WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Village of the Year 2025
Community and Voluntary Group Award 2026

11th November 2026

To: All White Colne Parish Councillors
You are hereby summoned to attend the **WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL** meeting, to be held at **White Colne Village Hall** on **Tuesday 17th November 2026** at **1930hrs** for the purpose of transacting the following business. Members of the public and press have a right and are cordially invited to be present at the meeting. There will be an opportunity to address the Council under Agenda item 4.



Jim Morris, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
To RECEIVE any apologies for absence.

2. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER
To RECEIVE and CONSIDER any applications to fill the council's vacant seat.

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS
To RECEIVE any disclosure by members of interests in Agenda items.

4. PUBLIC SESSION
To RECEIVE questions and statements from members of the public.

5. MINUTES
To RECEIVE and SIGN as correct records the Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th September (Appendix A).

6. MATTERS ARISING
To RECEIVE and CONSIDER the list of matters arising and ongoing since previous meetings (Appendix B).

7. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS
i. Cllr George Courtauld & Cllr Gabrielle Spray, Braintree District - Colnes Ward.
ii. Cllr Isi Rocha, Essex County - Halstead Division.

8. FINANCE
i. To RECEIVE and NOTE the list of transactions for Q2 (Appendix C).
ii. To RECEIVE and APPROVE bank reconciliations for Q2 (to be tabled at meeting).
iii. To RECEIVE and CONSIDER quotes for Tree Works (Appendix D).
iv. To RECEIVE and CONSIDER summary report for end of Q2 (Appendix E).
v. To RECEIVE and CONSIDER a report on BDC Parish Precepts 2026-27 (Appendix F).
vi. To RECEIVE and RESOLVE Budget 2027-28 calculations (Appendix G, see Background Paper).

9. PLANNING

To RECEIVE and CONSIDER Planning Applications, Appeals or Consultations notified by Braintree District Council, Essex County Council, or any other relevant body, including any received between the date of the Agenda and the meeting.

i. Planning Applications:

a) Ref: 26/02271/FUL (Appendix H).
Location: Chalkney Lakes Log Cabin, Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex.
Proposal: Proposed 1 No. single-storey holiday lodge and floating pontoon with sauna.
b) Ref: 26/02350/OUT (Appendix I).
Location: Land South Of Brooms Barn, Colne Park Road, White Colne, CO6 2QN.
Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved, except access for the erection of one dwelling.

ii. Planning Decisions:

a) Ref: 25/02816/ELD (Appendix J). Location: Brookfield Stables, Wakes Colne Road, White Colne, Essex, CO6 2QE. Proposal: Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing use - Use of two static homes as a dwelling. **Decision: Granted.**
a) Ref: 26/01961/TPOCON (Appendix K). Location: The Green, Colneford Hill, White Colne, CO6 2PJ. Proposal: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: T9 Silver Birch- Crown reduction of 2-3m in height and width, approximately to previous pruning points. **Decision: Approve.**

iii. Planning Appeals: None received.

iv. Braintree Local Plan – Regulation 19 Consultation (see Local Plan Review).
v. Bradwell with Pattiswick Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation (Appendix L).
vi. Site used by Cadent Gas during mains replacement works.

11. LEISURE & FACILITIES

To RECEIVE and CONSIDER items relating to parish council managed facilities:
i. Solar Energy Report (Appendix M).
ii. WCVH Community Garden.
iii. Grant funding updates.
iv. The Meadows: Cherry Trees Working Party; Wildlife Pond.
v. Allotments: water use (see Background Paper).
vi. Defibrillator (see British Heart Foundation).

12. GOVERNANCE

i. Local Council Award Scheme (see Background Paper).
ii. Youth Forum (Appendix N).
iii. White Colne Emergency Plan (circulated with Agenda).
iv. Parish Elections May 2027 (see Background Paper).

10. COMMUNITY LIAISON

To RECEIVE and CONSIDER items relating to liaison with the community & outside bodies:
i. Colne Valley Parishes meeting – 28th September 2026 (Appendix O).
vi. Halstead Empire Arts Centre (Appendix P).

13. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING

To RECEIVE from members any items for future consideration.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To NOTE the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 19th January 2027.

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Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council Meeting held at White Colne Village Hall on Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 19:30hrs.

Present: Cllr Paul Batchford
Cllr Paula Bull (Vice-Chairperson)
Cllr Michael Field
Cllr Philip Ritchie
Cllr Jane Taylor (Chairperson)
Cllr John Wilson
Jim Morris, Parish Clerk
Cllr Isi Rocha, Halstead Division

046/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Colnes Ward Cllr George Courtauld, and Colnes Ward Cllr Gabrielle Spray.

047/26 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

No potential new members came forward.

048/26 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cllr Wilson had an ongoing dispensation, in accordance with Standing Order 13(e), to take part in discussions and any vote regarding Allotments.

049/26 PUBLIC SESSION

No parishioners were in attendance.

050/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the White Colne Parish Council meeting held 21.07.2026 and the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held 29.07.2026 were approved as being a true and correct record by council and signed by the Chairperson.

051/26 MATTERS ARISING

Members considered the parish council's list of matters arising and ongoing (attached to record Minutes). Road Safety Week (15th–21st November 2026): the Council would likely take part, dependent on the outcome of discussions with Colne Valley Parishes at the forthcoming meeting; posters/materials to be sought. Grass-cutting quotes would be considered at a future meeting. Bin at the Bures Road layby: no progress to report. Noticeboard repairs: Kevin Nolan had assessed the noticeboard on the Green, the interpretation board, which had a loose leg, and the second noticeboard, which needed new posts. Repair rather than relocation was agreed. Work was likely to be delayed until the new year owing to the contractor's seasonal availability. The Colne Valley Parishes meeting had been confirmed for 28th September, starting at 7pm. An assessment of the Fixed Asset Register was yet to take place. Liaison with Braintree District Council over bins left on the footway would take place when BDC carried out its three-month review of the new waste collection. The Clerk had registered for updates on the Rayleigh to Pelham upgrade. Monta had been contacted to add the EV charger to Zap Map, approximately £70 of EV charging income had been recorded in August. Tree works quotes, website quotes, the missing streetlight / SID pole

location, Schedule of Responsibilities, funding applications, Action Plan and Emergency Plan were due to be considered at various Agenda items.

It was RESOLVED: that a budget of £150 be allocated to noticeboard repairs.

052/26 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Colnes Ward Cllr Gabrielle Spray had provided a written report for the meeting to consider (attached at Endnote[i]).

Halstead Division Cllr Isi Rocha offered a report to the meeting. Braintree District Council (BDC) had extended the Local Plan period from 2041 to 2043 without further public consultation, which it was thought could allow for a significant increase in the number of houses proposed. Cllr Rocha had written to BDC three times seeking clarification of the evidence and legal advice behind the change, and had contacted the Planning Inspector, questioning whether an updated Sustainability Appraisal had been produced to reflect the revised plan period. Essex County Council (ECC) had recorded in the region of 40,000 road defects across the county, of which around 30,000 were potholes. Twelve dedicated repair teams had been put in place, and Braintree's team had repaired several thousand potholes to date. Simpler tasks, such as replacing missing signage, were still subject to lengthy internal processes. As Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance and Infrastructure, Cllr Rocha was reviewing ECC contracts, including highways, passenger transport, and social care. The Cabinet Member for Heritage and Regeneration would be invited to visit White Colne. A high volume of ongoing casework covering social housing, roads, bins and antisocial behaviour was noted, and members were reassured that queries raised had not been overlooked.

Members raised the ongoing absence of street lighting on Colneford Hill that had been unlit for approximately four to five years, following a collision in which a vehicle struck the lamp post; the pole had been replaced but the light itself had not been restored. Members noted the combination of no lighting, poor pavement condition and flooding made this a significant safety concern, particularly heading into winter. Cllr Rocha undertook to pursue the matter as a priority. Members also discussed the valuation of the land and buildings at the rear of the Village Hall in connection with a possible future Community Asset Transfer, and asked for assistance in obtaining written confirmation of the current position from ECC.

