

Mental health: helpline 0808 200 0247, Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust 0808 196 3494

Help with benefits: www.gov.uk/universal-credit

Dementia support service: www.suffolk.gov.uk/care-and-support-for-adults/keep-well-and-active/dementia/

The Debenham Project [The Debenham Project – Dementia – Caring for the Carers \(the-debenham-project.org.uk\)](http://the-debenham-project.org.uk) The aim of the project is to support carers and those living with dementia, in Debenham and surrounding villages

Suffolk Advice and Support service (problems with mortgages/credit cards/rent arrears and debts/access to food/COVID-19 related concerns/one off grants e.g. white goods/fuel vouchers/unforeseen expenses): 0800 068 3131 or www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service

Citizens Advice 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1EZ
Tel: 01449 676060 <http://www.midsuffolkcab.org.uk> or Shelfanger Road, DISS, Norfolk, IP22 4EH Tel: 03 444 111 444 <http://www.cadat.org.uk>

Bereavement Care (Suffolk) Suffolk@cruse.org.uk 0808 808 1677



WORLINGWORTH CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL & WILLOWS NURSERY

Ofsted 'Outstanding'

"Pupils make excellent progress in reading, writing and mathematics that is sustained over time. This is because of the outstanding teaching they receive." Ofsted 2019



Up to 30-hour provision for pre-school pupils (age 3+)

An outstanding start to your child's education

Breakfast and after school clubs available

Visits welcome

Our school motto is: **Cherish All, Achieve Together**, and this encompasses all that we do at the school, this is built upon: **"Love Your Neighbour."** Luke 10:25-37.

We aim to develop inspired, successful, confident, articulate and independent learners, who are prepared for the next stage of their educational career. We offer a diverse curriculum, rich in experiences, texts, languages and challenges, which was designed to support each child in their approach to learning. As a Church School, we enjoy daily Collective Worship (Assembly) where we explicitly teach our 'Rainbow Values'. We encourage the children to demonstrate these in their daily life.

We expect high standards of behaviour from the pupils; and the staff are determined to provide high quality teaching and learning opportunities. We value every child and support each child to "Be the Best they can be!". We know that every child is special and we treat them as individuals. At our school we aim to give our pupils the very best education.

We are very proud of our village school, being housed in a beautiful old building in a quiet location, with attractive surroundings. We very much see ourselves as an integral part of the local community and seek to maximise community links.



We are always willing to welcome visitors to our school, so please do come and visit. Please contact the School Administrator, Wendy Lawrence, who will take your call (01728) 628397, or email us at:

admin@worlingworth.suffolk.sch.uk.

Our website is a great way of finding out more:

www.worlingworthschool.co.uk

Facebook: Worlingworth School

X (Twitter): @WorlingworthSch



If you identify any information in this booklet that is out of date, or you have ideas for what else might be included, please contact Carol Garrett

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