



Dalham and Dunstall Green Parish Council

November 2022 Newsletter



Dalham Malt Kiln

As you may have noticed, the Malt Kiln at the junction of the Gazeley Road and Church Lane, has been cleaned up recently by a group of volunteers. With the kind permission of its owners, the parish council now intends to install a small plaque on the verge in front of the structure explaining its nature and history, and this project should be carried out in the next few months. We will be applying for funding from West Suffolk District Council to help with the costs.

Traffic on Stores Hill and parking near the bridge

There have been long standing concerns regarding the speed of vehicles descending Stores Hill into Dalham and the number of vehicles parked close to the B1085 bridge over the Kennett by the Affleck Arms, and the junction between Stores Hill and The Street. Both of these give rise to hazards to other road users, in particular pedestrians. With the help of funding from Suffolk County Council, the parish council has contracted with Suffolk Highways to provide additional warning signage on Stores Hill and double yellow lines to prevent parking near the bridge and junction. This work should be carried out in the near future.



Double Yellow lines here soon

Outcome of review of Parish boundary with Ousden

As noted in the previous parish newsletter, the location of the boundary between Ousden Parish Council and Dalham and Dunstall Green Parish Council was recently placed under review as part of a Suffolk-wide exercise. The parish council carried out a consultation exercise with the residents of Dunstall Green, which showed a strong majority wished to remain part of Dalham and Dunstall Green parish.

As a result of their views and the parish council's representations, West Suffolk District Council decided on 27th September that the change should only affect 5 properties at the southern end of Dunstall Green Road. The change will take effect on 1st April 2023 and residents affected will be notified directly before then.

Dog walkers

Several villagers have expressed concerns about inconsiderate use of footpaths by dog walkers who fail to clean up after their animals, or who leave plastic bags near paths. Whilst we can do nothing about dog walkers from outside the parish who don't behave well, please could everyone living in the parish help by setting them a good example. Unfortunately, despite the parish council's best efforts it has proved impossible to add waste bins to West Suffolk's rubbish collection rounds.

Quiet Lane signage on Denham Road

Signage designating the Denham Road as a Quiet Lane from the end of the 30mph limit in Dalham to the parish boundary with Barrow cum Denham has now been put in place. Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads on which priority is required to be given by drivers of motor vehicles to pedestrians, cyclist and horse riders, in order to enhance the safety of these road users, and make the use of the thoroughfare more pleasant for non-drivers.

There is no sign indicating the end of the Quiet Lane at the parish boundary with Denham, due to the fact that the Quiet Lane is to be extended through Denham village in the next wave of Quiet Lane schemes. <https://www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk>



Volunteer warden roles

Following the request for volunteer wardens in the last parish newsletter, Trevor Smith volunteered to become the new warden for our roadside nature reserve on the Denham Road and Christina Clayton volunteered for the role of tree warden for the parish. Our thanks to both of them for taking on their respective tasks.

Help with cost of living issues for households

With the recent increase in electricity, gas and other fuel costs, villagers may want to find out more about the various Government and charitable schemes to assist people with cost of living or other related issues. Information is available through the West Suffolk District Council website at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/cost-of-living, through the Government's Help for Households campaign at www.helpforhouseholdscampaign.gov.uk and through the Suffolk Infolink Community Directory.

Interest in becoming a parish councillor?

There are presently 7 parish councillors for Dalham and Dunstall Green and we are always interested in hearing from people who may have an interest in joining us. If you do have interest, please get in touch with our parish clerk Antonia King at dalhamparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk.

Parish council meetings and minutes

The next parish council meeting will occur on Thursday November 17th 2022 at 7.30pm in Dalham Village Hall. Notice of parish council meetings and their agendas are posted up on the notice boards in Dunstall Green and Dalham a few days before each meeting. All villagers are welcome to attend.

Agendas and minutes of parish council meetings, and other information relating to the parish, including financial information and councillors, can also be found at the parish council website, www.dalham.onesuffolk.net.