

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Cringleford Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday the 9th of April 2025 at 7.30pm The Willow Centre, Willowcroft Way, Cringleford.

Professor T Wang – in the Chair (TW)
Mr G Arias (GA)
Mrs C Fielding (CF)
Mr J Chalangary (JC)
Mr E Coulthard (EC)

Mrs L Rawlings (LR)
Mr R Simmons (RS)
Mr S Chapman (SC)
Mrs D Miller (DM)
Mrs A Nunney (AN)

In attendance:-

Sonya Blythe – Parish Clerk
Samantha Thurston – Assistant Parish Clerk
P.Cs. James Smith and Sarah Royall
29 members of the public

1	To receive apologies for absence
	District Councillor Deborah Sacks and County Councillor David Bills had given their apologies. Parish Councillor Dave Chaplin was not present.
2	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2024
	The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
3	To receive the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Council
	The report was circulated and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 1. TW highlighted that the Parish Council would be updating the Neighbourhood Plan this year.
4	To receive the County Councillor's Annual Report
	The report was circulated and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 2.
5	To receive the District Councillor's Annual Report
	District Councillor Daniel Elmer's report was circulated and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 3. District Councillor Deborah Sacks' report is attached to the minutes as

	Appendix 4.
6	To receive an annual report from Cringleford Primary School
	The report was circulated and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 5.
7	To receive an annual report from Cringleford Prep
	The report was circulated and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 6.
8	To receive an annual report from Cringleford Surgery
	<p>Chris Stace (Business Manager of the Humbleyard Practice) gave the following verbal report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The latest Care Quality Commission report (CQC) had restored Cringleford Surgery back to 'Good' in October 2024. - An additional two GPs had been employed, and the nursing team was now at full capacity, with the surgery determined to restore its reputation within the community. - The current surgeries were at full capacity, however there were projects in motion that would increase the number of patients that could be accommodated. Plans include the new medical centre in Hethersett (which would assist an additional 10,000 patients), as well as building plans for Cringleford Surgery, which would relocate admin staff to a newly built second storey, freeing space downstairs for four more clinical rooms. It was noted that currently the Mulbarton practice did not experience the same pressures as Hethersett and Cringleford. - The practice was working on improving their patient interface by removing Patches and introducing an integrated clinical system, which was due to be live by the end of June 2025. - Chris implored residents to let the surgery know if an appointment was no longer required, as currently 1 in 20 appointments were being missed. <p>A member of the public asked Chris to look at its campaigns and posters around use of pharmacies to help better educate the general public on what is available at alternate locations.</p> <p>A parishioner enquired as to when the plans for Cringleford Surgery would commence. Chris explained that it was dependant on finances, however that architects and quantity surveyors had already been employed.</p> <p>A resident raised concern regarding the rumour of the potential closure of Cringleford Surgery once the new Hethersett Practice had been built. Chris confirmed this rumour was not true.</p>

	<p>The Chairman asked what the total capacity of the three surgeries would be. Chris could not give a definite answer but explained that the surgeries would be able to accommodate roughly 33-35,000 patients.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Chris for attending the meeting.</p> <p><i>Chris Stace left the meeting.</i></p>
9	<p>To receive an annual report from Cringleford Crackerjacks</p> <p>The report was circulated and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 7.</p>
10	<p>To receive an annual report from The Patteson Parish Room & Club</p> <p>The report was circulated and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 8.</p>
11	<p>To receive an annual report from St Peter's Church</p> <p>The report was circulated and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 9.</p>
12	<p>To receive an annual report from the Yare Valley Society</p> <p>The Yare Valley Society report was read by Lisa Morgan, and a copy is attached as Appendix 10.</p>
13	<p>To receive parishioner's questions on local issues</p> <p>P.C James Smith (Beat Manager) was introduced by the Chairman and gave the following verbal update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P.C Smith explained that there were very few issues that arose in Cringleford and that it was a lovely area. He explained that the statistics on crime in the area were skewed as it included the hospital where there were frequent issues. Updates could be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website.¹ - P.C Smith explained that the priority in Cringleford over the last year had been road safety, managing issues that residents have noticed as well as speed camera work. - The next quarterly neighbourhood meeting was scheduled for 15th July 2025, 8pm at The Willow Centre for those wishing to attend. - P.C Smith urged parishioners to contact him if they required any help.² <p>A parishioner asked P.C. Smith who the best person would be to contact regarding 'minor' issues, such as an abandoned car or traffic related issues. P.C Smith explained that usually these issues would be dealt with by the District Council but advised the parishioner that, if unsure, to contact either himself, ring 101 or report online, where advice on which agency would be required could be given.</p>

¹ [Home | Norfolk Constabulary](#)

² [Hethersett and Mulbarton | Your area | Norfolk Police | Norfolk Constabulary](#)

