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Cringleford Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday the 10th of June 2026 at 7.30pm The Willow Centre, Willowcroft Way, Cringleford.

Professor T Wang – in the Chair (TW)
Mr T Joy (TJ)
Mr J Chalangary (JC)
Mr E Coulthard (EC)

Mrs P Fuller (PF)
Mr R Simmons (RS)
Mr S Chapman (SC)

In attendance:-

Sonya Blythe – Parish Clerk
Samantha Thurston – Assistant Parish Clerk
County Councillor Daniel Elmer
District Councillor Deborah Sacks
Chris Stace (Business Manager – The Humbleyard Practice)
John Elbro (Yare Valley Society)
30 members of the public

1	To receive apologies for absence
	Apologies were received and accept from Cllrs Nunney, Miller and Chaplin.
2	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2025
	The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.
3	To receive the annual report of the Chair of the Council
	The report was circulated and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 1. The Chair highlighted the following: - The Parish Council were pleased that a signalised crossing had been installed between the bus interchange and Roundhouse Park. - A trod path would shortly be laid between the Tesco Express and the bus interchange. - Planning permission had been granted for the pump track. TW highlighted that the facility had been requested by local young people; however, that it would be beneficial for residents of all ages, offering something for everyone. It was noted that the pump track would provide young people with a positive recreational activity, particularly in light of the significant increase in antisocial behaviour that had been experienced of late. - TWC thanked all Councillors and staff for all their hard work over the last year.

4	To receive an update from The Humbleyard Practice
	The report was circulated and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 2. Chris highlighted the following: - Forms of A.I. and algorithms were being implemented, where it was proven that they were beneficial to both the surgery staff and patients. - Two additional clinical rooms had been built, with two more rooms being planned for next year. - Chris asked that patients walk or cycle to the surgery where possible, as the car park was extremely busy due to the increase in appointments and patients. - The new surgery planned for Hethersett was due to begin building in Summer 2027. Chris thanked South Norfolk District Council for their support with the expansion. Cllr Chalangary asked whether there had been any improvement with the number of missed appointments at the surgery. Chris indicated that this was monitored weekly, and that missed appointments were getting slightly better, with 1 in 20 being recorded as missed currently. Chris indicated that the surgery was working hard to make it easier to cancel appointments and welcomed any feedback. <i>Chris Stace left the meeting.</i>
5	To receive a Local Government Review from District Councillor Sacks & County Councillor Elmer and received questions from residents
	Cllr Elmers annual District Council report is attached to these minutes as Appendix 3. Cllr Sacks and Cllr Elmer introduced themselves. Cllr Elmer gave an overview of the previous year, highlighting that SNDC were committed to the build of the Hethersett surgery which would increase capacity and take pressure off the Mulbarton and Cringleford surgeries. It was noted that the £6 million for the build was waiting to be used, and that the land had been transferred, with construction expected to commence spring 2027. Cllr Elmer was also happy to report the support given by the District Council to the Patterson rooms, with help towards their renovation, and the Parish Council, with its pump track and planting of its Miyawaki forests. Cllr Sacks and Cllr Elmer explained to the meeting the current situation regarding the local government re-organisation of the County Council and District Councils. It was noted that three authorities for 'Greater Norwich', 'East Norfolk' and 'West Norfolk' would replace the existing County Council and 7 District Councils. Cllr Elmer informed the meeting that as leader of South Norfolk District Council he would be opposing this and

challenging the government in an attempt to stop the change. Cllr Elmer believed that Cringleford should not be part of Greater Norwich, as he believed that the parish would be sidelined at the expense of Norwich. Cllr Sacks explained the benefits of a unitary government, explaining that the services provided by County Council and District Councils were disjointed and would best serve the population if they were more cohesive and worked closer together (e.g. rubbish collection and rubbish disposal both being under the same umbrella). Both Councillors agreed that there were issues regarding the boundary lines as they were currently supposed to be. Cllr Sacks disagreed with Cllr Elmer regarding challenging the government believing it to be a waste of time and money.

A parishioner was concerned that even with the build of the new Hethersett surgery, the Cringleford surgery would still be in the same position as the population had increased due to the new residential developments. Cllr Elmer sympathised and explained that the District Council was doing everything in its power to help with the situation, noting that it was a unique situation that it was intervening in the first place, as it was not the responsibility of District Councils to build health services. Cllr Sacks added that the planning departments needed to be better when considering developments and ensuring that the infrastructure was in place before residential buildings were built and occupied, noting that the Hethersett surgery was being built far too late.

