



Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – August 2016

Claydon Churchyard – The Parish Council is committed to ensuring that Claydon churchyard is maintained for the benefit of the community and visitors to the church. Therefore we are urgently seeking volunteers to help Claydon & Barham P.C.C. to maintain the burial site surrounding Claydon church by cutting and strimming grass and generally keeping the area tidy. The necessary power

tools will be provided and work can be carried out at any time but will need to be done on a regular basis as directed. If a number of volunteers come forward consideration could be given to operating a rota. Anyone who is interested in helping with this very essential task should contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

Grass cutting and overhanging vegetation in the village – The Parish Council has contacted Suffolk County Council (SCC) on a number of occasions to express concern about the overgrown vegetation on the roundabout under the A14 and verges on the approach road into the village. In response SCC have advised that locally, the verges adjacent to roads and visibility splays at junctions in Claydon should have been cut by Suffolk Highways twice this year in accordance with a predefined schedule. In addition, visibility splays at junctions are generally cut back to a distance of 3m from the give way or stop lines, although this may be extended in some cases due to the junction's layout. However, because of the exceptionally wet weather it has been necessary to request additional cuts which have been paid for by the Parish Council. Other public areas within the village that become overgrown are also regularly reported to SCC for action. The Parish Council is also responsible for ensuring that the public are protected from overhanging vegetation from private or business premises. Any resident who has concerns on any of these matters should contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Councillor Vacancies – There are three vacancies for parish councillors. The duties and responsibilities of the parish council are wide ranging and varied. If you would like to contribute to the running of your community on a voluntary basis and help make a difference becoming a parish councillor is an ideal way in which to do so. Please contact our Parish Clerk for further information.

Meetings in August – The next Parish Council Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday 8th August 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Claydon & Barham village hall. Members of the community are very welcome to attend and opportunity will be given at the beginning of the meeting for them to speak on items included on the agenda or other issues about which they have concerns. Agendas will be available prior to the meeting from our Parish Clerk, Mrs. S Eagle, telephone: 01473 687384 (answer machine available). e-mail claywhit@btinternet.com or write to 7 Leicester Close, Ipswich, IP2 9EX.

The Parish Council is always interested to receive comments from residents on any matters of concern. Please send these with your name and address to one of our Councillors whose details are on our notice board on the Village Hall, or contact our Parish Clerk.

Please see also our website: <http://claydonandbarham.onesuffolk.net/> or visit our Twitter a/c: @claywhitpc for the very latest news and information about village life and other items of interest.

