

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman:- Councillor J. Lawrence

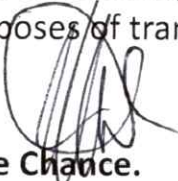
Vice-Chairman:- Councillor M. Williams



18th May, 2026.

To all Members of the Parish Council

You are invited to attend the **Annual Parish Meeting of Stiffkey Parish** to be held on **Tuesday 26th May, 2026 at 7.00 pm** in Stiffkey Village Hall for the purposes of transacting the following business.


Julie Chance.

Clerk.

Stiffkey Parish Council.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 27th May, 2025.
3. Chairman's Report.
5. Village Organisations' Reports.
 - 5.1 Community First Responders – David Hooper CFR to report.
 - 5.2 Stiffkey Village Hall – Cllr. A. Hooper.
 - 5.3 Parochial Church Council – Alan Duff.
 - 5.4 Camping Hill Garden Plots – Cllr. A. Hooper.
 - 5.5 Stiffkey Local History Group – Colin Adlington De'af.
 - 5.6 HATS – Cllr. Lawrence, Cllr. Williamson, Cllr. Hooper.
 - 5.7 Community Speed Watch – Report – Cllr. M. Williams.
 - 5.8 Stiffkey Playing Field – Cllr. P. Claydon.

7. Questions and Answer Session for Members of the Public.

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Chairmans report for the APM on the 26th May 26

Can I thank you all for being here tonight at this APM

And firstly can I thank every one of you for all your contributions to the meetings and the village of Stiffkey, there are many little jobs that the councillors do behind the scenes that go unnoticed and unappreciated so thankyou again,

For the last twelve months the parish council have worked very well together,

The health and transport scheme is now up and running after a lot of hard work from many people especially Tim Adams and Alex Hooper, lets hope this continues for the residents of Stiffkey,

Health is still in the forefront of what we do in this village and I would like to say a special thanks to David Hooper for not only giving up his time to be a first responder but for also for organising further CPR training, David can also be seen put to work in and around the village by his wife Cllr Alex Hooper

Relationships with the Natural Trust over the years has not been ideal but I'm pleased to say that both the NT and the PC now have a much better working relationship, so lets continue working with them to look after and protect this wonderful part of coastline.

My I thank Rocky and Alex for continuing the village news letter, this has proven to be a great success.

Can I thank all those who attended the other meetings out side of the parish council whether it be in person or by video

Can I thank my vice chair for his contribution, Martin has as we know had major health issues but has still always been there if support was needed.

We cannot forget the village lost a gentleman in the last 12 months,

Mark Harrison was a parish councillor for many many years he stood for what for what he believed in (was it good for the village) he worked tirelessly

Willing to help out when and where he could, he is missed and will be for many years to come.

Stiffkey parish council has glue holding it together keeping it safe, legal and working smoothly and this glue is our clerk Julie,

As current chair I would like to thank Julie for her hard work and dedication for all she has helped with

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN and ST. MARY, STIFFKEY

Church Report for the Annual Meeting Stiffkey Parish Council on 26th May, 2026

Our church services continue to run regularly, Revd Ian Whittle being supported by Roger Bland in covering the nine Parishes in the Benefice. As for some other parishes, Stiffkey PCC chose not pay the full Parish Share to the Norwich Diocese for 2025, but we will be working with the Benefice Treasurer to make sure the Benefice meets the overall requirement as far as possible. This is key to ensure that we have an incumbent in place.

Recognition of volunteers

We are indebted to all the willing band of helpers who clean the church and put in fresh flowers when needed, those providing home-baking, serving teas and refreshments at events and to the team who continue to cut and keep the churchyard in an immaculate condition.

This year's achievements relate to the roof fundraising and establishing the Charity Status for the PCC, notably

- the enthusiastic and industrious work of our interim Treasurer and Gift Aid Officer to secure funds for repairs to the roof and to provide governance of our financial and HMRC affairs. Also for a heightened communications and publicity profile via Church Notes and posting of events
- Trustees of the Charity formed in late 2024 to establish its policies and align with Church of England requirements as a foundation for the new organisation.

Fundraising

The church's usual August events raised over £970 at the Stalls on the Knoll and £690 from the SLHG exhibition both including gift aid. The Christmas Carol Service and Carols at the Red Lion raised over £760. Funds were boosted in 2025 with a donation from the concert given by the Cambridge Gilbert and Sullivan Society. We are grateful to Stiffkey Parish Council for supporting us with a grant of £50 towards fire and security.