053/26 FINANCE

i. Members received and considered information on a discrepancy in White Colne's Accountability & Governance Annual Return (AGAR) 2025-26 (attached to record Minutes). The Clerk confirmed that a query raised by the External Auditor had arisen from a clerical entry error, which had been corrected and explained.

It was RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

ii. Members received and considered the council's complete AGAR 2025-26 (attached to record Minutes).

It was RESOLVED: that the completed AGAR be noted.

iii. Members received and considered quotes for Tree Works. Two quotes had been received. Further quotes, including from a contractor previously used by the Council, were awaited.

It was RESOLVED: that the item be noted and reconsidered at a future meeting.

iv. Members received and considered website quotes (attached to record Minutes). A full discussion of costs and features was held. It was proposed that the Council remain with Pear Space and proceed with its website upgrade, without the additional accessibility monitoring nor *FixMyStreet* integration.

It was RESOLVED: that Pear Space be appointed as the successful provider.

054/26 PLANNING

i. Applications

a) Ref: 26/01613/AGR (attached to record Minutes).

Location: Irrigation Pond At Church Farm, Bures Road, White Colne, CO6 2QA.

Proposal: Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development -Irrigation pond necessary to irrigate crops.

It was RESOLVED: that Application ref 26/01613/AGR be noted.

b) Ref: 26/01961/TPOCON (attached to record Minutes).

Location: The Green, Colneford Hill, White Colne, CO6 2PJ.
Proposal: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: T9 Silver Birch- Crown reduction of 2-3m in height and width, approximately to previous pruning points.
It was RESOLVED: that Application ref 26/01961/TPOCON be noted.
c) Ref: 26/01862/COUPA (attached to record Minutes).
Location: Hyfields, Bures Road, White Colne, Essex, CO6 2QF.
Proposal: Prior approval for the change of use of building on an agricultural unit or former agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3), and for associated operational development - Change of use to 2 No. residential dwellings.
It was RESOLVED: that Application ref 26/01862/COUPA be noted.

ii. Decisions

a) Ref: 26/00537/FUL (attached to record Minutes).
Location: Chalkney Mill, Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex.
Proposal: Part retrospective application for the construction of 17 no. poultry breeding and rearing units.
Decision: Withdrawn.
Members expressed significant concern that, notwithstanding withdrawal of the application, the business continued to operate from the site, including the sale of associated products, without full planning consent. Traffic generated by the site and the welfare of animals were also discussed. Members agreed the matter should be escalated in writing to the Head of Planning at BDC, seeking clarification of enforcement action being taken. Animal welfare concerns could be raised with appropriate organisations.
It was RESOLVED: that further information be sought from BDC Head of Planning.

iii. Appeals

None received.
iv. Braintree Local Plan – Regulation 19 Consultation (Local Plan Review).
It was RESOLVED: that the Consultation be noted. The item would be discussed at the forthcoming Colne Valley Parishes meeting.
v. Colchester Local Plan – Regulation 19 Consultation (attached to record Minutes).
It was RESOLVED: that the Consultation be noted. The item would be discussed at the forthcoming Colne Valley Parishes meeting.
vi. Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16 Consultation (attached to record Minutes).
It was RESOLVED: that the Consultation be noted.

055/26 COMMUNITY LIAISON

i. Members noted the date of the next Colne Valley Parishes meeting – 28th September 2026.
It was RESOLVED: that the date of the meeting be noted.
ii. *Brake* Road Safety Week 15th-21st Nov 2026 (Road Safety Week).
It was RESOLVED: that the item would be discussed at the forthcoming Colne Valley Parishes meeting.
iii. Parish Council noticeboard location.
It was RESOLVED: that the item had been discussed under Agenda item 6.
iv. *Colchester Bus Growth Partnership: Invitation to Share Local Views* (attached to record Minutes). Members discussed writing directly to the Partnership to raise the lack of evening bus services and the absence of services to local employment sites, given that White Colne's bus services ran via Colchester.
It was RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to the Colchester Bus Growth Partnership raising the Council's concerns regarding evening services and services to local employment sites.

