

Welcome to Cockfield



2023/2024

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We hope you will be happy here and find our welcome book useful to get you started with what we are, what we do and how you can quickly settle and get to feel at home.

We are very proud of Cockfield. Over the years we have won many awards most recently in 2012 when we were both Babergh and Suffolk Village of the Year.

As a community we have a lot to offer and we hope you will join in, contribute and benefit from the many social and recreational opportunities available.

As a resident you are automatically a member of the Community Council and we hope you will subscribe to Green Links, our Village Magazine, which works hard to keep the village in touch with itself.

We have an active website, www.cockfield.org.uk, where you will find a link to subscribe to our email broadcast list to receive reminders of upcoming events and other matters of village interest.

Our dustbin day is Friday or Monday depending which part of the village you live in, alternate weeks black and blue bins. If you would like a brown bin for compostable waste please contact Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council. The number is on the contacts page.

We are active recyclers, you will find in the Village Hall car park bottle, clothing, shoes, paper and aluminium can banks these benefit the Village Hall and School.

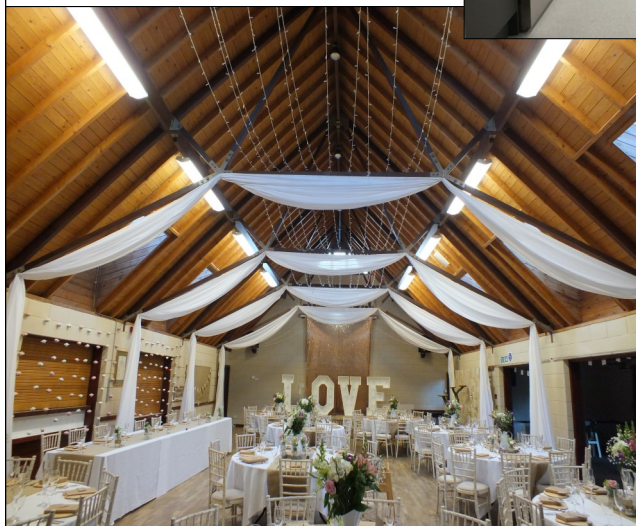
We hope you enjoy looking through these pages and if you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Janne

Janne Cutting-Keyton Welcome Pack Coordinator 01284 828264
or welcome.pack@cockfield.org.uk

Cockfield Village Hall

Built in 1974 in partnership with, the then, West Suffolk County Council as a dual use facility, our fine Village Hall is utilised by the school during school hours and is available for community use or private hire at all other times. There is also a smaller meeting room which is available at any time.



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please contact; June Pettit
village.hall@cockfield.org.uk

Cockfield Carpet Bowls Club

Welcome to the Cockfield carpet bowls club!

Carpet bowls is a popular, year-round game played on long mats which we roll up and store in the village hall. The club owns all the equipment, so the only thing we have to buy is uniform shirts and jackets for league matches.

The bowls are easy to hold and to play with and they are weighted on one side so that they roll in a curve.

Our club is quite small and friendly. We play almost every Monday evening in the village hall – mostly league matches in the winter and practice in the summer.

There are two local leagues – the Bury League and the Suffolk League – and we play in both. It's a good way to meet people in other local villages if you are new to the area.

If you would like to find out more about us, please phone June Pettit, our secretary. Her number is in the Green Links magazine. Or if you have a Monday evening free, you are most welcome to come to the village hall (we start at 7.30 pm) and say hello. If we aren't playing a league match, you might like to have a go. You don't need to be super fit or athletic – most of us aren't!

We hope you will enjoy living in our very special village and look forward to meeting you.



carpet.bowls@cockfield.org.uk

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Cockfield Village Hall IP30 0LA

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07478 142098

Or contact our WI HQ for more information



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St Peter's Church Cockfield



A friendly welcome awaits you at your local Church!

St Peter's has been a place of Christian worship for nearly a century, where people gather together week by week to engage in God's mission of love to the world. There have been many Rectors over the centuries, but the most notable is probably John Knewstubb who attended the famous Hampton Court Conference of 1604 which resulted in the translation of the Bible into English.

The Church is part of a group of Churches known as a Benefice which includes 8 other villages - Bradfield Combust, Bradfield St Clare, Bradfield St George, Little Whelmetham, Great Whelmetham, Felsham, Gedding and Stanningfield . People from across these villages attend worship at Cockfield as well as their local churches and bring with them a diversity of traditions and experience.

The Church community continues to grow and works with other

organisations in the village to help bring people together to worship, celebrate, care and learn. The community is well known for its hospitality and social activities which include some fundraising aspects as well as fellowship.

The yearly calendar includes a Summer lunch, concerts, plant sales and coffee mornings. There are also two home groups that meet in the village for those who want to study the Bible in more depth.

The Church works closely with the local Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School which is virtually next door. End of term services, nativities, Easter celebrations and other learning activities are often held in the Church to enhance the children's learning. An annual Summer Holiday club for 5-11 year olds is held in the village hall too.