A parishioner enquired about the money that had been received by Cringleford from the developers. TW explained that the parish had received section 106 money, which was earmarked to support the facilities provided for parishioners, and CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) which was earmarked for projects such as the pump track and the Jubilee Centre. TW confirmed that the Parish Council received 25% CIL money, with the remaining 75% being given to the District Council. Cllr Elmer confirmed that the CIL money for the district was divided into pots including education, transport, green infrastructure and community. He indicated that Cringleford Prep school would have fallen under the education pot, and projects such as the Jubilee Centre and pump track would have been supported using the community pot.

A parishioner asked whether any progress had been made with the retail areas expected on St Giles Park. Cllr Elmer indicated that the developers were actively negotiating with retail providers regarding the commercial unit, however nothing concrete had been agreed upon.

Cllr Chalangary asked what the purpose of the legal challenge of the government was, asking whether it was to re-negotiate the boundary lines, or the entire re-organisation. Cllr Elmer clarified that the District Council sought to stop the re-organisation going ahead, with what came

	next being determined further down the line. The Chair thanked Cllr Elmer and Cllr Sacks.
6	To receive a verbal report from the Yare Valley Society A written report had been received from the Yare Valley Society and is attached to the minutes as Appendix 4. John gave the following verbal report: - Successful grant bids including lottery funding and District Council grants meant that works for the UEA boardwalk could go ahead, with plans for completion by spring 2027. - John implored parishioners to come along to the society's meetings, stressing the importance of residents' input. - John informed the meeting that residents could hear more about the boardwalk progression at the society's AGM, where the UEA landscape manager and his team who carried the bid forward would be giving a presentation and would be available to answer questions. - A pre-consultation on a new care home development by LNT Care Developments was discussed. It was noted that the pre-consultation ended on the 11th June 2026. John directed parishioners to the Yare Valley Society's website¹, where information relating to new consultations could be found. Cllr Chalangary asked John what the society's concerns were regarding the care home development. John explained that the area of development had been a previously designated green corridor, that the proposed design of the building had no consideration for local setting, and that the landscaping was not sufficient to soften the building. A parishioner added that the parking allocation would not be adequate. The Chair thanked John.
7	To receive parishioner's questions on local issues A parishioner enquired about any progress regarding the ongoing parking outside of the Tesco Express. The Clerk confirmed that County Council had not yet adopted the roads on Roundhouse Park, and therefore the responsibility of the roads remained with the developer (Tilia Homes). TW explained that the Parish Council raised the issue with the developer regularly but that it would be raised again at its next meeting with Tilia Homes. A parishioner raised concerns regarding the traffic along Keswick Road in light of the roadworks taking place on the A11 and A47. TW explained that unfortunately it was out of the Parish Council's control, but that the Council had implemented measures that were within its powers to try and

¹ [Yare Valley Society – Enhancing the Valley for wildlife and informal recreation](#)

	help the situation e.g. speed bumps and gateways at the parish's boundaries. TW highlighted that the Council had advocated for a 20mph limit across the parish but that this had been unsuccessful, with only the new developments benefitting from a lower speed limit. TW implored parishioners to contact the Parish Clerk with any traffic concerns as the Council had a Road Safety Group that regularly looked at issues raised, noting that any feedback was welcome. A parishioner highlighted that the exit of the St Giles Estate had unfortunately not been afforded the benefit of traffic signals as part of the roundabout upgrades, which posed an ongoing danger as frustrated road users took chances pulling out rather than waiting for gaps in the traffic flow. TW noted that hopefully the planned change in speed limit from 50mph to 40mph along the A11 (Newmarket Road) would help with the issue. A parishioner asked about jurisdictions regarding recording of doorbell cameras in residential areas where houses were close together. Cllr Elmer would investigate this and provide the Clerk with the contact details of someone who may be able to assist the parishioner with their query. TW thanked Councillors and parishioners for attending and explained that up to date news could be found on the Parish Council's website, which he encouraged residents to subscribe to if they wished to keep up to date with the latest parish news.
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Meeting closed at 20:40.

Signed:

Date:

Appendix

(includes written annual reports that were available at the Annual Parish Meeting)

Appendix 1 – Annual report of the Chair of the Council

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting for the year 2025-26

From the numbers attending, Parishioners seemed to appreciate the presentations and refreshments at last year's Annual Parish meeting, so we have retained the format for this year, including several invited speakers. The Annual Parish Meeting is not our AGM but an opportunity for Parishioners to raise suggestions with the Parish Council as part of the process of local accountability, and to learn what we have achieved across the last year. We receive several annual reports for the meeting from various organisations, including District and County Councils, the local schools, and clubs.