	<p>The Chairman thanked P.C James Smith for attending the meeting.</p> <p><i>P.C. James Smith left the meeting.</i></p> <p>A parishioner thanked the Parish Council for fixing the streetlights on Harts Lane, as well as the work that had been done to implement the Woodland Trail. The resident asked whether there were any plans in place to put a proper path in the woodland area, as it was muddy in the winter. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council were keen to keep the area environmentally friendly, and that it had opted to put bark down regularly instead, which it hoped would compact overtime to create a better walkway.</p> <p>A resident enquired about whether additional burial grounds had been investigated within the parish. The Chairman explained that there was a portion of land set aside within Phase 2 of the Barrett's development for school expansion, which may not be required. If this was the case, the Parish Council intended to ask for the land to revert to them, which could potentially be used as a burial ground. However, at this stage, the Council were unsure whether the land would even be suitable for the purpose.</p> <p>A parishioner enquired about the responsibility of buses at the Interchange, explaining that the buses only stopped on either side which was inconvenient. The Chairman explained that it was likely a District Council and Highways matter but agreed to ask the District Councillors at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>3 members of the public left the meeting.</i></p> <p>A resident enquired about whether there were plans to erect a bus shelter at the Cavell Court bus stop. The Chairman confirmed that this was indeed the case, however, the bus stop was due to move further down the road in the near future, as a new access road for the Roundhouse Gate development was required adjacent to the current bus stops. Therefore, the bus shelter would be installed once the bus stops had been relocated.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for coming.</p>
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Meeting closed at 20:34.

Signed:

Date:

Appendix 1 – Annual report of the Chairman of the Council

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting for the year 2024-25

This year's Annual Parish Meeting has a slightly different format with refreshments and a 'meet and greet' beforehand so that residents can learn about activities that are going on across the parish. We hope this has encourage more residents to attend. The Annual Parish Meeting is not our AGM but an opportunity for Parishioners to raise concerns or suggestions with the Parish Council as part of the process of local accountability. A number of annual reports are received by the meeting from various organisations, including District and County Councils, the local schools, clubs and Humbleyard Practice.

Your Parish Council employs 10 staff, consists of 11 Councillors, and operates several committees plus a number of advisory groups. Committees meet in The Willow Centre and groups can meet in person or virtually. Council meetings, the Planning and Environment Committee and the Personnel Committee have decision-making powers and are held in public. Everyone is most welcome to attend any of these public meetings; their agendas are published on our website.

We circulate a quarterly newsletter on our activities and matters of interest to parishioners to every house in the parish. We will operate a balanced budget of around £1M this coming year, including income from the precept and grants, details of which can be found on our website. We keep the Parish's buildings, play areas, green spaces, hedges and some streetlighting in good order, and mow some verges on behalf of the District Council. A summary of the activities of our committees and groups over the past year is presented below, together with a few highlights from the year.

Committees

Full Council

We welcomed one new member of Council this year, Andy Nunney, following the resignation of Cllr Clay, maintaining our full complement. Full Council meets monthly except in August. It receives reports from the other committees and working groups, plus reports from outside bodies such as our County Council. Council agreed this year to form two new groups, one to renew our Neighbourhood Plan which expires next year, and a group formed very recently to formulate an environmental policy for the Parish Council.

Planning and Environment Committee (PEC)

This committee meets monthly and is the statutory consultative body for considering matters of planning and development in the Parish. We submit official comments on planning applications to South Norfolk Council via our Clerk and meet regularly with the local developers. In particular, this year we have been engaged with BDWH over their Phase 2 development at Cringleford Heights – a development of over 400 more homes.

The Committee also oversaw the installation of new lighting on Harts Lane this year. Regular vandalism to the bollard lights incurred thousands of pounds of maintenance costs each year (currently paid for by the developers). Council would have had to foot that bill once they took on the lights and so agreed with the developers to replace the lights with standard street lampposts. Many parishioners have commented on the improvement that the lights have made to the Lane and how much safer it makes them feel.

PEC has also initiated a subgroup this year to look at our environment and produce a strategy akin to those for road safety and recreation.

Personnel Committee (PC)

This committee meets when necessary to consider staffing matters. It met twice over the last year to discuss our staffing structure, the appointment of additional staff to cover The Jubilee Centre and additional grounds that will be adopted during the next year, and maternity cover. Currently, the Parish Council employs three clerking staff, two grounds staff, and five caretakers.

Advisory Groups

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Group

The group oversees the monies that come to the Parish from this levy and from developers as part of their S106 planning obligations to mitigate the impact of their developments on the community. The District Council sets the amount that developers pay towards infrastructure, facilities and services for each new development in the area. The Parish receives 25% of the levy that passes to the district. It kept a close eye this year on the funding for The Jubilee Centre to ensure it came in within budget. It has also approved the allocation of CIL/S106 funds to the proposed pump track and MUGA (see below).

