



**SOUTH
HANNINGFIELD
PARISH
COUNCIL**



**Spring 2026
Newsletter**



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SOUTH HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Friday 29th May 2026

8pm

Ramsden Heath Village Hall

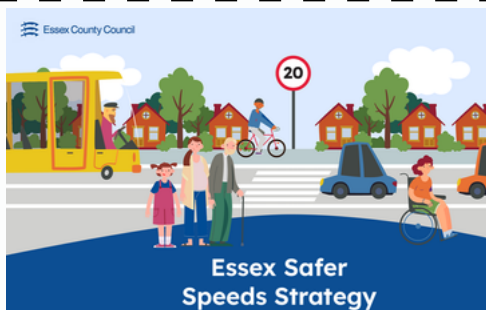
All residents are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.
Neil Horner - Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator - will be providing an update on the work of the Community Speed Watch group

Thank You

The Parish Council would like to express it's thanks to Kevin Black for his service as a Parish Councillor. Kevin joined the Parish Council in June 2013, he became Vice-Chair to the Council in 2018 and then went on to become Chairman in September 2022.

His time and efforts have been greatly appreciated and he will be missed not only by the Members of the Council but also residents.

We wish him and his wife Lynn all the very best in their new home.



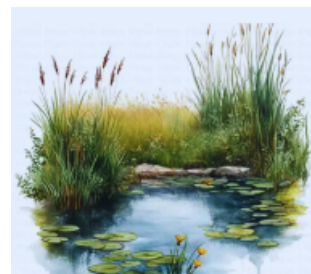
Public Survey on the Essex Safer Speeds Strategy

Essex Highways have put together a new strategy to help establish a coordinated and effective approach to managing speeds. The aim is to help transform the county's towns and villages from places which can sometimes feel dangerous and intimidating into safer, greener and healthier local communities. The Parish Council would like encourage all residents to take part in the survey to have your opportunity to comment on how our roads can be made safer.

The survey can be access by typing in the following link:

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/essex-safer-speeds-strategy/>

DOWNHAM POND



Volunteers are needed to help clear the reeds in Downham Pond.

If anyone has a dinghy that could be used this would be particularly helpful.

Please contact the Clerk, Julie Moule if you think you can help

WHO TO CONTACT....

...IF YOU FIND A DEAD ANIMAL

If you come across a deceased animal on the road, pavement, or in another open public space, this should be reported to Chelmsford City Council. This includes domestic pets and wild animals like badgers and foxes.

Website: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/environment-and-public-health/street-problem-report/report-a-dead-animal/

Telephone: 01245 606 606

...IF YOU SEE FLY-TIPPING

If you see fly-tipping do not touch the waste –it may be dangerous. Report it to Chelmsford City Council.

Website: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/environment-and-public-health/street-problem-report/report-fly-tipping/

Telephone: 01245 606 606

If the incident is in progress, call 101 (or 999 if it is an emergency) and note vehicle details. Take photos safely, note the location, and do not confront anyone.



UPDATE ON BUS ROUTES

BUS ROUTE 10 - WICKFORD TO BASILDON HOSPITAL

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that Bus route 10 from Wickford to Basildon Hospital via Downham, Ramsden Heath, Ramsden Bellhouse and Crays Hill and return will remain in service.

There were 98 responses to the recent consultation for the No 10 bus, we would like to thank all those who took part.

Essex County Council recognised the concern of passengers who would be unable to make their journey if the service had stopped. The significant number of respondents who could not make their journey and growing level of use overturned the decision to stop the service. The level of usage will remain to be monitored so a continued rise in passengers will be needed to secure the service for the future.



The Bus route map and timetable can be found on the website:

www.central-connect.co.uk/timetables

Tickets can be bought on the bus or via the app MyTrip



NEW BUS ROUTE - 10A RAMSDEN HEATH/DOWNHAM TO BILLERICAY

Great News! Funding has successfully been secured for an off peak bus service to Billericay. Further details will follow when available.

The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Peter Thurgood for all of his hard work in securing this essential service for the Parish.

Volunteers Needed

We are lucky to have our P3 team (Parish Paths Partnership) who help to maintain and improve the local public rights of way around the parish. They are currently looking for more volunteers to join the group

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in helping out.