The Parish Council now employs 13 staff (8FTE), an increase of two over last year, to accommodate all the extra work for our grounds staff and caretakers, given the new open spaces and facilities that we now own. Council had a full complement of 11 members across most of the year and operated several committees and 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 £0.7M this coming year, including income from the precept and grants, but excluding community infrastructure levy expenditure. Details of our budget and other financial items can be found on our website.

We look after the Parish's buildings, most play areas, green spaces, hedges and streetlighting and keep them in good order using earmarked maintenance funds. We also mow some verges on behalf of the County 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

To maintain our full complement, we welcomed two new members of Council this year, Paula Fuller and Tijo Joy, both from Roundhouse Gate, following the resignations of Cllrs Arias and Fielding. Full Council meets monthly except in August. It receives reports and recommendations from the other committees and working groups for its consideration and makes decisions where appropriate. It also receives reports from outside bodies such as our County 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. This year we have worked with BDWH over their Phase 2 development to ensure their proposed green spaces and footpaths meet our needs. We attended South Norfolk's Development Management Committee to make the case for the proposed road link between Cringleford Heights and Roundhouse Gate. With Tilia we have worked to optimise green spaces on their additional Roundhouse Gate sites and ensure that there are suitable footpaths and safe road crossings in place for people to pass between their development, Cringleford Heights and Roundhouse Park.

This winter we also put in place a second orchard as part of St Giles Park, plus four Miyawaki mini forests –two on St Giles and two on Roundhouse Park–that we hope will increase biodiversity in the area.

Personnel Committee (PC)

This committee meets when necessary to consider staffing matters. It met three times over the last year to discuss maternity cover and our staffing structure. We appointed additional staff for caretaking, grounds maintenance and for maternity cover. Currently, the Parish Council employs three clerking staff, three grounds staff, and seven caretakers to cover our three buildings and all our open spaces and playgrounds.

Advisory Groups

Community infrastructure Levy (CIL) Group

The group oversees the monies that come to the Parish from developers via this levy 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. This year it has allocated around 50% of the funds for the pump track, the remainder coming via grants from the Hornsea 3 Community Fund and South Norfolk Council. It also allocated more than £10K for repairs to our play areas this year and next, some of which pays for the vandalism we are currently experiencing.

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 and insurances. It presented a draft annual budget to Council in December. Because of a significant increase in the population and hence the tax base for Cringleford (essentially the number of house paying Council Tax), it was able to recommend a freeze in the precept whilst still covering our running costs.

Recreation and Amenities Advisory Group (RAAG)

RAAG oversees the running of our facilities around the Parish. Their main work over this year has been initiating our pump track project, revising our Recreation Strategy, bringing our allotments into place on Cringleford Heights, and liaising with Big Sky and the Junior Football Club over the new pitches on St Giles Park.

The revision of our Recreation Strategy is well under way, and the basic outline strategy is complete; the action plan is currently undergoing amendments. Having The Jubilee Centre's football pitches brought up to scratch and handed over to us is a key piece of the Strategy.

Following several consultations, including working with young people and enthusiasts, RAAG proposed the location of a pump/cycle track on the disused field next to The Willow Centre. Originally designated as a football pitch, the field was deemed unusable by the football clubs operating in the area. Following a neighbourhood-wide consultation, initially for our original recreation strategy, RAAG recommended turning part of the field into a track, an idea that was subsequently approved by Council. After interviewing several companies, one was chosen with the help of our focus group, the plans finalized and then passed to PEC to obtain planning permission via a full planning application with the help of our chosen company, Four One Four. We hope that the pump track will be in place later this year.

The land for the allotments was prepared, and a low rail fence was put in place ready for holders to start last autumn. All the allotments are now occupied, and we have a short waiting list. We hope more allotments will become available once building on the southern parcel of Cringleford Heights is underway.

If there is any leisure facility that you feel is missing from Cringleford, please do get in touch with your suggestions. Please also remember that we do not look after all the green spaces and play areas in Cringleford, and some are yet to become our responsibility.