There is a rota of services across the benefice, and St Peter's normally holds two 11am services and a 9.30am Service each month. There are also special services at key points on the year such as Mothering Sunday, Remembrance, Easter and Christmas. All the benefice services are advertised through the village magazine, Green Links, and are on the village website. They are also advertised in the benefice magazine, Reaching Out and on the benefice website at www.cockfieldbenefice.com. There is also a benefice facebook page at facebook.com/cockfieldbenefice.

We have an open churchyard which has a wild area to enable wildflowers and insects to thrive. The building and the churchyard are maintained by volunteers. We rely on regular giving and donations from the local community and our congregation members to keep our glorious Church building maintained to a very high standard. We also have a group of flower arrangers who decorate the church with wonderful arrangements throughout the year - often using flowers and greenery from their gardens. We welcome non-Church goers as well as members of the congregation to arrange flowers.

We know that not everyone is interested in worshipping with us, however, we always welcome anyone who has an interest in our building or churchyard and want to contribute towards its maintenance.

For any further information do get in contact with the Rector, Rev Canon Sharon Potter at revsharon2@gmail.com, tel: 01284 828599 or Mob: 07825056063, or our Churchwardens, Dr Norman Kelly, and Dave Smith at church.warden@cockfield.org.uk



We look forward to seeing you!

An illustrated history of the Church is available in the Church, which is open every day from 8am - 4-6pm (daylight hours).

Green Links



The Monthly Village Magazine of Cockfield

Green Links is a lively, independent, not for profit publication with no affiliations to any religious or political groups.

An annual subscription to Green Links costs £3.00. For this you receive 12 copies which are delivered to your door.

Local businesses are able to advertise, depending on available space, advertising rates are very reasonable and Sue Harrison, the advertising manager, will help with the typing and layout if required.

Green Links is your magazine and as Editor I am happy to receive any articles, poems, letters, notices, for sale items etc. Maybe you would like to write and let others know of your experiences of moving to Cockfield? It would be very good to hear from you.

If you would like to receive Green Links, please contact David Simpson on green.links@cockfield.org.uk

To advertise please contact Sue Harrison on green.links@cockfield.org.uk

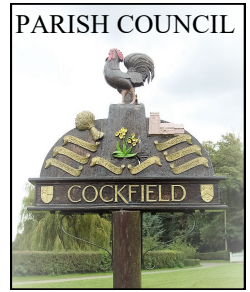
Any editorial items please contact the editor Janne Cutting-Keyton on 01284 828264 or e-mail green.links@cockfield.org.uk

May we take this opportunity to welcome you
to the village.

Cockfield Parish Council

The Council meets 10 times a year (no meetings August or December) on the last Thursday of the month in the Village Hall from 7.30pm.

These are public meetings. The Parish Clerk, Steve Ball, may be contacted on 01284 828987 between 10am and 4pm or by email at parish.council@cockfield.org.uk



Parish Council Role

Cockfield Parish Council represents the first tier of local government and is responsible for the administration of the parish.

By an Act of Parliament it is authorised to raise and spend public money in the parish. This is called the precept and is collected through the District Council as part of Council Tax.

The Council has 9 members, elected every four years, and is supported by a Clerk who is the officer in law and the financial officer.

The Parish Council meets (Ordinary Parish Council Meetings) in the Village Hall ten times a year at 7.30 pm normally on the last Thursday of every month (except August and December). The Parish Council meet on an ad-hoc basis (Extraordinary Parish Council Meetings or Planning Sub-Committee Meetings) as required.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend and to speak on any matters of concern. These meetings are attended by the Suffolk County Council member, Cllr Robert Lindsay and the Babergh District Council member(s) Lavenham Ward, Cllr Margaret Maybury and/or Cllr Clive Arthey.

The Parish Council owns and is responsible for:

- Great Green
- The Pocket, Great Green
- Parsonage Green
- Cross Green
- Earl's Meadow
- Jeffreys Green
- Glebe Land & Allotments

Bruff's Line
The Cemetery
The War Memorial
The Pavilion and Storage Barn on Great Green
Klargester and Heating Unit for Pavilion
The children's Adventure Playground and equipment on Great Green
Bandstand Shelter on Great Green
The pond on Great Green
The Water Pump on Great Green
The Beacon and Flag Pole on the Great Green
Bus Shelters
Telephone Boxes
Storage Sheds in Earls Meadow
Seats
Notice Boards
Dog Bins & Litter Bins
Mini SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices)
Defibrillator at the Village Hall
The Village Sign

The Parish Council acts as the consultee for all planning applications in the village. It is responsible for the planting and maintenance of trees in public spaces, the maintenance of footpaths and liaising with Suffolk County Council on Highways matters, snow clearance when necessary, and dog fouling. It keeps a watchful eye on other services which may affect parishioners.

From time to time it conducts surveys, with the help of other bodies, to assess needs, with particular reference to affordable and local needs housing.

