



# NORTH WEALD BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER 2024-2025

## Review from Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Alan Buckley

*Dear Residents,*

It has been a very busy year for the Parish Council. Listed below are some of the events that I have attended:



- May - Official Opening of the Sensory Garden at Weald Common
- D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Lighting of the Lamp Light of Peace at the Debt of Honour & Airfield Memorial
- September - Visit to the Air Ambulance at North Weald Airfield
- September - Battle of Britain Wreath Laying Service at the Cross of Sacrifice in the grounds of St Andrew's Churchyard
- November - Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at the Debt of Honour & Airfield Memorial
- Attending various meetings with District and County Councillors
- Attending meetings with developers



**Please see inside the newsletter for a review of some of the other activities the Parish Council has been involved with, such as:**

- Reporting Fly Tipping to the appropriate authorities – problem areas include Vicarage Lane and Church Lane
- Reporting Potholes, damaged road surfaces and pavements throughout the parish to Essex County Council
- Commenting on 84 Planning Applications as Statutory Authority and Speaking at District Council Planning Committees
- Maintaining and providing 116 streetlights in local roads (not P1 Routes)
- Provision and emptying of 12 dog waste bins
- Provisions of cemetery and providing Burial Plots
- Maintaining recreation facilities, open spaces and 3 Play Parks, including emptying waste bins and grass cutting on some open spaces, such as Pike Way, Bluemans End
- Maintaining North Weald Woodland at Weald Common
- Maintaining new Sensory Garden at Weald Common
- Provision of allotments at Wheelers Farm Gardens, Queens Road, Hastingwood and Thornwood
- Liaising with District and County Councillors on behalf of residents
- Managing the Parish Hall (the only hall owned by Parish Council in the parish)
- Attending and facilitating meetings with developers
- Annual Commemorative Services of Remembrance and Battle of Britain Sunday
- Provision of CCTV at various places
- Provision of street furniture such as bus shelters, noticeboards & benches
- Provision of 3 defibrillators
- Maintaining the garden at the parade of shops and by the flagpole
- Highlighting traffic concerns on behalf of residents - attending meetings with North Weald Market operator and District Councillors
- Reprising the Neighbourhood Plan

I hope you find the newsletter informative.

*Regards,  
Councillor Alan Buckley, Chairman*

**March 2025**

# New Sensory Garden, Weald Common

In May 2024, the Parish Council were pleased to officially open the new Sensory Garden located in Eldridge Wood, Weald Common.

Visitors are encouraged to take a seat and enjoy the natural surroundings. There is an audio bench (recordings were specially chosen with the location in



mind and a talking point bench depicting RAF aircraft (recognising the historic link between the parish and North Weald Airfield). For visitors wishing to take a further walk, there is a well-trodden pathway next to the garden, which leads to a wooden bridge, beyond which they will find the entrance to North Weald Woodland (newly planted in 2023).

The Sensory Garden is proving to be a popular destination for all, and we hope that the community will enjoy the space for many years to come.

The project was achieved with Grant funding of £15,000 received from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This has been used to develop and provide ongoing maintenance for the garden.

## Air Ambulance Visit



In September, Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley, Cllr Shirley Hawkins, Cllr Terry Blanks and Cllr Andy Irvine, visited the Air Ambulance team at North Weald Airfield.

Cllr Buckley commented that they were all very impressed with the facility on the airfield and the overall care and devotion of the team there. Cllr Buckley said that after hearing about the fundraising necessary to keep the EHAAT running, he would be suggesting that a donation is made each year from the Parish Council.

A donation of £1,000 was agreed at the Parish Council's Precept Meeting in December.

## Garden by Parade of Shops

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Alan Buckley, is instrumental in managing the garden by the parade of shops in North Weald High Road. Every year, Cllr Buckley reaches out to local businesses asking for sponsorship towards the provision of plants and costs for on-going maintenance. A plaque is purchased and fixed to the sleepers surrounding the garden, recognising each business for their valued contribution.

If you are a local business and would like to sponsor the garden, please call the Parish Office on 07572 507591 or email [Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk)

# D-DAY 80 – 6 June 2024



On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, residents joined with members of the Parish Council at the Airfield Memorial & Debt of Honour, to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in Normandy, France, the largest naval, air and land operation in history.