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. This year it welcomed the start of several road improvements in the area to meet its strategy. Most notable are the changes to Roundhouse roundabout on the A11. After a lengthy delay, the roadworks were completed and included the long-awaited signalised pedestrian crossing by the bus interchange. Another place of concern for residents has been the crossing on the A11 from Roundhouse to St Giles Park. There have been several near misses because vehicles have not slowed down sufficiently on the approach to the lights. The group explored options to reduce the risk with Norfolk County Council, and the Parish Council

agreed to pay towards the cost of lowering the speed of the traffic on the approach to the lights in both directions from 50 to 40 mph. For maximum safety, Council would have preferred a footbridge, but this was deemed too costly by the County. The Parish Council have also had approval under the Parish Partnership Scheme to have a trod path built on Roundhouse Way, from the shop on Dragonfly Lane to the bus interchange. Again, this was something requested by Parishioners when surveyed for the new neighbourhood development plan. The trod will be in place by the end of this financial year and should make walking to and from the bus interchange easier and safer. We always welcome any ideas from residents for making our Parish even safer.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (CNDP)

This group consists of six Councillors and two parishioners, one of whom recently became a Councillor. Council employed Collective Community Planning to draw up the new plan with us. We had additional work and costs this year as the Government withdrew some of the support for neighborhood plans although this was partly compensated by a grant from South Norfolk Council. However, we have managed to keep within our original budget and reached a milestone in that a draft Plan and Design Code, plus a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment are now with South Norfolk Council for feedback. Once their observations have been considered and, where necessary, incorporated into the plan, it will be circulated to all residents for their comments before going to Government for agreement to adopt. We hope that by this time next year, we will have a new plan in place to help maintain and protect the environment of Cringleford.

Highlights

This year's highlights are, firstly, the road improvements. It was most gratifying to see the crossing in place at Cringleford's bus interchange. Crossing Roundhouse Way has been a concern of Council and Parishioners for many years and there have been several near misses and accidents. A trod on Roundhouse Way is also something that Parishioners have been requesting, and consequently it was written in to our revised Neighbourhood Plan. Its approval by Norfolk County Council, therefore, was most welcome. We were also pleased to be able to freeze the precept this year whilst keeping within our budget.

The next highlight has to be the receipt of planning consent for the pump track and the award of funds covering half its cost from the Hornsea 3 Community Fund and South Norfolk Council. The support for it from these funders and from the number of people's positive comments on the planning website were most gratifying. We know it is not to everyone's liking, nothing we do ever is, including the hedgehog signs we put up recently, but Council has to think of the community at large. The track has been designed to allow all ages to use it. Despite opposition on the grounds that it will create antisocial behaviour, among other undesirable activities, evidence suggests completely

the opposite. It will provide sport and exercise for people for whom there are few opportunities currently available in Cringleford.

Personally, I also enjoyed helping with the various plantings around the Parish—our second orchard and the mini forests. It was good to get some fresh air and meet the enthusiastic volunteers who came to help with both projects. They came from all walks of life including Easton College and Norwich City Council!

The saddest point this year, not a highlight at all but a lowlight, was all the criminal damage that has occurred around the Parish, frequently carried out by young people some of whom were witnessed by passersby or were caught on CCTV. I sincerely hope that by increasing the facilities we have for them to use, they will find them a more rewarding use of their time.

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

Trevor L Wang, Chairman, May 2026.

Appendix 2 – Annual report from The Humbleyard Practice

Report to Cringleford Parish 29 May 2026

Dear Councillors and Parishioners,

The Humbleyard Practice continues to work hard to improve access to care for patients in Cringleford and the surrounding area. We know that patients can sometimes find general practice busy and frustrating, and we want to explain what we are doing to increase capacity, make better use of our buildings, and direct patients to the right care as quickly and safely as possible.

More clinical space

One of the biggest limits on the number of appointments we can offer is the number of clinical rooms available. Over the winter we reconfigured part of the Cringleford Surgery building, reducing the size of one clinical room and part of the waiting room to create two additional consulting rooms.

This project went well, and we are now planning a small side extension to create another two rooms. To put this into context, the original Cringleford Surgery, built around 1990, had four clinical rooms. We now have eleven, with a further two planned. This reflects the growth in demand for local healthcare and the increasing range of services provided in general practice.

This success does bring challenges. More clinicians, more appointments and the 2010 Hurn pharmacy all place pressure on a very small car park, and we recognise that parking can be difficult at busy times. Please drive carefully or better – cycle or walk if you can.

More clinical staff and wider skills

The Practice is also investing in people. We are currently recruiting another GP and have increased the working time of another GP, giving an 8.5% increase in GP capacity this year. We now have a very stable workforce, which is helping us improve both appointment capacity and continuity of care.