Finance Advisory Group (FAG)

The Council receives income from the precept, CIL, commuted sums (S106; allocated to specific developments for maintenance) and grants. This group has worked diligently to

oversee our expenditure and financial compliance, ensuring robust processes are in place, including audits. It also makes recommendations to council on investments. It presented a draft annual budget to Council in December and this year recommended a small increase in the precept that covers our running costs.

Recreation and Amenities Advisory Group (RAAG)

RAAG oversees the running of our facilities around the Parish. It has been involved in ensuring the completion of our Woodland Trail, and been heavily involved in the oversight of The Jubilee Centre build liaising with our builders, Pentaco, the developers, Big Sky, and Crackerjacks, the nursery operator, on a regular basis. Their main work over the next year will be on updating our Recreational Strategy, which is now five years old, overseeing the uptake of the allotments as they transfer to us, and the repurposing of the unused adult football pitch next to The Willow Centre.

Road Safety Group (RSG)

This group looks at ways to improve road safety by developing a strategy for the Parish and so does not meet regularly just as necessary. Its strategy was updated this year, and it welcomed the start of several road improvements in the area to meet its strategy. Most notable is the change to the Roundhouse roundabout on the A11. This will see partial signalization of the roundabout and a signalized pedestrian crossing by the bus interchange. Many of our residents have been concerned about crossing the road at this point so it should improve safety for all those using the interchange.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (CNDP)

This group consists of six Councillors, two parishioners and is working with Collective Community Planning to draw up the new plan. It undertook a survey of residents recently to gather views about Cringleford, its facilities and environment that were published on our website and summarized in the winter newsletter. Work is currently underway with AECOM (a government-appointed international company that draws up Design Codes for neighbourhood plans) to look at housing needs. The group obtained a grant which covered most of the project costs for the year 2024-5.

Highlights

Our year has been dominated by the completion of The Jubilee Centre that complements our facilities at The Willow Centre and the Pavilion. Although a few months overdue, mainly due to weather conditions, it was completed within the overall budget for the full project including the EV car chargers and extended car park. Because of the delays, the building had to be finished in two phases to accommodate the earlier opening of the new Crackerjacks nursery in October. The sports hall and other facilities were opened officially in November by former Norwich footballer Darren Huckerby. It is

a splendid building, already well used and an asset to the parish. The distinctive building can be seen readily from the Southern Bypass, and it blends in well with the surrounding housing. Another highlight this year was the completion of the Woodland Activities Trail behind The Willow Centre including the installation of several carved animals to complement the settings. It has already received several compliments from parishioners. Our focus over the next year will be our Neighbourhood Plan.

Finally, I should like to thank all our staff and my fellow Councillors for their hard work over the past year.

Trevor L Wang, Chairman, April 2025.

Appendix 2 – Annual report of County Councillor Bills

Annual report for 2024-2025 prepared by Cllr David Bills

Items local to Cringleford

- 1) Work on the results of the A11 speed changes analysis has been done and is now being made ready for a report to be sent to me. I await receipt of this.
- 2) Toucan crossing is being delivered on Roundhouse Way work due to commence mid March as part of the upgrading of the roundabout.
- 3) Improvements to NNUH Colney roundabout completed under time
- 4) Increased members fund to £12000
- 5) Recycling of hazardous waste to be a weekly event. See below for details.
- 6) New Park and Ride Schedules from March 30th

from 30 March 2025

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Key Details from the Norfolk County Council Budget:

- **Gross Budget:** The council has a gross expenditure budget of £2.2 billion (£1.7 billion excluding schools). This includes:
 - £700 million for Adult Social Care
 - £367 million for Children's Services (non-schools)
 - £283 million for Infrastructure
 - £44 million for Communities and Environment
 - £46 million for Fire Services
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Net Budget: The net budget for 2025/26 is £572 million. This represents the amount raised through Council Tax to fund the services provided by the council.

- **Budget Growth:** The 2025/26 budget includes an increase of £121 million, which covers:
 - £31 million for inflationary pressures
 - £35 million for legislative pressures (including the increase in the National Living Wage and higher Employers National Insurance contributions)
 - £15 million for demand and demographic pressures
 - Over £25 million to cover recurrent overspends from Adult and Children's Services in 2024/25.
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- **Council Tax:** For 2025/26, Council Tax will increase by 4.99%, which includes a 3% rise for general Council Tax and a 2% increase for the Adult Social Care precept. A Band D household will pay £1,755.63 per year, or around £34 per week, for County Council services in 2025/26.
- **Norfolk's highways set for major investment in the year ahead**
- This month Norfolk County Council Cabinet has reviewed a series of investments and improvements to the county's highways infrastructure.
- Documents reveal how 97 parishes, from Antingham to Worstead, will benefit from projects funded through the Council's Parish Partnership scheme. The 2025/26 programme is designed to deliver what local communities have requested, including trods, village gateways, bus shelters, and vehicle-activated signs.
- The programme is jointly funded by Norfolk County Council and contributions from Town and Parish Councils. This year, Norfolk County Council plans to contribute £425,476, enabling a total investment of £848,702 for local projects.
- **Funding boost for active travel in Norfolk**
- Active Travel England have today announced an additional £4.45million for active travel in Norfolk as part of a **wider nationwide funding package totalling almost £300million.**