At 9pm, Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley, read out the International Tribute, following which a special Lamp Light of Peace was lit. Cllr Buckley invited a young resident to lay a wreath on behalf of the Community.



## Battle of Britain Service

On Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024, the Parish Council organised a wreath laying service in commemoration of the Battle of Britain. The service was held at the Cross of Sacrifice in the grounds of St Andrew's Churchyard and was led by Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley.

Civic wreaths were laid by Epping Forest District Council Vice-Chairman Cllr Louise Mead, Essex County Cllr Chris Whitbread, Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley, Epping Town Mayor Cllr Cherry McCredie.

Wreaths were also laid on behalf of RAF 56 Squadron,

The Royal Norwegian Airforce 132 Air Wing, The Royal British Legion, The Royal Air Force Association, ATC 414 Squadron, North Weald Airfield Museum and the North Weald Bassett community.



*Photo: David Jackman, Everything Local News*

## Remembrance

The Parish Council's Annual Act of Remembrance and Thanksgiving took place at the Airfield Memorial & Debt of Honour on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



*Photos courtesy of Jean-Paul Percival*



*Representatives of the Royal Norwegian Airforce*

Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley, welcomed more than 300 people to the wreath laying service. The Service was led by the Venerable Mike Power, Archdeacon of West Ham. Representatives from the Royal Norwegian Airforce 132 Wing and RAF 56 Squadron laid wreaths, alongside civic dignitaries and representatives of local organisations.

This community service has been organised and managed by the Parish Council in its present format for over 25 years. If you are a local organisation and wish to be added to the list of wreath layers, please contact the Parish Office on 07572 507591 or email [Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk) for further information.

# Citizen Of The Year Awards

Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley, presented the following awards at the Annual Parish Assembly held in April 2024:

Residents Nomination Award – Bryan Roth  
Volunteer Award – Margaret Mulliner  
Sporting Award – Joanne Ryan  
Local Business Award, Highly Commended – Mary Crosby  
Special Community Champions – Darren Goodey and Mike Witham (North Weald Airfield Operations Team)  
Community Award – Community Speedwatch Team



Recognition Award – The Poppy Collection Volunteer Group at North Weald Airfield  
Organisation of the Year – North Weald Village Ploughman's Group  
Group Award, Highly Commended – former members of the North Weald Preservation Society  
Group of the Year Award – The Friends of St Andrew's School  
The Award for Overall Winner went to the Special Community Champions, Darren Goodey and Mike Witham.

## Grant Funding



The Parish Council is always on the lookout to secure grant funding to assist with projects for the benefit of the community. In September 2024 grants were awarded from the Rural Prosperity Fund for the Parish Hall in Thornwood and for Hastingwood Village Hall (the Clerk to the Council assisted the Committee in completing their application)

- £8,000 – for new windows at the Parish Hall, Thornwood
- £32,000 – for a new wooden floor at Hastingwood Village Hall

Each organisation must pay 20% of the cost of each project.

## North Weald Bassett Cemetery

The Parish Council maintains North Weald Bassett Cemetery. The cemetery is situated in Vicarage Lane, near to St Andrew's Church. There are three sections allowing for Burials, Cremated Remains and Garden of Remembrance. Visitors often comment on how peaceful and tranquil the cemetery is.

Part of the Parish Council's commitment to promoting biodiversity is displayed in the unused area of the cemetery. Wildlife is encouraged to live there, with the area only requiring a minimum amount of maintenance, such as cutting back brambles encroaching on the grass pathways.



Last year, following a suggestion from a resident, a Letters to Heaven Post Box was installed at the entrance to the cemetery. The post box is available to anyone who would like to write a message to loved ones who have passed away.



For enquiries regarding any aspect of the cemetery, please contact Susan De Luca, Clerk to the Council and Cemetery Registrar on 07572 507591 or email [Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk)

# VE Day – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 will be the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, a celebration of the moment in 1945 that marked the end of the Second World War in Europe.

The Parish Council is making plans to mark this important occasion. Please keep a look out for further information to be published nearer the time.

## Play in the Park



The Parish Council provides support to Epping Forest District Council's Play in the Park. This year two sessions are to be held at the Memorial Playing Field, School Green Lane, North Weald. The sessions are free of charge, with the first one being held on **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 12pm. To book a place, please call Epping Forest District Council on 01992 564226.** Look out for the Summer Date to be published in due course.