The Council is a member of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and sends delegates to quarterly and other meetings. Members attend various training sessions which are arranged by SALC.

An Annual Parish Meeting is held at which the Parish Council, the County Councillor and District Councillor(s), together with representatives of the various village organisations give their reports.

Cockfield Parish Council
Chairman's report for the Annual Parish
Meeting 12th May 2022



Introduction: Following the easing and lifting of COVID restrictions the Parish Council have been able to operate as near normal. However, we are not immune to the wider economic situation and at times have struggled with the availability and willingness for contractors and suppliers to provide firm quotations and undertake some of the work we require.

County and District Councilor: As usual the Parish Council thanks County and District Councilors Robert Lindsay, Margaret Maybury and Clive Arthey for their efforts in assisting the village. Without their help a number of matters would not have progressed.

Local Needs Housing: The Jeffreys Green development is now well established with the next phase of open market and self-build properties moving forward. The key project associated with this is the new bus shelter and its hard standing. As noted earlier in the current environment this has taken some efforts to get momentum. However, we are hoping for completion at the end of the year. The Council also have the desire to have this development registered as an official "Green" and this is in hand.

Greens Report: We thank Tom Shepherd who has mowed around the edge of the Green for a number of years. Unfortunately, he is now unable to continue, and we are making alternative provision to keep the Great Green in good order. Now the weather has improved the Clerk is chasing the contractor to commence the refurbishment and redecoration of the bandstand.

At Parsonage Green at the back end last year we positioned our "Tommy" representation for the act of remembrance and to give a lasting reminder of past villager's sacrifice.

We thank those hardworking various individuals for their efforts in keeping local greens in excellent presentation.

Glebe land / allotments: The availability of materials, contractors and difficulties with weather conditions has frustrated us getting the allotments fully underway. However, the site does now have improved access and security together with the addition of rabbit proof fencing to the workable plots. The next stage is ground preparation

Planning: The new BMSDC Joint Local Plan is still under examination with the Planning Inspectorate and further consultation is expected in Autumn 2022. The Parish Council still sees a steady flow of planning applications for our consultation which can consume a sizable proportion of our meeting agenda.

Financial Matters: Despite inflationary pressure the Parish Councils 2022-23 budget and subsequent precept saw the Parish Council's element of the Council tax result in a zero percent demand increase. Our prudent cost control allows us to maintain a similar level of services and plan for larger projects.

We would thank our Internal Auditor Lyndon Mills for his work to ensure our accounts are in order prior to the examination by the external auditors.

Earls Meadow / Bruffs Line: The hard work by the volunteers to maintain the area is progressing for this growing season and all villagers are encouraged to visit the area and maybe lend a hand. As Jeffreys Green evolves the working group are always looking at opportunities to improve the integration and facilities on offer for the longer term and this is linked to the CIL working group recommendations.

Parish Paths: The portfolio holder for paths was taken over by Cllr Mark Webster. Engagement with the County Council for maintenance matters remain challenging due to their limited finance and resources. However, we have had some success with a replacement foot bridge at The Stone.

Cemetery: Rodney Williams continues to carry out maintenance work and along with Cllr Ralph Turner has again kept the cemetery grounds in excellent condition. The Council's charges have remained static for some time, so we are presently reviewing them to align with other similar Parishes.

Pavilion: There has been greater use of the facility this year particularly with the football club having a mostly full season of matches. We are now awaiting the contractor's commencement on refurbishing the railings and overall painting.

Highways: The Parish Council have, this year, already self-delivered a cut of the verges on the minor roads, which was done in the absence of any timely cut by the Authority. Engagement with SCC Highways remains difficult due to their lack of funding / resource. The Council have resorted to escalation with the

assistance of Robert Lindsay and Clive Arthey to secure footway clearance and trimming. After considerable efforts, we now have a commitment to review options and the feasibility of extending the footway to Mill Corner from the Station.

The speed awareness devices continue to be a big success with good coverage throughout the village. Cllr Ralph Turner and Rodney Williams do an excellent job rotating the locations and changing the batteries.

Emergency planning: During the year Cllr Mark Webster was able to substantially update the Emergency Plan and align it to the latest County Emergency officer's template. This year, even at the time of extreme winds, we did not need to deploy the plan which does require authority sanction for legal and insurance reasons.

Emergency Services: We had an unfortunately significant criminal incident during the back end of last year. The police authority responded and subsequently were able to attend our meeting to update on the outcome and reassure residents after the event.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Councilors for their work during the past year and we are looking forward to the challenges for the remainder of this year.

