

# EARL SOHAM

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## LITTER PICK

11th January 11am-3pm

**Join us for a fresh clean start to the New Year!**

ES Parish Council is hosting a community litter pick of our pathways, riverbanks, hedges, and bridleways. All equipment provided.

Complimentary refreshments: Meet at the Village Hall at 11am for a quick coffee and routes. Return 1.30pm for a warming lunch of home-made soup and fresh bread (vg + g/f option)



Please let us know numbers  
Info. and to register:



Or email RSVP to:  
earlsohamvillagehall@gmail.com

## CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES:

### The Victoria:

Carol Singing Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

### St. Mary's Church:

December 21<sup>st</sup> – Carol Service – 6.30pm

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Crib Service – Outdoors - 6pm

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Midnight Mass – 11.30pm

Christmas Day – All-Age Worship – 10am



**CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE GREEN with thanks to Walnes Seeds and Mark Rutherford.**

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

Officers: Thomas Johnson (Chair), Tony Carr (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Andrew Patterson, Candida Cook, Alec Edwards, Peter Beckwith.

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

### COUNCILLOR VACANCY:

Should you be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk by email at [clerk@earlsoham.org](mailto:clerk@earlsoham.org)



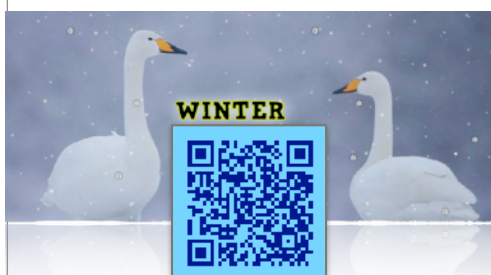
## NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE

Peter Beckwith is busy creating and updating a new user-friendly version of the PC website with a new menu system helping you to navigate smoothly around the site. A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN page has also been added to post progress on this major project for the village.

See: [www.earlsoham.org](http://www.earlsoham.org)

## WILDLIFE WATCH:

The winter solstice is on 21st December: life can be hard for wildlife..days are short and for many creatures finding enough food to survive takes up almost every hour of daylight. If you are looking for festive nature inspired activities for children, scan QR code.



## ES COMMUNITY WHATSAPP & FB

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



The PC has set up a new forum for personal chat, information-sharing and social messaging on our FB page: 'Earl Soham Community' With 84 members and growing, we hope this will become a great way to keep up-to-date, exchange knowledge and news.

## EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL - 91 YEARS !

**GREAT NEWS!** We have almost reached the funding target for a new eco-friendly infrared heating system for the village hall; to be fitted in January 2026 as part of ongoing renovations to bring the Hall up to modern standards. Many thanks East Suffolk for a 60% grant and to all the volunteers, subscribers and everyone attending our fundraising events. **A warm and toasty community hub is almost here. Target £16,000....just £1,000 still to raise.**

**PLEASE DONATE HERE:** [www.earlsohamvillagehall.org](http://www.earlsohamvillagehall.org)

Earl Soham Village Hall Renovation Fund: please contact [earlsohamvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:earlsohamvillagehall@gmail.com) if you would like more information and updates on progress, wish to donate or join our Volunteer Team. Charity No.304743 (ESVH)



## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: HAVE YOUR SAY

Earl Soham Parish Council is in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan with the focus on Housing. An officially registered NP will allow ES residents to identify the best options for potential development, including additional homes, and help to retain the character of our village.

A Questionnaire has been sent to all 18+ residents to give the the opportunity to have your say. Please complete and return to collection boxes at John Hutton's, The Victoria public house or ES Village Hall postbox.

**Closing date for returns is 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

If you were unable to attend the Information Event at the Village Hall in November, don't worry, copies of the information presented can be found on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the new village website. This includes Government requirements for additional housing in our village, the process for producing a Neighbourhood Plan, the important benefits, key stages and timescales.

You can contact the Project Group at [esnp@outlook.com](mailto:esnp@outlook.com)