## Bus Survey



We would like to say a big thank you to all those residents who recently took the time to complete our Bus Survey. After receiving almost 100 responses, the Parish Council is now in the process of applying for grant funding to improve the current bus services in North Weald, Thornwood and Hastingwood.

## Woodland Trust

In its on-going commitment to promoting biodiversity, the Parish Council has been successful in an application for a Wild Harvest community tree pack from the Woodland Trust. Once established, it is hoped that the 105 saplings (consisting of native species such as crab apple and hawthorn), will provide a source of food and shelter for wildlife.

## Norway House Christmas Party

As in previous years, Parish Councillors were again keen to support the annual Childrens Christmas Party at Norway House, by giving personal donations. Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley, received a message of thanks from the Manager of Norway House.

## Assisting Local Residents

### How to Report

In an emergency call 999. Otherwise call 101.

If you've pre-registered with the emergencySMS service then text 999.

Deaf or hard of hearing, use our textphone service 18000.

British Sign Language (BSL) users please use the 999BSL app.

Report online at [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk) use Live Chat, or the below QR Code.



Interpreter services are available if English is not your first language.

**STOP THE HATE**

What is hate crime?

999 BSL

Digital 101

**ESSEX POLICE**  
Protecting and serving Essex

You will find a list of some, but not all, of the services offered by the Parish Council in this newsletter. However, you may not be aware that since 2023 the Clerk to the Council has been a Hate Crime Ambassador. What does this mean? Basically, the Clerk has completed the relevant training provided by Essex Police and is able to support residents in reporting incidents of hate crime.

Please call Susan De Luca on 07572 507591 or email [Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk) for further information.

**Any communication will be treated in the strictest confidence.**

# Neighbourhood Plan



The North Weald Bassett Neighbourhood Plan has been evolving over some time. It started back in 2016, however a number of circumstances along the way means there have been a number of delays, none more so than COVID. Since 2016, the Neighbourhood Plan has grown as a result of a number of public consultations, the main one being in 2018. We asked for your views, and more than 1,260 households completed the questionnaire, representing the views of 2,909 residents. That's 48%!

These views were collated, and presented back to residents in 2019, and were subsequently used to create some draft policy ideas which we presented to the community in 2022.

We are currently at the **REVIEWING OUR EVIDENCE** stage, and in February this year residents were once again asked to give us their views on local matters that the Neighbourhood Plan can influence, so we can check if you still feel the same as in 2018, or if there are now other priorities or issues to those identified during the last consultation. This public feedback is vital to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan accurately reflects the aspirations and needs of our communities.

Once all the feedback has been received, we will review our evidence base, and hope to issue the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for consultation before the summer, known as the Regulation 14 Stage.

By way of a reminder, or for residents who are unaware, a Neighbourhood Plan is a way of helping local communities influence planning decisions in the area where they live and work. It can be used to develop a vision for the future of the neighbourhood, to select locations for new houses, offices, shops and facilities, to protect important local green spaces and to influence design. With the planning system constantly changing, and decreasing the valued input local residents have, it is essential we do what we can to ensure our voices are heard. There is also a financial benefit to having a Neighbourhood Plan, with the Parish being entitled to 25% of any Community Infrastructure Levy received by the District Council. This will mean that we can spend any monies received on **YOUR** priorities, and not those set by the District Council.

For further information please visit [www.northweald-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northweald-pc.gov.uk) and click on the link to the Neighbourhood Plan, or email us on [NP@northweald-pc.gov.uk](mailto:NP@northweald-pc.gov.uk)

## Planning Committee Meetings



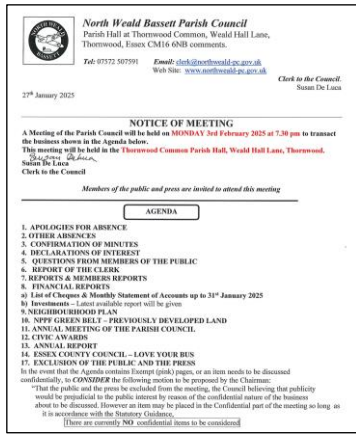
The Parish Council Planning Committee continues to be led by Chairman Cllr Baden Clegg (*pictured with Chairman Cllr Alan Buckley and Vice Chair Cllr Shirley Hawkins*). Over the past year the Parish Council has made comment on 84 planning applications (from 1.4.24 to 31.1.25). Planning Committee Meetings are held as and when there are planning matters to be considered. The Parish Council is a statutory consultee with regard to planning applications – in other words, the Local Authority is required to **consult** the Parish Council, and we are invited to make comments on any planning applications. It should however be noted that the District Council ultimately make the decision on all planning applications.

