

EARL SOHAM

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THE FALCONER

You may have noticed the fantastic renovation of the replica Falconer statue on the village green. Sprucing up was carried out by Eddie Cross using vinegar and eco-friendly materials. Commissioned by the WI, The Falconer by Ray Exworth was erected for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. A replica by Nick Deans was placed on the green in 1990, with the original preserved in ES Village Hall. Earl Soham WI maintains and oversees the care of both statues.

ES COMMUNITY WHATSAPP

As a reminder, the group is restricted to villagers and is for passing important information only. To join please use the QR code:



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Work on our Neighbourhood Plan continues: the Planning Group has spent considerable time analysing responses to the village questionnaire, building a clear picture of residents' views across themes covered in the 2025 survey.

East Suffolk Council has announced a full review of its' Local Plan, with the intention of adopting a new Plan by April 2029. This gives a clear sense of the long-term planning timetable, and is an important opportunity for Earl Soham to influence the emerging Local Plan through our own neighbourhood planning.

East Suffolk has issued a 'Call for Sites', receiving several hundred submissions from across the district. In light of this unexpected development, the ES Neighbourhood Planning Group has sought initial advice from a planning consultant who specialises in supporting rural communities. This will enable us to consider the best way forward to ensure that our village interests and the views expressed by villagers are fully represented.

We will continue to keep you informed as this work progresses. Thank you for your patience and engagement at this important stage in shaping the future of our village.

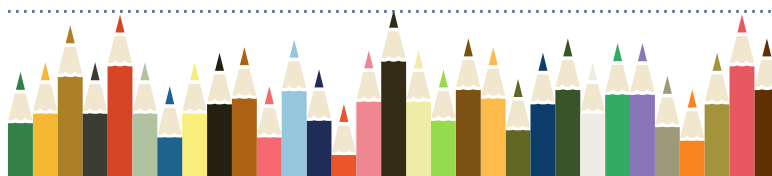
PARISH COUNCILLORS

Officers: Thomas Johnson (Chair), Tony Carr (Vice-Chair)
Councillors: Andrew Patterson, Candida Cook, Jessie Smith, Alec Edwards, Peter Beckwith, Martin Dorey.

Comments, questions or issues can be raised by contacting the Clerk, Guy Harvey: clerk@earlsoham.org or indeed by attending a PC meeting (First Tuesday evening bi-monthly.) The Agenda is posted on the Village Noticeboard and the PC website: www.earlsoham.org

COUNCILLOR VACANCY:

Should you be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk by email at clerk@earlsoham.org



EARL SOHAM FÊTE

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2-4.30pm

Join friends and family at the Village Green for delicious Afternoon Tea with home-made cakes, traditional games, stalls and competitions. Books/Jams/Plants/Music. Pick your team for a Tug-O'-War or take a genteel ride through the gardens of Rookery Farm on a vintage miniature railway. Proceeds support St. Mary's Church Fabric Fund.

GREEN SPOT: THE ES VILLAGE LITTER PICK

A staggering 68kg of litter was collected by 29 volunteers in 2 hours during the January Litter Pick. Many thanks to those who participated. **DIARY DATE: SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 11AM-2PM** for an Autumn clean-up of Earl Soham to remove litter from our streets, hedges and riverbanks. A sociable community event: join friends and neighbours and help to keep our village looking fresh and lovely. Refreshments will be provided at Earl Soham Village Hall. Please let us know numbers attending to help with equipment and catering:



FIND: FOOD COLLECTION BOX

The FIND collection box can be found in the porch of the Church. Donations of food and/or toiletries would be greatly appreciated and support a local charity serving local people regardless of faith or circumstance.

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DIARY DATES:

6 SEPTEMBER ES SLOW LIVING FAIR + CAFÉ BAR 10am-4pm
 13 SEPTEMBER CYCLE CAFÉ & REPAIRS HUT 9am-2pm
 27 SEPTEMBER BOOK FAIR + CAFÉ & BAR 10am-4pm
 25 OCTOBER-1 NOVEMBER ART EXHIBITION 10am-4pm
 Art Exhibition Cafés: Sunday 25 October & Sunday 1 November
 QUIZ NIGHTS: 6 & 27 NOV 8 JAN 5 FEB 5 MARCH 7.30-10PM
 4 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS FAIR 6-9.30pm



WARM AND TOASTY AT LAST ! Infra-red heating was installed in March thanks to volunteer fundraising and small grants from East Suffolk and Cllr. Elaine Bryce.

RAISING THE ROOF AND GOING SOLAR ! Fundraising events begin in September to replace the ageing 1934 asbestos roof and install eco-friendly solar panels and batteries to reduce running costs. The long south-facing roof can house 60 solar panels to give an income-generating feed to the National Grid, thus increasing the ability of ESVH to keep hire fees down and support local charity events.

EXPANSION: ESVH Committee & Trustees are working with architect Rob Pearce to deliver ambitious plans for a modern extension to the Hall. This will house a fully-accessible toilet block; wheelchair access to the hall; better storage and catering facilities, and a new studio room. Seeking grants and donations will be a key part of funding this project. Plans will be available for view and comment in the hall during September's events.

ESVH Renovation Fund: contact

earlsohamvillagehall@gmail.com if you would like more information and updates on progress, wish to donate or join our friendly Volunteer Team. Charity No.304743

SAXTEAD SCHOOL OF DANCE

Congratulations to Principal Kanika Carr on her hugely successful first year. Dance students come from as far as Norwich to train in ES with Kanika. One of her students has just been offered places at Central School of Ballet and The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland! For timetable and info see: www.saxteadschoolofdance.co.uk

ES ALLOTMENTS: NEW WATER STATION

ES Parish Council provided a small materials grant to build a water conservation station on the allotments. Particularly helpful in this summer of drought as the allotments rely on storage of rainwater as the most effective and eco-friendly method of harvesting water.

Allotment waiting list contact: clerk@earlsoham.org