Derek Southgate - (Chairman)

A Warm Welcome awaits you at

Cockfield Community Coffee

10.30am - noon at Cockfield Village Hall
4th Thursday in the month

Everyone Welcome

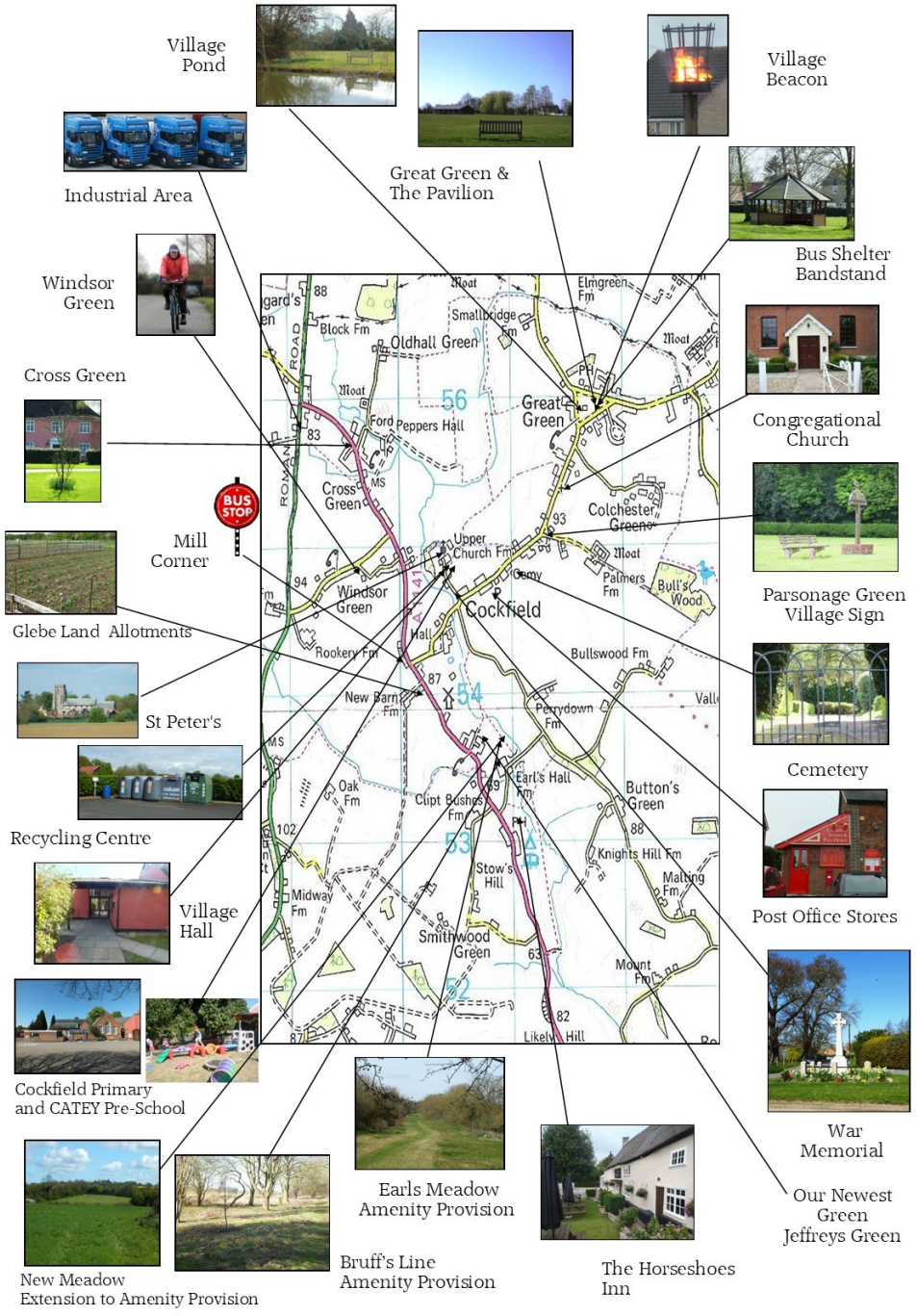
Further details from wi@cockfield.org.uk

No charge but a donation towards refreshments would be welcome



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Cockfield - Specific Places of Interest



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Head Teacher: Mrs Trudie Harkin

We share, care and learn together

Our School

Cockfield Primary School was founded in 1856 as a National School to meet the educational needs of the children of Cockfield. The several Victorian additions to the building gave the children facility for schooling to 14 years of age.

As rationalisation and legislation has progressed, the school now serves the needs of the 4-11 year age group from the further villages of Thorpe Morieux, Bradfield Combust, Bradfield St Clare and Bradfield St George.

Curriculum

Through our curriculum we encourage the children to be curious, willing to take risks, care for themselves and the world around them. We aim to grow the children's spiritual capacities, helping them exercise imagination and creativity, appreciate beauty in the world and be guided by their beliefs and values. Our children are self-aware and empathise with the experiences of others in our school and the wider community. We highlight the importance of respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. As a Church School we follow the agreed syllabus for Religious Education in Suffolk.

We have recently established a Forest School area on our site which all children experience during the course of the year. The children in Reception and Year 1 will spend time in this outdoor space on a weekly basis. Teachers plan regular opportunities for learning outside the classroom. Local educational visits are planned to enrich the curriculum. Older children have opportunities to take part in residential visits.