The Committee is always keen to welcome members of the public to Planning Committee meetings where they can make representations of objections or support on planning applications. (*Please note, anyone intending to make a representation is asked to notify the Clerk by no later than 2.00pm on the day preceding the meeting. No more than two members of the public may speak on any one application. There is a time limit of 2 minutes per speaker (unless there is only one speaker than the limit is 3 minutes)*). The Clerk has attended and spoken at EFDC Plans East and District Development Meetings on behalf of residents.

Planning Agendas are published on the Parish Council's website [www.northweald-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northweald-pc.gov.uk) and on Parish Noticeboards.

For further information regarding planning applications, please visit Epping Forest District Council's website [www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk)

# Parish Council Meetings



Parish Council Meetings are held at the Parish Hall at Thornwood Common, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood. Meetings are normally held at 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month (excluding August). Should the first Monday fall on a Bank Holiday, the meeting will normally take place the following Monday. Agendas are published on the Parish Council website and Parish Noticeboards at least 3 full working days prior to a meeting.

The public and press are invited to attend meetings. Members of the public are welcome to ask questions for a period determined by the Chairperson of the meeting. However, please note that if the Clerk has not been previously notified of the question, Council may have to note the question and respond after the meeting.

Local Essex PC Andy Cook regularly attends Parish Council Meetings, to give reports on crime figures in the parish. During the past 5 years the Parish Council has facilitated several 'Coffee with Cops' events.



Further information regarding all Parish Council and Committee Meetings (including records of past meetings and minutes) can be found on the Parish Council's website [www.northweald-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northweald-pc.gov.uk)

## Defibrillators



The Parish Council manages and maintains 3 defibrillators at the following locations:

- Parish Hall at Thornwood Common
- North Weald Village Hall
- Hastingwood Village Hall

All are situated on the outside wall of the buildings.

Trustees of the Queens Hall Community Centre also manage and maintain a defibrillator which is positioned on the outside wall of the building. Please note, this defibrillator is only accessible during hall opening hours.

## Community Speedwatch

Co-ordinated by Cllr Baden Clegg and local resident Jimmy Waters, the volunteer led Community Speedwatch team continues to operate around the parish. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:Community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk) for further information.



## Parish Council owned Streetlights

Every year, as soon as the clocks go back, we receive numerous reports of streetlights not working. It might be useful to know that the Parish Council own and maintain 116 streetlights throughout the parish. All columns are numbered with a four-digit code beginning with '6'. These lights are normally located on residential streets but not on main roads. Other streetlights may be maintained by either Essex County Council or Epping Forest District Council. If you need help with reporting a defective streetlight or with identifying which authority has responsibility, please contact the Parish Council and we will do our best to assist.



# Your Parish Councillors

WARD	PARISH	DISTRICT	COUNTY
<b>North Weald (Village)</b>	Cllr Alan Buckley (Chairman) Cllr Nigel Bedford Cllr Terry Blanks Cllr Nick Born Cllr Mrs Sheila Jackman, MBE Cllr Colin Kinnear Cllr Mark Stroud Cllr Andrew Tyler Cllr Ms Dawn Wood	Cllr Nigel Bedford Cllr Tom Bromwich Cllr Les Burrows	Cllr Chris Whitbread
<b>Thornwood</b>	Cllr Baden Clegg Cllr Mrs Shirley Hawkins Cllr Richard Spearman		Cllr Holly Whitbread
<b>Hastingwood</b>	Cllr Paula Etherington Cllr Andrew Irvine Vacancy		Cllr Chris Whitbread

**LOCAL COUNCILS – WHO DOES WHAT?** Within the borders of Essex there are three tiers of council: County, District and Parish. All have clearly defined roles, although there is some duplication and overlap of responsibilities.