Our physician associates, who work under close GP supervision and within defined roles, support the clinical team and help us respond to patient need. The GP Partners also continue to invest heavily in professional development across the whole Practice team. We are particularly developing the skills of our nursing and pharmacist team in areas such as diabetes, respiratory disease and heart problems, so that more patients can be supported by the right clinician at the right time.

Helping patients reach the right care

The pressure on general practice remains relentless. To manage this safely and fairly, we ask patients and carers to complete our online form unless the health problem is urgent.

We appreciate that online forms are not everyone's preferred route, but they help our trained team and the supervising "dashboard" GP assess requests, identify urgent problems, and arrange the right appointment with the right clinician. This might be a GP, nurse, pharmacist, physician associate, healthcare assistant, or another member of the wider team, depending on the patient's need.

Future plans

Looking ahead, the proposed new 16-room medical centre in Hethersett should help relieve some of the pressure for patients across The Humbleyard Practice area. This project is gathering pace. South Norfolk District Council is currently appointing a development partner, and the Integrated Care Board is considering how the new building will support the developing Neighbourhood model of more closely integrated primary care services.

We are grateful to our patients and parishioners for their continued support and understanding. Patients can help us by using the online form where appropriate, cancelling appointments they no longer need, and treating our staff with kindness and respect as they work hard to help everyone.

Yours sincerely,
The Humbleyard Practice

Appendix 3 – Annual report from District Councillor Daniel Elmer

Daniel Elmer - Cringleford, Colney, Keswick and Intwood Annual Report

Food Waste Rollout:

South Norfolk Council, following a government mandate, will begin rolling out food waste collections from July 2026, with a goal of all houses being served by the end of September 2026. Residents will receive a leaflet 5-6 weeks before the start date informing them of initiation, they will also receive:

- A small indoor kitchen caddy
- A 23 litre outdoor food waste bin
- Liners to keep your caddy clean

Local Government Re-organisation

The government has set out its intent to abolish Norfolk County Council and the seven District Councils (including South Norfolk), and replace it with three unitary authorities across Norfolk. Cringleford, Colney, and Keswick will all be included in Greater Norwich, with elections due to happen in May 2027 and the new authorities coming into effect from May 2028.

South Norfolk has set out its oppositions to these plans, citing concerns about the sustainability of the new East Norfolk unitary, and particularly in the case of Greater Norwich, concerns that settlements of the periphery of the council will become 'second tier citizens' to the urban core, and in particular that taxpayers in South Norfolk should take on liability for the City Councils higher debts and liabilities.

New Medical Centre

Work is progressing on creating a new surgery for the Humbleyard group in Hethersett, with the intention of relieving pressure on all three existing surgeries (Hethersett, Cringleford and Mulbarton). The land transfer is now complete, capital funding is allocated, and the Council is currently awaiting final sign off from the local ICB (Integrated Care Board) when work can then commence.

Changes to Planning

Shortly after taking office, the government revised its housing targets, which had the impact of increasing those for Norwich, South Norfolk and Broadland by c. 600 houses per annum. Failure to show a plan to meet this results in the area

falling victim to predatory applications and local residents losing control over what goes where. Therefore, the Council is updating its local plan to address the shortfall. Concurrently, the government has introduced new rules that say if a council wants to reject a planning application of more than 100 houses, it must first consult with the Minister.

South Norfolks priorities in this are clear, to protect the Southern Bypass landscape zone, and also the strategic gap between Hethersett and Cringleford.

Grant funding available for the coming year:

- Community Action Fund: Open until 16 August, bids can be up to £40k and is for the purposes of delivering new community infrastructure.
- Community Facilities Grant: Open until the 16 August, bids can be up to £40k to support and fund capital improvements to a community facility/building. These could be major refurbishments, adding solar panels, moving heat pumps etc.
- Nature Conservation Fund: Likely to be up to £20k to support projects that enhance biodiversity, sequester carbon, and are publicly accessible.
- Members Ward Funding: Up to £2k per district councillor for the coming year, can be used largely at members discretion.
- In Bloom: Up to £1 per resident in each parish in South Norfolk, this is to provide for immediate projects such as floral displays, landscaping, public art with planting schemes, support for community gardens, or initiatives to support pollinators.