Classes – September 2022/23

We have 4 classes: **Lime, Oak, Willow** and **Birch**.

In **Lime Class** our Reception/Year 1 class is taught by Mrs Bray in partnership with the Head teacher.

We have a full-time teaching assistant in Lime Class

Miss Perkins teaches a mixed Year 2 & 3 in **Oak Class** along with teaching assistant Mrs King.

Miss Leaman teaches our mixed Year 3/ 4 in **Willow Class** and Mrs Medcalf

is the part-time teaching assistant.

Mrs Tindall is the full time teacher of Year 5 & 6 in **Birch Class**, and Mrs Humphry's is the part time teaching assistant.

Mrs Flounders is the Senior Mental Health Lead and we offer bespoke interventions of support for our children. In addition, we offer specialist provision for our EAL children.

Clubs - We have many sporting clubs after school including dance, football, gym, and multi-sports. We provide a Breakfast Club from 7.45am and After School Club till 5.20pm, at a small cost.

We have an active Friends of the School Association (FOCSA) who raise money to support the school. They help with the cost of trips, special days and resources for the school.

We have very close links with St Peters Church and friends from the Open the Book team visit the school once a month for assemblies.

Earls Meadow, Bruff's Line and Jeffreys Green Community Projects

These areas were originally owned by the County Council and acquired by Cockfield Parish Council with close support from Cockfield Community Council and now managed by volunteer members of these organisations.

First acquired was Earls Meadow and work began on 6th December 2009, trees were planted, benches installed and the school children planted many bulbs.



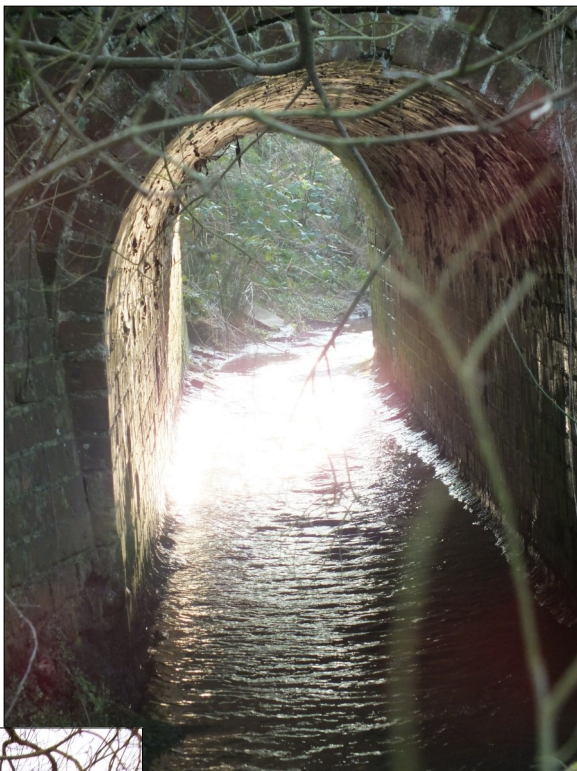
Next came Bruff's Line, a stretch of disused railway line first opened in 1865 and shut down in 1963. The name was given from the engineer Peter Bruff who built the railway from Colchester to Bury St Edmunds. Areas along the stretch of line were cleared and orchards and many flowers, snowdrops, daffodils and blue bells were planted.



Jeffreys Green then came into being with an area of meadow being made available from Suffolk County Council, work in earnest has only recently begun with a sleeper bridge having been refurbished with new steel work beneath. Again benches have been installed and many trees planted along with hundreds of flowers.



The whole project area encompasses an area of about 9 acres and is flanked by a delightful stream known as the Brett with a Victorian culvert running under the railway which has also been refurbished.



These areas are managed with a mind for the wellbeing of wild life and the quiet enjoyment of people. All these areas are fully and freely open to the public. These areas need to be seen for the beauty of the relevant seasons is outstanding and it is a tribute to those who have made it so.



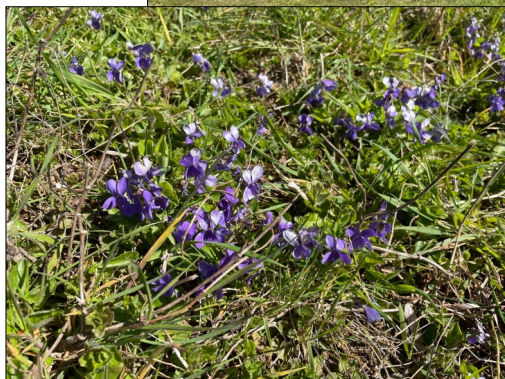
A letter recently received

On 17th. October my walking colleague S.H. and myself did an eight mile walk that took in the old railway line to just past the Earl's Hall Farm bridge. We were amazed at Jeffrey's Green, Bruff's Line and Earl's Meadow. I was so impressed that the following Saturday I took my wife out to Cockfield for a walk and she also thought how beautiful it was – Earl's Meadow looked an absolute treat. We met R.W. who was busy mowing the meadow and he explained about the parish council buying the land and that it was looked after by a dedicated team of volunteers. He also informed us about Peter Bruff the Victorian railway engineer. Today, S and I done a further ten mile loop that included the rest of the railway line from Earl's Hall Farm bridge down to the A1141 just north of the water tower.