- The additional £3.35m for 2025/26 is an outline allocation at this stage and comprises both capital and revenue funding. This means it will be used to fund new active travel initiatives and behaviour change programmes in addition to the delivery of new infrastructure but no decisions on which schemes will be funded have been made.
- The next step will be to prepare proposals for Active Travel England once we receive further details on how the allocation can be spent in the coming months.
- **New apprenticeship starts in Norfolk increase by a staggering 11%**
- Apprenticeship starts with Norfolk businesses and organisations surged by 11% in the first three months of the 2024/25 academic year, compared to a national increase of less than 1.5%.
- **More household hazardous waste days to be held at Norfolk's recycling centres**
- As part of the Norfolk County Council budget for the upcoming year, additional household hazardous waste events will be held across the county. These events will take place at seven recycling centres this spring, supplementing the usual autumn events.
- The free events will be held throughout April and May 2025, and residents must use the recycling centre booking system to attend. Bookings will open one week before each event.
- Harford Bridges Norwich South dates are **23 and 24 May**
- A list of acceptable items for disposal at the hazardous waste days can be found here: www.norfolk.gov.uk/hazardouswaste

More details of budget are available on NCC web site

Cllr David Bills
24th March 2025

Appendix 3 – Annual report of District Councillor Elmer

District Councillor Annual Report – Daniel Elmer

Council Tax – The District Council has raised its share of Council Tax by £5 per Band D property, representing a consistent policy for several years now. Although the council remains committed to identifying structural savings that may allow for further freezes in the future.

Environment & Waste – The Government has mandated the rollout of food waste services from April 2026, to meet this deadline, South Norfolk is making significant investments into new fleet and depot infrastructure to support the new requirement.

Concurrently, the Council has launched a new campaign focused on fly-tipping, which has achieved a high media profile; the 'WTF' campaign (Where's the Fly Tip). The campaign has the goal of both encouraging people to report incidents of fly-tipping, whilst also making perpetrators more aware of the risks of prosecution.

The Council also launched a **new grant for the upcoming year** for nature recovery, which organisations can bid for grants of up to £10k to support projects that meet the goals of carbon sequestration, promoting biodiversity, and enhancing public access. Examples could be mini-forests, new pathways, or restoring ponds. Please get in touch directly if you want help applying.

The Council has also indicated its desire to identify one large scale project that meets the above requirements, and it is actively exploring opportunities across South Norfolk.

Economic Development – The Council continues its successful projects to promote SMEs, including its Business Builder programme. In addition, it has helped to joint fund the initial stages of a new lab facility at the Norwich Research Park alongside the County Council and private contractors. More information will be forthcoming over the coming year.

Planning, Housebuilding and Energy Infrastructure – You will be aware that last year the Greater Norwich Local Plan was passed, protecting the five year land supply in South Norfolk, the practical impact of this was to protect sites that had not been allocated for development from speculative planning applications. However, the government late last year made a number of changes to the planning system, and housing targets, which means this protection from speculative applications has now been lost. SNDC is currently exploring a range of options to tackle this, the most public of which has been the option to build a new town.

This is only one option, and to be clear, the advantages of it would be to avoid development of land in existing villages and towns where infrastructure is strained. A new town would allow us to focus development in one area, and ensure the correct infrastructure is installed from the start.

In parallel, South Norfolk is receiving vast amounts of interest for solar farm and energy infrastructure development. Whilst not opposing the development of renewable energy, the council feels these have to be channelled to the most appropriate sites, and that a strategic approach to their development needs to be taken. As such we will be publishing further guidance on this over the coming year and will continue to challenge the government on their approach.

Health and Leisure – Work continues on the new building for the Humbleyard practice in Hethersett, and we are hopeful of having workmen on site early next

year. Existing facilities in Cringleford and Mulbarton will remain, and the goal of the new development is to reduce pressure for doctors' appointments across all three villages.

In January, the Councils renovated swimming pool in Diss re-opened, and work is now underway to create a new Community and Leisure Centre on the old John Grose site.

Local Grants – Over the last year I have helped secure a Community Action Fund Grant to help Cringleford acquire new sports and maintenance equipment. I have also used my member ward grant to help Crackerjacks nursery acquire equipment for their gardening project.

Local Government Re-organisation and Devolution – In November the government invited applications for applicants to enter the new Devolution Priority Programme. The goal of this is to devolve new powers around infrastructure, adult skills, and economic development to a Mayoral body that will sit across Norfolk and Suffolk.