[Appendix 4 – Annual report from the Yare Valley Society](#)

Yare Valley Society report to Cringleford Parish Meeting 2026

Your actions make the difference:

The Boardwalk: Providing evidence of community support

Our activity this year with most immediate impact on the Yare Valley has been our partnership with the UEA in successfully securing funding of £260,899 from the Greater Norwich Growth Board towards replacing the UEA Boardwalk. The bid would not have been viable without **strong community support**, clearly signalled by your donations towards the cost. Together with funds from other sources the estimated cost of replacement of £439,708 has been reached. Work on the new boardwalk will begin in Autumn 2026 to a timetable to minimise disturbance to wildlife. Completion is due in Spring 2027.

The UEA and YVS are also seeking funding from the National Lottery Community Fund for a “UEA Boardwalk Community Engagement Project”. This should cover the cost of the launch, training of volunteer guides, signage and educational materials, and consulting the community on how the project should proceed.

Consultations: Making your views known.

We have responded to all consultations on matters likely to impact on the Valley. A thank you to all who **strengthen our case** by their individual responses. Consultations this year included:

A number of public meetings were organised by UEA to establish what the community expect of the **Boardwalk** in terms of design, furniture elements, access, and what else is thought to be important.

The government’s consultation on the draft of the **Planning and Infrastructure Bill**. The Bill was seen as weakening the existing safeguards for nature. YVS responded and our website gave suggestions on how you could respond. Some changes to the Bill were made, but it was passed in November 1925 with concerns regarding wildlife remaining.

South Norfolk District Council’s (SNDC’s) consultation on a draft of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) dealing with **Landscape Susceptibility in relation to Energy Generation, Storage and Transmission** was complex and not easy to respond to. Because of the unique nature of the Valley compared with the other river valleys in South Norfolk, YVS pressed for the Corridor to be given a special status and be included in the report under its own separate section. SNDC did not make this change, and the SPD went through largely unchanged. We remain with serious concerns about the outcome.

A pre-planning consultation for a care home is currently taking place on phase 3 of the Bartram Mowers site on Bluebell Road at <https://Intcaredevelopmentsconsultation.co.uk/bluebellroad/> . We have serious concerns about what is being proposed. Please respond if you can by tomorrow, 11th June. We will be responding again when a Planning Application is submitted.

Nature News: Raising awareness of what to see in the Valley.

We continue to rely on your contributions of photos and news about the wildlife of the Valley. These may be on Instagram, Facebook, or for publication on the website.

Particular thanks to Tim Hill who regularly enlightens us on the birds to be seen on Marston Marsh. In 2025 work was done on the Keswick side of the marsh to improve the river’s ability to store water in times of flood, and to improve

marshland wildlife habitat. The marsh was reconnected to the river, and several large scrapes created. It is pleasing that Tim was able to report an increase in bird activity as a result.

Getting the job done: Lending a helping hand

As always, the well-being of the Valley depends on your willingness to lend a hand. Most recently this has involved tree planting and seeding on the meadow by the University Broad. Volunteering opportunities are available with the Yare Valley Meadow Makers, UEA Biodiversity Heroes, the Norwich Fringe Project, the UEA Landscape Team, the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, the Norfolk Rivers Trust and the Conservation Volunteers.

Support the Yare Valley Society: Come to our AGM

All who value the Valley are welcome at our AGM at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17th June at the Cringleford Sports Pavilion.

In our joint bids with UEA for the Boardwalk funding we worked with a great UEA team of Justine Mann and Orla Condra. After the business of the AGM, joined by Tom Everett, UEA Landscape Manager, Justine and Orla will give a presentation and answer questions on how the Boardwalk project might be expected to progress.

John Elbro Chair

June 2026

[Appendix 5 – Annual report from the Patteson Room and Club](#)

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2026

REPORT FROM THE PATTESON PARISH ROOM AND CLUB

The Patteson parish room has been a major feature of Cringleford life since being built in 1911. It is primarily a social club with rooms, kitchen and bar, but with a key benefit of access to excellent snooker and bowls facilities. Losing any of these elements, the Patteson would not be able to maintain and improve the premises, such as took place in 2025 with the installation of new dimmable LED lights in the main room and new wall heaters in both the main and front rooms. Further improvements, scheduled for this coming August, involve a major re-decoration of the main and front rooms plus the bar area. This programme of work was enabled by grants of £8,500 from South Norfolk Council's Community Action Fund and £1,000 from Cringleford Parish Council.

The club's finances and membership numbers remain in good shape. Membership remains buoyant with 38 members joining the club in 2025 and a further 29 so far this year, many on the recommendation of existing members.