Can you pass on our gratitude to all of the volunteers for their marvellous work in maintaining the area in such superb condition.

Regards,

A. B. & S.





Catholic Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Joseph

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Email: church01@quikmail.co.uk

The times of services are as follows:

Sundays 10.30 am

Tuesdays 9.30 am

Fridays 10.15 am

Holy Days of Obligation 7 pm

COCKFIELD COMMUNITY CINEMA

On the 4th Friday of every month
why not take a trip to the cinema in the Village Hall?

We try to offer a wide range of films designed to appeal to all on a large screen with a high quality projector and surround sound audio equipment.

Cockfield Cinema is cheaper than the multiplexes – we want it to be affordable across the community and give more people the opportunity to enjoy a social night out at the cinema in a friendly relaxed atmosphere.

With a raffle, refreshments, including award winning fresh cream dairy ice-cream, popcorn, sweets as well as a licensed bar.

Run by a hard-working team of volunteers, for us, a visit to Cockfield Cinema isn't just about the film – it's about the community experience which extends beyond the screen.

For further details & future screenings please visit
www.cockfield.org.uk



Catey Pre-School COCKFIELD

Catey Pre-School, Church Lane, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP30 0LA

At CATEY Pre-School (established in 1994), children from the age of 2 years are given the opportunity to learn, explore and discover skills through play in a safe and secure environment preparing them for the eventual move into primary education. In our friendly atmosphere the children can build their confidence, learn to communicate, co-operate, share, and enjoy the company of other children and adults. The curriculum for the Foundation Stage underpins all future learning by supporting, fostering, and promoting all aspects of children's development, concentrating specifically on; personal and social wellbeing, positive attitudes and dispositions, social skills, attention skills & persistence, language and communication, reading and writing, mathematics, knowledge and understanding of the world around us, physical development, and creative development.

The Pre-School is well equipped with materials and learning resources to stimulate and build the children's confidence and manipulative skills. We have a large covered outside learning area as well as the play area covered in AstroTurf. The Pre-School is securely situated within the Primary School grounds with access via the school playground.

Opening Times & Charges (January 2023)

The pre-school is open 38 weeks each year, Monday to Friday

Breakfast Club

07:50 am - 08:50 am

£4.00 including breakfast

Morning Session

08:50 am - 11:50 am

£12*

Lunch Club

11:50 am - 12:20 pm

£2.50**(+ additional £2.60 for hot meal)

Afternoon Session

12:20 pm - 03:20 pm

£12*

After School Club

03:30 pm - 04:30 pm

£4.00 (Pre-School Children)

Full Day

7.50am – 4.30pm £34.50 (excluding hot meal)

* Government funding could be available for 15 or 30 hours per week, please contact staff for further details.

** Children can either bring a packed lunch or have a cooked meal supplied from Cockfield CEVCP School kitchen at a cost of £2.60 per meal.

For further information contact Mary or Stephanie on 01284 827274.

www.catey-preschool.co.uk

Cateypreschool@hotmail.com

Catey Pre-school is committed to the welfare of its children, staff, and volunteers always

Registered Charity Number: 1135211

Cockfield Community Council



Cockfield Community Council was established, as a charity, in 1968 with the objective of funding a new Village Hall. Following the achievement of this objective in 1976, we turned our attention to providing recreational facilities and other amenities to improve the lifestyles of the community residing in the village.

The Council is managed by a board of 16 voluntary Trustees, with four honorary officers – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, to oversee and organise the various events which are held in the village and administer grants to other village organisations.

In the beginning members paid a subscription of 6d (old pence) per week which, over the years, increased to £3 per year. However, from the year commencing 1st November 2016 the Trustees voted to abolish the annual subscription and rely upon our fundraising efforts to support our objectives. This means that we are able to invite all residents of Cockfield, over 18 years of age, to consider themselves members of the Community Council.

We support, on an ad hoc basis, various projects which have been undertaken in the village.

Some examples are;

- Support of the village's major celebration events - Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee and King Charles III Coronation

- A donation to the Parish Council towards the purchase of additional land at Earl's Meadow and the refurbishment of the Sports Pavilion and Mower

- A contribution towards new windows and doors for the Village Hall and towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall Toilets, Kitchen and Bar

- Purchase of a surround sound system and projector for the Community Cinema

- Support for the replacement of and extension to the provision of play equipment on Great Green

We also carry out a number of continuing activities in the village

- The Monthly Community Cinema

- The annual Fete, Art Show, Duck Race and the New Year's Day Hangover Hike

- The annual Carols by Candlelight service

- Fund the Cockfield Web Site

- Organise various and diverse entertainments; Cockfield Community Cinema, Bingo and Quiz nights, comedians, dances and many others

Details of all our activities appear monthly in Green Links and are also on the Village Website We also have an e-mailing list which circulates useful information to members – you may register for this service through the website.