Concurrently, the government has asked Councils in Norfolk to submit proposals for re-organizing local government on a single tier basis (creating new authorities that have the powers of both District and County Council). It is anticipated these will come into effect in 2028, with elections to their 'shadow' bodies in 2027. No proposal for what this would look like has yet been agreed.

However, the other six district councils are supporting plans for a three unitary proposal, which would include a 'Greater Norwich'. South Norfolk is opposing any proposal that breaks the Norwich Travel to Work area, fearing it would be a sensible economic geography, not have the tax base to deliver social services, and would leave communities on the edge of Norwich in an authority where their concerns would play second fiddle to the Urban Core. As such, South Norfolk is proposing an East-West Two Unitary model. The County Council is exploring options for both one and two unitaries.

Appendix 4 – Annual report of District Councillor Sacks

Dear Trevor,

I have to offer my sincere apologies for not being able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting this year. Unfortunately I have to travel this week and so will be away.

So I would like to extend my thanks to all the Parish Councillors for their hard work this year. Cringleford Council is an effective and active organisation and other councils could learn a lot from it.

Issues I have dealt with over the past year include a number of highway and planning issues around the on-going development area in the Parish. There are many aspects of work that seem to be out of kilter and that get delivered later than we would like, and I have been liaising with the planners and developers to try and bring forward footpaths etc to meet the needs of the new development. New assets have been delivered to support the housing and the Parish has been crucial in these successes.

The controlled parking scheme on Colney Lane has been implemented, mostly successfully but has been causing difficulties for a small number of people who have small driveways. There is an on-going need to address this, but this of course lies with the County Council.

Local Government Re-organisation will occupy us over the coming year and I hope that some of these issues will become easier to deal with in course. The Labour members of South Norfolk Council are committed to finding a solution to this that works for South Norfolk residents, especially those in the Norwich “fringe” such as Cringleford.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all in the coming year,

Cllr Deborah Sacks

[Appendix 5 – Annual report of Cringleford Primary School](#)



John 10.10 That you will have life in all its fullness

Cringleford CE VA Primary School aims to celebrate its diverse [community](#) by providing an inclusive education of the highest quality through the Christian beliefs of [compassion](#) and [courage](#).

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting – 9th April 2025

Thank you for reading this brief report which aims to update you over a few of the key aspects within the busy world of Cringleford CEVA Primary School.

Our school vision speaks about being a compassionate community. This is an aspiration we aim to keep at the heart of all our decision making.

Pupil Premium – our Pupil Premium plan this year, not only looks to offer children additional learning groups where required but also hopes to provide, wherever possible, experiences beyond those we offer within school.
Young Carers – this year we are shining a light on children who care for a parent, sibling or other relative. Having linked with The Benjamin Foundation who visited and spoke to the children in an assembly, we are looking to provide opportunities for these children to engage with children in other local schools.

A culture of Justice and Responsibility – this phrase is used by inspectors when they visit church schools under the SIAMS inspection, and it resonates perfectly with our school vision in which we aim to build a strong community within and beyond the school walls. In last year's report, we told you about the weekly reading sessions at Cavell Court and how these were benefiting the residents, and our children as wonderful relationships were developing. Since then, we have extended the range of activities between our two communities. In the Autumn, residents joined our Harvest Festival celebrations and again at Christmas, they came to see the children perform. They enjoyed hearing children sing and joined in familiar songs.

In January, to recognise the RSPB Garden Bird Watch, ten Year 5 children and two staff spent a few hours with the residents sharing in the making of bird feeders (fat and seed balls, strings of cereal loops). The residents were quite competitive and asked the children to count how many hoops they had strung together! During March, another group of ten Year 4 children began participating in an up-cycling workshop in which they decorated old footstools. Later in the month they will up-cycle an old chair from the staff room.

Children from Year 4 wrote persuasive letters to request that Norwich was given one of the Paddington Bear benches which are being installed across the country.



Our times with Cavell Court and the Rotary Club's Young Artist competition award evening.



Enrichment – visits and visitors

This year we have established a partnership with **Norwich High School for Girls**. Several of their sixth form students join us on a Monday lunchtime each week, supporting children in their play, for example joining chess club, playing board and card games, running games on the playground such as skipping and basketball. The children have really enjoyed engaging with these activities and getting to know the students.

Kapla – this term the whole school enjoyed three days of DT construction using Kapla (a wooden brick). Using their collaborative skills, they created amazing structures – this picture is an example.

Trips out – each term children visit places linked with the curriculum such as Gressenhall, Duxford and Hunters Boat Yard for a day yachting, with Year 4 and Year 6 going on a three day residential.