Club social events remain a key attraction for many members. Fund-raising events comprising two quiz & chips nights, a New Year's lunch, a summer barbecue and an afternoon tea were again very popular. Our popular social evenings on the first Friday of every month remain a great opportunity for members to chat with each other whilst having a drink from the only licensed bar in the village or playing cards, board games, dominoes, darts and snooker.

Our snooker room is open all year round with two full-sized tables available for members to play from 8am to 10pm. For those who want to play competitive snooker, we run in-house leagues and ladders and enter a team in the Norwich Handicap League, last year finishing fourth out of 11 teams.

Bowls is played on our four outdoor rinks between April and September. As well as regular roll-ups and in-house competitions, the club plays league and friendly matches against other clubs. The club finished a very respectable third in the Age Concern league.

Several groups hire out our main room for regular meetings and one-off events, taking advantage of the modern and excellent facilities on offer.

A key objective of the trustees is to ensure our facilities remain fit for purpose not only for today's needs but also for future generations. To this end, the Patteson Club is very fortunate to have not only a strong team of trustees but also several members who volunteer to help at social events or on working parties. It's through their dedication and hard work, together with the support of our loyal membership, that the Patteson Club is and always will be a thriving and welcoming place at the heart of the local community.

Richard Dale

Chairman of the Patteson Parish Room and Club trustees

[Appendix 6 – Annual report from Cringleford Primary School](#)



John 10.10 That you will have life in all its fullness

Cringelford 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 Parish Meeting

10th June 2026

This brief report captures a few of the key moments and highlights from the past year at Cringelford CEVA Primary School. Our newsletter, which generally is published every few weeks, celebrates the recent events and activities so I would encourage you to take a look using this link – [News, Letters and Forms | Cringelford CE VA Primary School](#)

RE Quality Mark – at the end of 2025, we applied for the RE Quality Mark which involves a lengthy and robust process in which the school self-evaluates the quality of RE teaching and the impact this is having on the children's learning. With the strong SIAMS report supporting us we felt relatively confident that we were meeting the silver standard but were delighted when the assessor (who met with the RE lead, the head, staff and children during the validation process) determined that we had met the Gold standard, the highest achievement.

We have been shortlisted for the South East Regional ARC Timpson Award which recognises work with children and training for staff about attachment and trauma. The celebration takes place in London, in July.

Tuesday cooking group – a small group of children who benefit from the opportunity to learn how to take turns, collaborate and manage themselves in social situations, attend a weekly cooking group where they make some delicious dishes.
Able to Be gymnastics sessions – a few of our younger children who need a bespoke curriculum within our mainstream school have accessed 5 sessions at a local gymnastics club.
Forest School – our Forest School lead has created a wonderful space on our school field which is used weekly by our Reception and Year 1 pupils.

SIAMS – Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools
Last May, we were inspected under the SIAMS framework which looks to determine whether the school is living up to its Christian vision. Throughout the inspection we were able to very confidently talk about and provide evidence to support this. We were delighted with the final report which speaks of inclusion being a particular strength – *'its diverse community is supported by a comprehensive and broad ranging offer. Social, emotional and academic support is highly effective resulting in positive change which enriches and equips people for life'*. And *'the school's distinctive Christian vision motivates and inspires, it is the driving force of action and policy. Founded on the Christian values of compassion and courage, people thrive in this supportive and cohesive community'*. Developing the language of spirituality is an area we agreed we will work on. If you would like to read the full report it can be found on our website - [Key Information | Cringelford CE VA Primary School](#)

Footsteps to Norfolk project – through our involvement with the Diocese's Racial Justice Champions, we, along with a few other church schools are collaborating in a project which will culminate in a display in Norwich over the summer. A small group of children visited the UEA, where they interviewed international students to discover why they chose Norwich to study. In June the children will be taking a masterclass at the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts and these art pieces will accompany a series of soundscapes of people telling their stories about how they found their way to Norfolk.

In April, our Year 5's once again performed in the dance show which is run by the sports partnership. CASMA - on the same evening, 27 children sang in St Peter Mancroft church along with children from 5 other schools.

Pupil Numbers – we currently have 458 children which is around the same as last year.
Performance data – our summer 2025 outcomes for Year 6 (where children skills in reading, writing and maths are tested and measured against the national standard) remained very strong compared to the national outcomes UK wide, with a significant strength again in reading which saw 93% meet the expected standard and 58% the greater depth standard. Since September 2021, when we introduced a new phonics and early reading scheme to the younger children, we have been clear in our collective ambition that every child will be well equipped to read before they transfer to high school. Evidence proves that the ability to read well is the key which unlocks potential future success.