Cockfield United Football Club

Cockfield United is a thriving grass roots football club at the bottom tier of the Football Association's 'pyramid'. The club is part of the Macron Suffolk and Ipswich League, and we have two Saturday teams - a 1st team and a Reserve team. We play our home fixtures on Great Green, at the heart of Cockfield in a very picturesque setting. We have two full sized grass pitches on the Green which are generally well regarded in the League. We are always on the lookout for new players as existing club members retire from playing, re-locate elsewhere or move to another club. We hope that you will find the following information useful.



How do I apply to join the club?

Please contact Club Secretary Joe Brinkley on 07796 697114 or joebrinkley90@gmail.com

How much does it cost to join?

Approximately £120-£150 a season.

How old do I have to be?

You have to be over 16 to join the club. This is in line with FA safeguarding guidelines.

Can ladies join?

Unfortunately, at this current time we have no provision for a ladies' team, but we can try and put you in touch with a ladies' team.

Are there different types of membership?

We offer alternative ways to pay fees depending what suits the individual. Everyone is welcome to just come along and train with other players, as that is a great way to keep fit, have fun and make new friends. A player can also decide to become a full part of the club and take part in match days as well.

Do I pay per game I play in as well as annual subs?

We offer two options; you can pay up front for the whole season with no additional fees or you can 'pay as you play' which involves a signing on fee as well as match day subs.



What happens if I join and I'm not good enough to make one of the teams?

Irrespective of ability, players are always welcome to attend training to challenge themselves for as long as they like. The club is very much about inclusion and participation. If players are struggling to make match day squads we would always try to help them to find a club more appropriate with their level of ability.



How often will I get to play?

League games are scheduled for most Saturday afternoons from mid-August through to the end of April.

Do we play in any cup competitions?

Both our 1st and Reserve teams are entered into their Suffolk Cups and League Cups respectively.

Is transport provided to away games?

For away games we try to carpool where possible. We will try and organise a bus once or twice a year for the sides to give back to the players and to provide something a bit different. If players don't drive we will always endeavour to get lifts sorted out for them.

How far are we expected to travel for away games?

The majority of our games are in and around Ipswich & Stowmarket, so typically travel ranges from 20 to 40 minutes. There are a few outliers here and there that can result in longer travel.

What kit will I be issued with?

On match days shorts, shirts and socks are provided by the football club. We try to ensure everyone gets additional kit, such as tracksuit tops, polo shirts and warm up tops, free of charge.

How often is training, and where is it?

During pre-season in July and August we train twice a week 18:30 to 20:30 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Great Green, Cockfield, IP30 0HQ. From September through to April we train on a Tuesday only, 19:15 to 21:00 at Abbeycroft Leisure, Bury Saint Edmunds, IP33 9ZZ.

What happens if I can't come to training because of work? Can I still play?

The club understands that people have additional commitments other than football, so players may not be able to make training because of work, childcare, etc. In this situation we aim to be sympathetic to a player's situation so, yes, he can still play.

Are there any social functions?

Yes, we aim to have functions around every 5-6 weeks whether that is an event in the Pavilion or something in neighbouring Bury St Edmunds. This can range from quiz nights, cards, meals out, etc. We have a bar in the pavilion and on home match days players are encouraged to get together after the game to unwind and to socialise.

Do I get a say on how the club is run?

Both club non playing members and players are more than welcome to join the club's committee where they can gain an understanding of how the club works and how decisions are made as well as being able to make their voice heard.



Public Transport



H.C. Chambers and Son Limited has operated the bus service through the village for many years.

To see an up to date timetable please visit www.hedinghamandchambers.co.uk/services

or phone 03301 020801 - office hours

The New Bus Stop at Jeffreys Green



Cockfield Sports Pavilion on Great Green



Is available to hire

To find out more please email;
pavilion@cockfield.org.uk

We have two Defibrillators in the village.

This one which is outside the front door of the Village Hall ...



...the other is outside of the Pavilion on Great Green located to the left of the entrance doors on the veranda.



Lets hope no one ever has the need to use them but its good to know they are available should the need arise.