Full details of services, including information on how to contact your local councillor, can be found on the following websites:

**Essex County Council**

[www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

**Epping Forest District Council**

[www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk)

**North Weald Bassett Parish Council**

[www.northweald-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northweald-pc.gov.uk)

## **LISTED BELOW ARE SOME, BUT NOT ALL, OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- North Weald Bassett Cemetery
- Looking after open spaces (including hedge and grass cutting on Parish Council-owned land)
- Allotments – we have sites in North Weald, Thornwood and Hastingwood
- Maintaining Defibrillators in the following locations:  
North Weald Village Hall, Parish Hall Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood; Hastingwood Village Hall
- Maintaining Play Areas in the following locations: Weald Common, North Weald, School Green Lane, North Weald, Thornwood Common Playing Field
- Streetlights (columns are identified with a number beginning '6')
- Street furniture, including bus shelters and emptying dog bins
- Planning applications (the council is a statutory consultee)
- Organisation of Remembrance Sunday events, including a service at the Airfield Memorial & Debt of Honour followed by a Community Luncheon
- Attendance at community days
- Noticeboard updates
- Liaise with other organisations and councils
- Provide recycle bags
- Managing the Parish Hall at Thornwood Common

**The Parish Council is a facilitator, passing problems and concerns raised by residents onto District and County Council who will ultimately decide if any action is required.**



# LOCAL COUNCILS

## Who does what?

Within the borders of Essex there are County, District and Parish Councils. All have clearly defined roles, although there is some duplication and overlap of responsibilities.



### Children's Services

Schools: Nursery, primary, secondary and special pre-school education	
Youth, adult, family and community education, student support	
Children's and families' services including Welfare, fostering, adoption and child protection	
Youth centres, youth justice, secure Accommodation and youth offender teams	

### Highways

Street Lighting	
Traffic management and road safety	
Highway maintenance	
Streetlights marked with a label beginning with '6' followed by 3 digits	
Bus shelters, street furniture (some)	

### Passenger Transport

Public transport, discounted travel schemes and local transport coordination	
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### Social Care

Adult Services	
Services for older people including nursing home, residential and day care and meals	
Services for people with a physical disability, learning disability or mental health need	
Asylum seekers	
Employment support services	

### Housing

Social Housing	
Housing benefit and welfare services	
Homelessness	
Housing strategy	

### Cultural Services

Culture and heritage including archives museums and galleries	
Parish archive	
Libraries and information services	

### Leisure and Recreation

Recreation & Sport	
Open spaces, common land, playgrounds, allotments, nature reserve, village green	
Footpaths	
Village halls (some)	

### Burial Grounds (some)

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### Waste

Collection	
Disposal	
Dog bins that are owned by NWBPC	
Litter bins owned by NWBPC	

### Planning Applications

Building and development control	
Consultation, public enquiry representation	

### Strategic Planning

Planning policy including conservation and listed buildings	
Environmental initiatives	
Economic and community development	

### Local Taxation Collection

Council tax and non-domestic rates (business Rates)	
Registration of births, deaths and marriages	
Elections: Local and national including registration of electors	
Emergency planning	
Local land charges	

# Allotments

Are you interested in growing your own fruit and vegetables? The Parish Council is responsible for 4 allotment sites. Dedicated volunteer Wardens manage the sites at Wheelers Farm Gardens, Queens Road and Thornwood. The Hastingwood site is managed by Cllrs Mrs Shirley Hawkins and Richard Spearman. We have a limited number of plots available to rent. For further information, or to be added to the waiting list (priority is given to residents of the parish), please contact the Clerk on 07572 507591, or email [Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk)



Cllr Mrs Shirley Hawkins, together with a small group of volunteers, manages the community allotment garden at Thornwood Allotment site. Extra help with maintenance is always welcome. If you have time to spare and would like to get involved, please contact Shirley on 01992 577100

## A Message from Elaine Davis, Warden at Thornwood Allotment Site

The allotments at Thornwood offer a great opportunity for anyone who is enthusiastic about vegetable growing. A great place to mix and catch up with a friendly allotment gardening community.

Having an allotment offers numerous benefits, from providing fresh, homegrown produce to promoting physical and mental well-being. It encourages a healthier lifestyle by fostering outdoor activity and a deeper connection with nature.