**clerk@southhanningfield-pc.gov.uk
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Ramsden Heath Recreation Ground Basketball Court

In 2025 improvements were carried out at the Ramsden Heath Recreation Ground.

The Basketball Court can now accommodate 3 on 3 basketball games.

Parish Councillor Vacancies

Applications are invited from Members of the public to become a Co-opted Parish Councillor



There are currently three vacancies

1 - South Hanningfield Ward

2 - Ramsden Heath Ward

Would you like to get involved in your local community?

Do you have ideas for improvements in the area?

This is your opportunity to have some input in the future of your local area.

Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:45pm
at Ramsden Heath Village Hall

In order to be considered for the vacancy, applicants must be an elector aged 18 or over, be a British, Commonwealth or Euro national subject, who has resided or worked within the Parish, or lived within 3 miles of the boundary for the 12 months preceeding the application.

South Hanningfield Allotment Gardens

Plots Currently Available

Sited in Heath Road,
Ramsden Heath CM11 1NA

Resident annual fee - £55

CONTACT JULIE MOULE
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email: contact@shallots.org.uk

Tel: **01268 710820**



Dogs are welcome in all areas of
Parish Council owned land.

To ensure everyone can enjoy our
open spaces harmoniously please
can we remind dog owners to
keep dogs on leads where signs
are posted.

**Dog mess must ALWAYS
be cleared up**

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE OPENING HOURS FOR PUBLIC ENQUIRIES MONDAY – THURSDAY 11AM – 1PM



Outside of these hours
Please call 01268 710820 / 07985 430365
or email: clerk@southhanningfield-pc.gov.uk
to arrange an appointment

Information on road closures, recycling and latest news etc...can be found on the
South Hanningfield Parish Council Facebook page and the
Parish Council website – www.southhanningfield-pc.gov.uk



Village Hall News

DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Our Christmas Event last November was again a great success as was our Quiz Night in February. Many thanks for your support.

We are now planning our next BIG SUMMER EVENT on 27th JUNE and look forward to your support. Many new ideas are being discussed and there will again be a BBQ (with pulled pork!) and a pay bar (it's not a BYO event) SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a Quiz in October and again a Christmas Event in November as well as a Wreath Making Evening on 3rd December. Details to follow. We also have in mind some other events - keep an eye on our Facebook page.

The Hall is as always available for hire at £23 per hour Monday to Friday and £25 at weekends. Contact Bookings Secretary Viv Fawkes for more information or visit us on our website www.downhamvillagehall-essex.co.uk or email: contact@downhamvillagehall-essex.co.uk

* Ramsden Heath Village Hall *

- Large and Small Hall with ample Chairs & Tables
- Large kitchen fitted out in stainless steel
- Commercial Oven and Dishwasher (2/3 minute cycles)
- Disco lighting LED & 'Mood Lighting' in main hall
- New HD Projector with large 4m screen
- Air-Conditioning with 'Fresh Air'
- Speakers and Microphone – ideal for Quiz Nights!



Ideal for Children's parties at the weekend and Family functions / fundraising events Friday and Saturday evenings.

For bookings and availability please visit our website

www.ramsdenheath.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1070622

Email enquiries to:

info@ramsdenheath.org.uk

South Hanningfield Village Hall Registered Charity Number 301402

Available for hire: Suitable for celebratory events and regular activities. Spacious hall licensed for entertainment, free Wi-fi, projector and an alcohol licence can be obtained. Kitchen and toilet facilities in main hall, with adjacent car park. Separate small meeting hall with own toilets for hire.

Upcoming events: **St George's Day Tom Carradine** musical act on **Saturday, 25th April from 7pm.** **Ladies Race Night** on evening of **Saturday, 27th June** and **Christmas Fayre** on **Saturday, 21st November 10.30am to 4pm.**

Regular varied activities include **Coffee Mornings; Pilates; Puppy Dog Training; Pilates, Line Dancing, Box Fit; 1-1 Ballroom and Latin/Wedding Dance Lessons; Tai Chi; Zumba; Yoga, Upholstery Classes, Board Game Club.**

For hall booking enquiries or event ideas, contact **Bookings Secretary, Sandra Graves** on 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com For other hall enquiries, contact **Chairman, Clive Vallis** for further information on 07891 653238 or vallisc@aol.com

Website <https://e-voice.org.uk/shanningfieldvillagehall>

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/southhanningfieldvillagehall>