**Sporting achievements**

It is only because of the ongoing commitment from the staff team who work so hard in organising the sports and other enrichment activities alongside the day to day planning and delivering classroom based learning. We continue to excel in the cross country with our girls and boys teams both awarded with first place in the league (they both achieved this in 2024 making this two years in a row). Children have participated in a cricket, football and dance festival and we continue to play friendly and competitive football games against other schools.

Street Child – this year we have decided to channel almost all fund raising activities into supporting Street Child. Ximema (their Fundraising Manager) made a presentation to the School Council, Young Interpreters and Culture Society. So far, we have raised over £500, towards our target of £1500 which will fund building a new classroom.

And, in case you are interested in the basic facts and figures –

Pupil Numbers – we currently have 458 children which is an increase from last year due to the continued housing growth and appeals.

Demographics – we are above the local and national figures for children with English as an Additional Language (EAL). This term we have joined EAL training and networked with the LA with a focus on supporting EAL writers. In our work with the Diocese, we have joined 3 other schools in establishing a Racial Justice Champion group. The staff who meet will co-write sets of resources for other schools to use when teaching about equality, diversity and inclusiveness. The number of children eligible for free school meals is comparatively lower than the national picture, though we continue to see this figure rise.

Special Educational Needs – Mrs Richardson, our new SENCO, joined the school in September. Similar to last year, we have seen an increase in higher special educational and medical needs on entry to the EYFS classes and we anticipate this will continue with the September 2025 intake and beyond.

Looked After and Previously Looked After Children – our work with the Virtual School for Looked After children continues to grow with all staff attending a day of training on trauma in September. In addition, one of our teachers successfully completed a Diploma in Trauma Informed Practice during 2024. She is qualified now to support specific children in school using a range of certified activities. This same member of staff is currently completing the National Professional Qualification for Special Educational Needs.

Performance data – our summer 2024 outcomes for Year 6 (where children skills in reading, writing and maths are tested and measured against the national standard) remained very strong with a significant strength in reading in which 45% achieved greater depth against the national figure of 28%.

Our newsletter, which generally is published every few weeks, celebrates the recent events and activities so if time allows, please take a look using this link – [News, Letters and Forms | Cringleford CE VA Primary School](#)

Appendix 6 – Annual report of Cringleford Prep

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting – March 2025

Hello from Cringleford Prep!

Our vision and ethos

Our vision at Cringleford Prep is to nurture children who are strong in character, curious of mind, have compassionate hearts and are courageous in spirit.

Cringleford Prep embodies the same ambitious and transformational ethos of Inspiration Trust, the family of schools to which we belong. As a new school built to serve a growing community, the aspiration here is to deliver something truly exceptional. We will achieve this as a school through a relentless focus on the pursuit of excellence.

We have the opportunity to build the foundations by establishing a nurturing Early Years environment which prioritises child wellbeing and is truly inclusive. Taking from the definition of an ‘enabling’ environment, Cringleford Prep will grow to be a school in which happy, curious, and confident children can flourish and be their best.

As captured in our vision statement, we have four key values upon which the school is based. These are:

- Curiosity
- Courage
- Compassion
- Character

Our motto is, “excellence, every child, every day.”

We have a house system within our school with houses chosen that embody our values, but that also reflect a diversity of individuals and backgrounds. All of the chosen individuals are British and have a link to science and technology as we felt this tied in strongly with the local area and the proximity to the hospital, research park and university. Our houses are:

- Seacole (Mary Seacole)
- Turing (Alan Turing)
- Franklin (Rosalind Franklin)
- Hawking (Stephen Hawking)

Opening and growth

For those of you that are not aware, our school opened in September 2024 with its first reception intake, and we currently have 24 children on roll. The school will continue to grow year on year; as a Local Authority presumption free school, we were designed as a

two-form entry and therefore have capacity for 420 children from reception through to year 6. Further to an admissions consultation which ran earlier this academic year, we are also opening a one-off entry for Year 3 in 2026/7 to support the growth of the school.

We have wraparound care set up with Premier Education in order to support working parents. This means there is provision from 7.30am in the form of a breakfast club and after school from 3.30pm until 5.30pm every day. We also offer holiday camp in conjunction with Premier Education.

We are currently exploring options to develop our playground as there was no provision for this included within the build (it does not make up part of the DfE's core offer). The cost here is significant and so we are looking at how we can achieve this.

As a new school, we anticipate an Ofsted inspection within the first three years of opening.

Our community

It is too early to talk in terms of our student profile, but there is some data we can share which gives you a feel for the community that the school is beginning to support;

- We have 13% children registered for free school meals; early indications would suggest in reality that our Pupil Premium (PP) figure (i.e. students who are disadvantaged socio-economically) is probably closer to 20% (i.e. the national average) as the Universal Infant Free School Meals makes it difficult to get an accurate figure for PP.
- We have 12% children identified with SEND (i.e. they are on the SEN register), though we are supporting a larger number with emerging SEN.
- We have 13% children registered as EAL. The majority of children are White-British in terms of their recorded ethnicity, but the profile is mixed with a variety of ethnic backgrounds including Black-African, White-Other, Chinese, Indian and Bangladeshi.