Additionally, our Thornwood allotments create a sense of community, offering opportunities to share gardening tips, swap produce, and make new friends.

The satisfaction of cultivating your own crops and watching them flourish is both rewarding and therapeutic, making an allotment a valuable and fulfilling investment of your time.



## Parish Hall, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood

The Parish Hall in Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood Common, is the only hall owned and managed by the Parish Council. Listed below are some of the regular hall users:

- Epping Taekwondo
- Forest Pilates
- Emma Music for Babies
- Thornwood Seniors
- Over 70's Youth Club
- NCT
- West Essex Flower Club
- Harlow Bowmen
- Farmers Market
- Daisy First Aid



The hall is available for hire to parishioners at reduced rates.

For bookings, please email [Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk) or call 07572 507591

# Reporting Issues

The Parish Council reports many issues on behalf of residents, such as potholes, damaged kerbs, overgrown vegetation, defective streetlights and fly-tipping to name but a few. It may be helpful to know that residents are also able to report matters direct to the relevant authority.

Visit Essex County Council Highways website to report matters such as potholes, damaged kerbs, pavement issues, flooding, drainage, manhole covers, overgrown trees, Public Rights of Way, streetlights, etc.

[www.essexhighways.org](http://www.essexhighways.org)

Visit Epping Forest District Council's website to report matters such as fly-tipping, [www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk)



## Community Working Together

We are often contacted by residents expressing their frustration at the length of time it can take for Essex County Council and Epping Forest District Council to investigate and resolve issues. As well as taking up concerns on behalf of residents, the Parish Council has also, on occasion, found it necessary to address issues itself. An example of this is cutting back overgrown bushes encroaching onto pavements, allowing pedestrians to walk safely without having to walk in the road. If you need assistance with reporting a particular concern, please call 07572 507591 or email [Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk)

## Dog Waste Bins

We often receive complaints of dog fouling on pavements, particularly in the centre of North Weald village. New signage has been placed on some lampposts reminding owners that failure to clean up after your dog can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of £1000 or a fixed penalty of £100. **A Public Space Protection Order**, that covers all publicly accessible land within the district, makes it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to remove dog faeces deposited. Below is a reminder of the locations where bins are sited in North Weald which fall under the responsibility of the council:

- Play Area Field, Weald Common
- Higham View, steps leading to Weald Common access road
- North Weald Village Hall Car Park, opposite hall
- Kiln Road, just before the railway bridge
- Green in front of York Road
- Green at Blenheim Square
- Green at Wheelers Farm Gardens
- Memorial Playing Field, School Green Lane
- Nr St Andrew's Primary School, on the by-way just by the entrance
- Skipps Corner, Weald Common
- Bluemans End Playing Field
- Entrance to Bluemans End from Vicarage Lane East



A request for a new dog bin to be sited near to Elm Gardens has been agreed by Parish Councillors. This will be installed later in the year.

# North Weald Airfield Ambassador Arthur Moreton



The Parish Council was sad to hear of the passing of Arthur Moreton. Arthur had been the Ambassador for North Weald Airfield for many years and his knowledge of its history had been invaluable.

We will publish a detailed account of Arthur and his love of the Airfield in our next Annual Report.

## Finance

North Weald Bassett Parish Council	Precept request	
	2024 / 2025	2025 / 2026
Precept Request		
Leisure / recreation	£ 31,741	£ 30,041
Community Services	£ 75,490	£ 99,965
Administration	£ 156,544	£ 173,084
Other	£ 5,835	£ 2,940
Use of Balances / Income Received	£ 34,758	£ 61,790
<b>Precept</b>	<b>£ 234,852</b>	<b>£ 244,240</b>

Address: Thornwood Common Parish Hall, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood, Essex CM16 6NB  
Tel: 07572 507591  
Email: [clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.northweald-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northweald-pc.gov.uk)

## We are moving



After being based in the Parish Hall in Thornwood since July 2020, the Parish Office is relocating to the Queens Hall Community Centre in School Green Lane, North Weald. This is expected to be from the beginning of March.

We will continue to offer a 'Drop-in Service' for residents on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9.30am to 12pm.

Please note, Parish Council Meetings will continue to be held in the Parish Hall, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood Common, unless advertised on the agenda that it will be a different venue.

Parish Council staff continue to work from home when not in the office.