More recently, the PCC hosted over Easter weekend, the 'Then and Now' History Group exhibition first shown last year raising donations of £390 towards the Church Fabric Fund. We are planning the launch of an annual "Made in Stiffkey" event at the Church during August to showcase the spirit of the village and the talents of its residents – this year focussing on our local artists.

Our "Stalls on the Knoll" event will take place on Sunday morning 30th August and will work in conjunction with Stiffkey Local History Group's exhibition. This year's title is "Fading Memories. The story of the Stiffkey Light Anti-Aircraft Training Camp" and will run for the Bank Holiday weekend.

We acknowledge with thanks, regular donations from other members of our village, without which the Church finances would not balance even for the regular upkeep.

Alan Duff

Secretary, Stiffkey PCC 2026

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5th May 2026

STIFFKEY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Chair Annual Report

At the April 225 AGM both Geraldine Green and John Wykes, chair, and vice chair, respectively, resigned from the committee. The new committee thanked both Geraldine and John for their total commitment to the running of Stiffkey Local History Group.

Elected to the new committee. Colin Adlington-De'Ath. Chair. Steven Bashforth vice Chair. Alan Duff. Treasurer. Pauline Adlington-De'Ath. Secretary. Sarah White. Committee member. Unfortunately for personal reason both Steve and Sarah resigned from the committee. Ian Curtis and David Clifton were co-opted onto the committee.

Aiming to make the History Group more inclusive we introduced of a monthly email newsletter updating members with forthcoming events, and plans, going forward.

A well-attended, guided tour of Fakenham Gas Museum by one of the museum's trustees was an enlightening and entertaining few hours. The Group made a donation of £50 to the museum as a thank you for their welcome and guided tour.

The annual History Group's August Bank Holiday Exhibition told the story history of Stiffkey, Then and Now.

Photographs and informative descriptions of the history of Stiffkey resulted in a successful exhibition, enjoyed by the many visitors during the Bank holiday weekend.

Our special thanks to Alex and David Hooper for their total commitment to the exhibition, taking on the onerous task of compiling the exhibition photographs and writing captivating descriptions of the village, then and now. Our thanks also to Ian Curtis for his invaluable contribution to the exhibition. And, not forgetting all the members who manned the exhibition over the three days, providing teas and coffee, and on occasion, expert advice to visitors.

During the Bank Holiday weekend, Geraldine Green conducted a series of excellent and well received, tours of St John the Baptist and Mary's churchyard. It was a pleasant and informative event.

STIFFKEY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

One of the first ideas for making the group more relevant, was the introduction of a series of evening talks by guest speakers. Titled 'An evening with...' the first was held on 22nd of October and our guest speaker was Professor Roger Bland, who presented a fascinating insight into the archaeological finds beneath Stiffkey and the surrounding villages. The evening concluded with Professor Bland taking questions from members of audience. Our sincere thanks to Professor Bland for such an informative and entreating evening.

We counted twenty-eight members and guests, ensuring the making of a successful evening. We also welcomed several new members to the history group. Again our thanks to all the members and guests who made for such a pleasant evening possible.

Ian Curtis, was the second of our guest speakers, when on the 24th of February presented an enthralling and entertaining talk on the history of bait digging and those men and women dug the bait in years gone by.

The PCC provided a second chance, for residents and visitors, to enjoy last August's Then & Now exhibition. Held in the village church of St John the Baptist and St Mary and organised by members of the PCC. With the support of members of the history group, the exhibition provided, residents, with a second chance to study the exhibits that detailed the history of Stiffkey, Then & Now. Visitors, alike, had the opportunity, not usually afford to them, to view and enjoy the photographs of the houses, shops, and pubs, and the many stories of the residents of Stiffkey who worked and lived in the village, Then & Now. Our thanks to all the volunteers to helped man the exhibition over the Easter Bank holiday, and to those who baked the excellent, and much sought after, cakes and biscuits enjoyed by visitors to the exhibition.

Because of unforeseen circumstances, the third the planned series of 'An Evening with..' was postponed to a date later in the year.

In keeping with several local history groups, who have websites, the committee agreed that the history group should have its own website. It was hoped to go live before April, but, for a number of reasons, that has not been possible. It will be live within the next month or two, but certainly before the summer so that we can promote the exhibition. The website address will be stiffkeyhistory.com.

STIFFKEY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Stiffkey Local History Groups 2025/26 year has and eventful and fulfilling year. But it would not have been possible without the support of the village hall committee and the Parish Council, both of whom we would like to offer our sincere thanks. We would also like to thank the Parish Council for their grant of £50 towards the costs of staging the August 2025 exhibition.