Although the cohort is small, we anticipate that these emerging features of our current profile will become strong themes as the school grows as we can see this profile in other local schools. The only other factor to note in relation to our community at present is mobility; due to the presence of ongoing housing development, we are seeing a significant amount of movement into the area.

Good news stories

- We have made a strong start with attendance and our figure continues to sit well above national average. We are currently on 95.8%.
- We won a bid with Norfolk Agricultural Association to have a sheep and its lamb here for a week (one of 20 schools selected).

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Carl Gao

Excellence, every child, every day.



Appendix 7 – Annual report of Cringleford Crackerjacks

The last 12 months have been very exciting for Crackerjacks as we opened the doors to our brand new Nursery at the Jubilee Centre back in October. We had been planning this expansion of our existing provision for a few years so it was wonderful to finally be able to move in. The Nursery, which offers spaces for up to 30 children at any one time, is purpose built with two play rooms and an exciting outdoor space where children are able to learn and explore and it is run

by an enthusiastic team of experienced early years practitioners. Seven new jobs were created from the opening including an apprenticeship. The new Nursery was made possible through the hard work, help and support we received from a number of supporters and sponsors. We are immensely grateful to the Parish Council for their belief in us and their patience in helping us achieve everything we wanted with special thanks to Simon Chapman for his unwavering support, guidance and determination to make this happen and get things right for us.

When we opened the Nursery in October, we started with just a small number of children ranging from the age of 2 through to 4 years old. Our numbers have grown steadily since then with some sessions now full and others filling up quickly. We have worked hard to come up with an offer for parents that is flexible and meets the needs of a wide range of families so the Nursery is open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm for 48 weeks a year. The children have all settled really well into their new environment and seem to be thriving.

Our Preschool on the site of Cringleford Primary School also continues to be very popular and successful with all sessions there being fully booked. The Preschool also offers spaces for up to 30 children at any one time, with children able to start after they turn 2 and a half. Preschool sessions are available between 8.45 am and 3.30 pm during Term Time. The Preschool staff team are very experienced in delivering high quality opportunities and activities for the children and the children there are making very good progress in their learning and development.

Across our two settings, we now have a total of 113 children on roll. Around 85% of these live in Cringleford and Keswick with the remainder mostly coming from Hethersett and Wymondham.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and we're happy to be working with so many families in our community.

Karen Latoy

Manager

Cringleford Crackerjacks

March 2025

[Appendix 8 – Annual report of the Patteson Room & Club](#)

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2025

REPORT FROM PATTESON PARISH ROOM AND CLUB

From its start in 1910 as a Working Men's Club and later the village's main hall, its finances and the 148 membership remain positive with 22 people joining the Patteson club in 2024, many on the recommendation of existing members. The warm welcome that prospective members receive plus the quality of the facilities

encourages them to join in our Club social events five times a year, our Social Nights on the first Friday of every month, whist drives in June and October and a folk music night in July. These valued events raise the much-needed finances for the upkeep of the building as it has been since the start of the Patteson Parish Room & Club over 115 years ago.

Not only does the premises boast a comfortable room for hire to a variety of small groups but it also has 2 full-sized snooker tables and a bowling green. Our bowlers were runners-up in the Age Concern South league, having been winners in 2023 and the bowls roll-ups, competitions and friendly matches against other clubs remain well-supported and enjoyed by all. The snooker players enjoy matches in both internal and external competitions and numbers are growing all the time.

In 2024 there were four major improvements where we employed contractors to do the work for us. The snooker tables were re-covered, the chimney stack above the toilets was removed, the bar area was re-furbished, and a specialist greenkeeper was called in to scarify and hollow tine the bowling green, something that had not been done for several years.

Moving briefly to plans for 2025, the committee has started the process of undertaking some major improvements to the main hall, which will include upgrading the heaters and lighting as well as re-furbishing the décor.

The Patteson Club is run by a committee of volunteers who are always willing to go the extra mile to keep the building up and running. We are very fortunate to have many members, whether they serve on the committee or not, who actively help with maintaining and developing this club and we look forward to 2025 with a very positive outlook.

Anne Barnes

Trustee and Treasurer – Patteson Parish Room & Club

Appendix 9 – Annual report of St Peter's Church

This past year has seen St. Peter's continue to live by our vision of sharing God's love in our community which comes out of Jesus' command to love our neighbours as ourselves.