Should you have any questions about our school, please contact the office. Mrs. J. Humphrey (Headteacher)

Appendix 7 – Annual report from Cringleford Junior Football Club

Club report

Cringleford Junior Football Club – Chair's Report (End of Season 2025/26)

As we reach the end of the 2025/26 season, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to all players, parents, coaches and volunteers who contribute to Cringleford Junior Football Club. The club continues to be underpinned by a strong sense of community, and this ongoing support remains essential to its success.

This season has been one of continued growth and development. The club now supports over 400 players, delivered by more than 100 coaches, with sustained expansion across boys', girls' and inclusive football. Key developments include the strengthening of our development pathways, including our JPL performance programme, the continued growth of girls' football, and the expansion of our inclusive and disability provision.

On the field, we have seen positive progress across all age groups, with improved standards and strong participation. However, our primary focus remains on providing an environment where young people can enjoy football, feel included, and develop both individually and as part of a team. Looking ahead to the 2026/27 season, the club is expected to grow further, with player numbers projected to approach 500. As part of this growth, the club will prioritise maintaining high standards, improving consistency across teams, and reducing administrative pressures on volunteers, under the principle of:

Less admin. More football. Higher standards.

Cringleford Junior Football Club continues to operate as a not-for-profit organisation, with all income reinvested into the development of players, facilities, and equipment. We are also exploring sponsorship opportunities to enhance provision and support the long-term sustainability of the club. The continued growth of the club places increasing demand on local facilities. We are working with local partners to explore long-term improvements and ensure that provision keeps pace with participation levels. This remains a key priority as we look to support the growing number of young people engaging in football within the parish.

In addition to football development, the club continues to support wider wellbeing through its "Greater Game" approach, promoting positive habits, physical activity and mental wellbeing alongside sport.

Overall, the club remains in a strong position, supported by a committed volunteer base, clear development pathways, and a positive culture. With continued support, we are confident that Cringleford Junior Football Club will continue to grow in a sustainable and responsible manner.

Finally, I would like to thank the Parish Council for its ongoing support of the club, particularly in relation to facilities and shared community spaces. This partnership is vital to our continued development and to providing opportunities for young people within the parish.

Thank you.

Dan Brown – CJFC Chair

Appendix 8 – Annual report from Cringleford Crackerjacks



Crackerjacks Annual Report

It has been another highly successful year for Crackerjacks, marked by continued growth and development across both of our settings. This year has been particularly significant as it represents the first full year of operation for our nursery setting, following its opening in October 2024. We are delighted to report that both our original preschool and our newer nursery setting are thriving.

Demand for places remains exceptionally strong, with both settings operating at full capacity and maintaining waiting lists. This reflects the confidence that families continue to place in our provision and the reputation we have built within the local community.

Both settings are led by dedicated and experienced managers who provide excellent leadership to teams of enthusiastic, creative, and highly committed early years professionals. Their passion and expertise ensure that children receive high-quality care and education in nurturing and stimulating environments.

We are particularly proud of our strong track record in supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We work closely with families and external agencies to ensure that children receive the support they need to thrive. In addition, we continue to offer a wide range of speech and

language support, helping children to develop the communication skills that are so vital to their future learning and development.

Throughout the year, children have benefited from a variety of enriching experiences beyond the everyday curriculum. These have included visits from Baby Ballet and a yoga instructor, providing opportunities for movement, coordination, and wellbeing. The children also enjoyed the opportunity to hatch and handle ducklings, as well as a memorable animal experience visit from Mini Monsters, all of which helped to promote curiosity, learning, and confidence.

Like many organisations within the early years sector, we have also faced a number of challenges during the year. These include continued inadequate funding from central government for funded early years places, ongoing difficulties in recruiting qualified staff, an increase in the number of children requiring additional support and adapting to changes in regulatory requirements. Despite these pressures, our teams have worked tirelessly to maintain the high standards of care and education that our families expect.

As a registered charity, Crackerjacks relies on the support and guidance of our Board of Trustees, who generously volunteer their time and expertise. Their commitment is invaluable, and we would like to express our sincere gratitude for everything they do to support the organisation.

We are currently seeking additional trustees to join our Board. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals who would like to contribute to the success of a well-established local charity and help shape its future direction. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in becoming a trustee, we would be delighted to hear from you.

We would like to thank the Parish Council and the wider community for their continued support throughout the year and look forward to building on our successes in the year ahead.

Karen Latoy

Executive Manager, Cringleford Crackerjacks