Community Speed Watch Report to Parish Council – May 2026

The Speedwatch group has continued to conduct regular monitoring sessions, a full breakdown is set out below. Unfortunately, limited volunteer availability has meant that it has not always been possible to carry out a weekly session. Despite ongoing efforts to recruit additional members, the group currently relies on a core team of five or six dedicated volunteers who regularly contribute their time. Three members are required to be present for each session.

It is evident that the group's presence has a positive impact on reducing vehicle speeds, and increasing the number of sessions would further enhance this effect. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to contact the administrator, Jackie Appleby, at jackieappleby295@gmail.com, or speak to one of the current volunteers for further information.

Session dates	Location Name	Location Speed Limit	Sessions	Vehicles	First Letter Issued	Second Letter Issued	Total Letters	Further Action	No Further Action	Hours	No Further Action Reason
Jan-25											
10/01/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	8	7	0	7	0	1	1.25	Hire vehicle
Total for month			1	8	7	0	7	0	1	1.25	
Feb-25											
03/02/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	20	1	4	4	0	4	0	0	1	
19/02/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	0.5	
19/02/2025	Stiffkey, Bridge Street	20	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	0.5	
21/02/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	30	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	
27/02/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	6	6	0	6	0	0	0.75	
27/02/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	
Total for month			6	17	17	0	17	0	0	4.25	
Mar-25											
05/03/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	30	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	
12/03/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	20	1	5	5	0	5	0	0	1.25	
17/03/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	
28/03/2025	Stiffkey, Bridge Street	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	
Total for month			4	9	9	0	9	0	0	4	
Apr-25											
08/04/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	20	1	5	5	0	5	0	0	1	
14/04/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	6	6	0	6	0	0	1	
22/04/2024	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	5	5	0	5	0	0	1.25	
29/04/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	30	1	5	4	1	5	0	0	1	
Total for month			4	21	20	1	21	0	0	4.25	
May-25											
08/05/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	8	8	0	8	0	0	1	

15/05/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Total for month			2	8	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	
Jun-25													
04/06/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.5	
04/06/2025	Stiffkey, Bridge Street	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	
12/06/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	20	1	6	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	
20/06/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	20	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	
Total for month			4	10	8	0	8	0	0	2	3		
Jul-25													
03/07/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	6	5	0	5	0	0	1	1	Incorrect vehicle	
10/07/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	30	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0.75	
25/07/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	30	1	8	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	0.75	
Total for month			3	17	15	1	16	0	0	1	2.5		
Aug-25													
01/08/2025	Stiffkey, Bridge Street	20	1	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	1		
12/08/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	7	6	0	6	0	0	1	1	Incorrect vehicle	
26/08/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	30	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	
29/08/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	6	4	0	4	0	0	2	1	Incorrect vehicles	
Total for month			4	21	18	0	18	0	0	3	4		
Sep-25													
05/09/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	20	1	7	7	0	7	0	0	0	1		
10/09/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	
26/09/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	10	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	
Total for month			3	20	20	0	20	0	0	0	3		
Oct-25													
07/10/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	30	1	6	5	0	5	0	0	1	1	Dispute letter	
16/10/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	20	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	
30/10/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0.75	
Total for month			3	14	13	0	13	0	0	1	2.75		
Nov-25													
07/11/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	20	1	6	6	0	6	0	0	0	0.75		
20/11/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	11	8	1	9	0	0	2	0.75	Incorrect vehicles	
28/11/2025	Stiffkey, Church Street	20	1	13	13	0	13	0	0	0	0.75		
Total for month			3	30	27	1	28	0	0	2	2.25		
Dec-25													
03/12/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	30	1	5	4	0	4	0	0	1	1	Incorrect vehicle	
10/12/2025	Stiffkey, Wells Road	20	1	6	6	0	6	0	0	0	1		
Total for month			2	11	10	0	10	0	0	1	2		
Total for Year			39	186	172	3	175	0	0	11	35.25		
2026													
Jan-26													
04/01/2026	Stiffkey, Wells Road	30	1	3	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	Dispute letter	

16/01/2026	Stitkey, Church Street	20	1	5	5	0	5	0	0	1	
Total for month			2	8	7	0	7	0	1	2	
Feb-26											
03/02/2026	Stitkey, Wells Road	30	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	
17/02/2026	Stitkey, Church Street	20	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	
27/02/2026	Stitkey, Wells Road	20	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0.5	
Total for month			3	6	6	0	6	0	0	2.5	
Mar-26											
05/03/2026	Stitkey, Church Street	20	1	6	6	0	6	0	0	1	
17/03/2026	Stitkey, Wells Road	20	1	9	9	0	9	0	0	1	
24/03/2026	Stitkey, Wells Road	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Total for month			3	15	15	0	15	0	0	3	