Cockfield Contacts

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Women's Institute Secretary	Suzanne Veal	wi@cockfield.org.uk

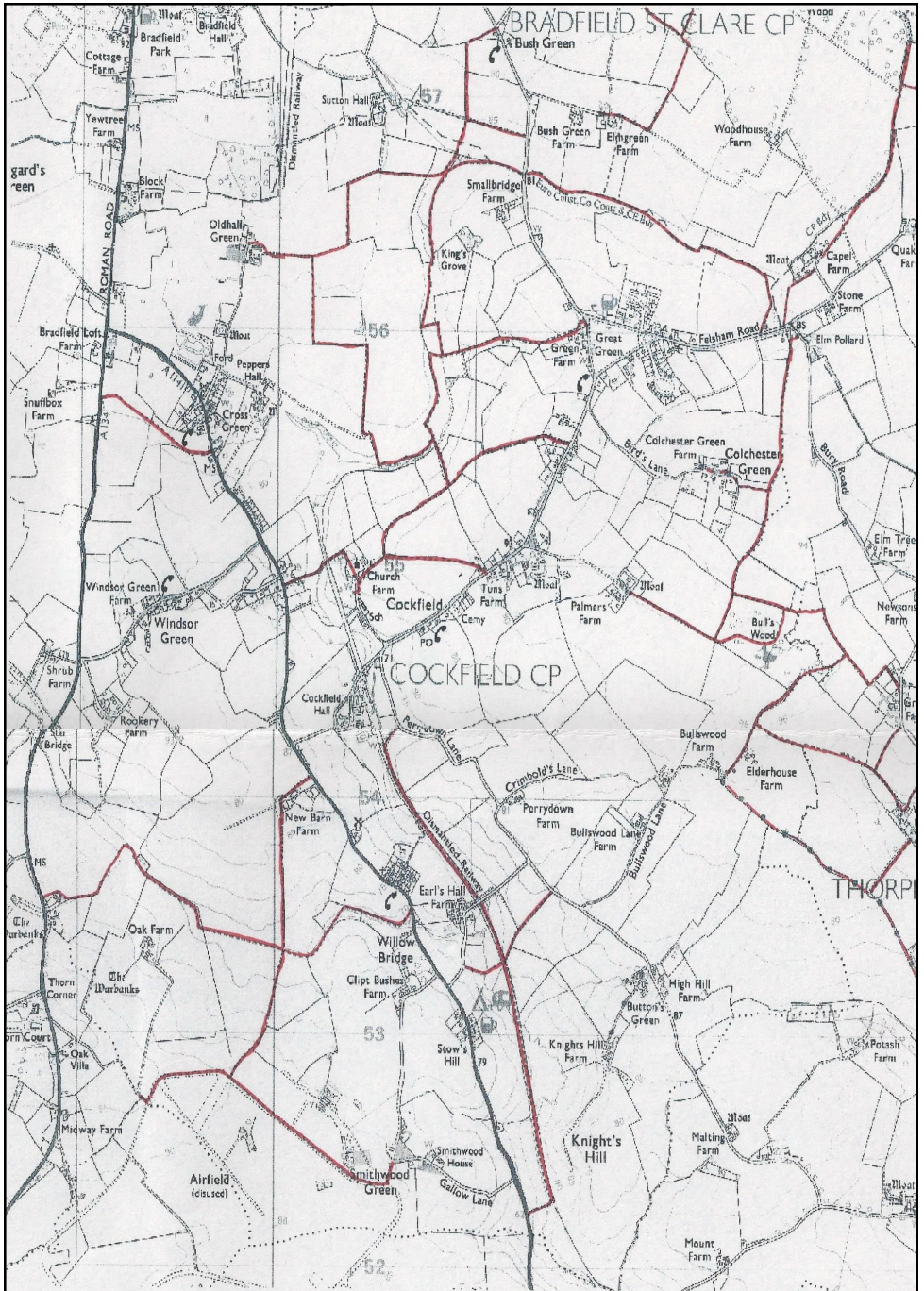
Useful Contacts

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Aerials	Wavelength	01449 678653
Bottled Gas	Bridge Farm	01787 247522
Builders	Guy Rule	01284 827637
	Paul Sainsbury	07785 582556
Burning Oil	Butler Fules	03457 240241
	Geoff Petroleum	01284 753861
Boiler Servicing	GRD	01787 247540
Carpenters	Dean Harradine	01284 828367
	Robin Perry	01284 828710
	Tony Sheppard	01284 828377
Carpet Cleaning	Rothwells	01638 428060
Chimney Sweep	Chimney Matters	01284 789663
Cleaning	Time for You	01359 258991
Digger & Small Plant Hire	Dave Tarling	01284 827132
Decorators	SEP	01787 375824
Dry Cleaning	Collected from the Post Office	01284 828201
Electricians	Kevin Seggie	01284 830786
Fencing	Tarling	01359 242496
Garden Services	Bright Green	01284 827110
	RW Services	01284 828965
Milkman	Milk & More	03456 063606
MOT Services	WA Watts	01284 828325
Newspapers Weekly	Collected from the Post Office	01284 802201
Newspapers Sunday	Sicklesmere Post Office	01284 386303
Pest Control	Anglis Pest Control	07919 356155
Property Maintenance	Dean Harradine	07800 602238
Public Houses	Horseshoes Inn	01284 828177
Septic Tank Emptying	Cargate	01284 386538
Tree Services	Bradnam's Tree Services	01284 388756

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Cockfield's Footpaths