This has seen us continue to try to serve the community with the groups we put on to help and support Cringleford life including our Lunch Club for the elderly, our Memory Lane Café for those who are suffering with memory problems (and anyone else who fancies a cuppa!), our Cringletots toddler group and other church run groups such as our Mothers' Union group. These weekday activities are really core to how we continue to want to serve Cringleford week in week out

in the coming year. We have continued to run ad hoc events like our ever popular pancake race and our Mothering Friday event – both looking to celebrate this community and giving people a place and time to gather as a community regardless of religious belief or whatever else may be seen as dividing us. We are also still running “Cringleford Assembly” our monthly community gathering in Cringleford CEVA Primary School which is now mainly run by the newest member of the St.Peter’s team The Revd. Charlotte Eagles.

We continue to support and serve Cringleford CEVA primary school and are delighted to also have built relationships with Cringleford Prep including hosting their first ever carol service in St.Peter’s. We have also recently opened up a community pantry in St.Peter’s church and can report it is being well used in it’s first months of operation. Our pantry is open 24/7 and we do seem to have people using it at all times of the day and night.

We are also thankful for the support of the Parish Council in the upkeep of our churchyard and grounds and in your support of our wonderful group who keep the churchyard looking so good. We have also held quizzes and fairs which have the twofold aim of both raising some funds for the church but also being places where myriad parts of the community can mingle and chat. We also go into both care homes in our parish to support them and offer comfort and services to the residents.

All this is before we get to supporting the community with our Sunday services, our weddings, funerals and baptisms, our holding of special services for Remembrance and other times of year. We also often visit those who cannot leave their houses or find it difficult to get out and hope that we can be a group that continues to link, support and celebrate our growing and diverse community.

We love serving this community and are hoping to continue to do so over the next year.

Appendix 10 – Annual report of the Yare Valley Society

YVS report 09/04/25

Like many residents of Cringleford I regularly enjoy walking in the green space of the Yare Valley. It’s easy to forget sometimes how fortunate we are to have such a landscape on our doorsteps but that doesn’t always happen by accident or without intervention. I joined the Yare Valley Society to support its work in promoting the well-being of the Valley into the future.

The origins of the Society are firmly grounded in Cringleford. As you’ll see from the copies of the YVS Newsletter number 1 (from June 1989) on display it was a group in Cringleford that successfully appealed against a housing development

on Gurney Lane that was the stimulus for establishing the Yare Valley Society in its present form. The Society was seen as necessary to counter the numerous threats to the green space of the Valley over time. A member of the Cringleford group, Elaine Tucker subsequently served for many years as Chair of the Society.

The Valley, with its Chalk Stream River Yare, is a major green infrastructure corridor in the local wildlife network. The Yare Valley Society's main area of interest is the river valley from Bawburgh and Colney Lakes to Harford bridge; but the Society also responds to anything that impacts on the integrity of the green infrastructure corridor downstream to Whitlingham Park. The Society is the only organization that monitors the needs of the Valley as a whole. A single change in another part of the Valley can have an impact on Cringleford and all along the Valley green corridor.

In this year, as in previous years, the Society has continued to influence what happens in the Valley:

The McCarthy Stone Development on the Bluebell Road has been given particular attention. It was in January 2024 that the Society sent a report to the Norwich City Council drawing attention to what the Society suspected was a breach in the ecological planning conditions for the development. The City Council planning enforcement team took swift action, and progress began to be made. In October of 2024 the Society sent a second report to the Council detailing the progress that had been made and what remained to be done. It is only now that matters are getting close to full resolution. In 2025 we have seen work to complete the landscaping, planting out and finally the public access to the green space adjacent to the McCarthy Stone site. One outstanding matter is a barrier fence between phase 2 and phase 3 of the development that blocks wildlife and human movement between the two phases – contrary to the original masterplan. The Society has been assured that the barrier will, at least in part, be removed.

Another matter of concern to many Cringleford residents has been the closure of the riverside boardwalk between UEA and the Strawberry Field. The University, as other universities is currently under financial strain, and the financing of a replacement is beyond its resources. The Society has met with university officials with the aim of supporting them in possible bids for funding. Some progress is being made and later this month we expect to meet with UEA and other community stakeholders to discuss a design for the boardwalk.

As always, our members have acted as our eyes and ears and regularly report on issues affecting the Valley, including footpath obstructions, fallen trees, vegetation cutting, and other concerns. And the Society has acted to resolve the issues raised.

The Society remains alert to anything that might impact on the well-being of the Valley. One major threat at the moment is human overuse of the Valley as evidenced by its worn and ever widening footpaths, and the impact the overuse is having on wildlife. This threat can only grow as the number of local residents increases. More public open green space is needed to ease the threat. It is the reason why it is important that the areas of green space associated with various developments in Cringleford, and others, such as the McCarthy Stone development, are properly landscaped and planted to fit in with the local green infrastructure network. The residents of Cringleford and their Cringleford Parish Council can play an important part in achieving this end. If you are not already a member of the Yare Valley Society please do consider joining and adding your voice to protect this rare and important environment.

And please enjoy our website: <https://yarevalleysociety.org.uk/>