056/26 LEISURE & FACILITIES

i. Solar Energy Report (attached to record Minutes). Members noted a significant fall in export income, principally due to a reduction in Scottish Power's export tariff from 12p to 6p per kWh. More complex time-of-use/trading tariffs were discussed but would not be pursued at this stage. An engineer was due to inspect the battery storage system.
It was RESOLVED: that the Solar Energy Report be noted.

ii. Grant funding updates. The Enovert grant of £18,573 for new play equipment had been approved and partially paid, with ground preparation (strimming of long grass) required before installation. A volunteer working party may be required to carry out the preparation work ahead of November installation. The outcome of the National Lottery Warm Hub grant application of £20,000 over two years, against a total project cost of £22,072, remained outstanding.

It was RESOLVED: that the item be noted.

iii. The Meadows: Cherry Trees Working Party; Wildlife Pond (Anglian Water). It was noted that several of the cherry trees planted as part of the original scheme had died due to drought. Replacement hardier native cherry varieties would be considered when the planting season allowed, alongside cutting back of overgrown suckers and regrowth. Cllr Taylor also noted that the wildlife/attenuation pond had become significantly silted and agreed to seek advice from Anglian Water on its maintenance, given its role in flood attenuation in the wider area.

It was RESOLVED: that a working party be arranged for cherry tree replacement and general maintenance at the Meadows, and that Anglian Water be contacted regarding the pond.

057/26 GOVERNANCE

i. AI Policy (attached to record Minutes). Members noted the draft Policy, its provisions on confidentiality, data protection and necessary human oversight of AI-assisted work.

It was RESOLVED: that the AI Policy be adopted.

ii. Parish Council Action Plan 2026-27 (attached to record Minutes). *Target* and *Complete* columns required populating. Cllr Bull and the Clerk agreed to work on the Action Plan outside the meeting.

It was RESOLVED: that Action Plan targets be completed and the Plan returned to a future meeting.

iii. Schedule of Responsibilities. Cllrs Field and Ritchie would share responsibility for the defibrillator. Cllr Field was added to Planning and Policy alongside Cllr Wilson. Health & Safety Checks were extended to cover the Meadows and Village Green as well as the Village Hall.

It was RESOLVED: that the Schedule of Responsibilities be updated with the amendments discussed.

iv. Climate & Community Resilience Hub. Members held a detailed discussion on the proposal to develop the Village Hall as a resilience hub, including air conditioning for use during extreme heat, rainwater harvesting, improvements to the car park to address accessibility, and enabling the solar/battery system to operate in island mode during power cuts so the Hall could remain in use during an outage. Given the recent decision by ECC's new administration to withdraw support for Essex Climate Action Commission and scrap net-zero Policies, the parish council noted that creating both environmental and community resilience was a priority. Members agreed the Hall should be made available to residents, particularly those most vulnerable to heat, during extreme weather events, and that the scheme should be publicised via the Council's newsletter and website.

It was RESOLVED: that the development of White Colne Village Hall as a Climate and Community Resilience Hub be supported, and that suitable grant funding be investigated.

v. White Colne Emergency Plan (circulated with Agenda). Members agreed that the Plan required updates to include consideration of the parish's existing WhatsApp volunteer group and arrangements in the event of a power or communications outage. The Chairperson and Cllr Bull agreed to progress this alongside the Resilience Hub work.

It was RESOLVED: that the Emergency Plan be revised and returned to a future meeting.

058/26 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING

Half-year financials and budget 2027-28 analysis were suggested.

059/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of White Colne Parish Council was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 17th November 2026 at White Colne Village Hall at 1930hrs.

060/26 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

Members of the public were theoretically excluded for the remaining Agenda item due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with White Colne Parish Council Standing Order 3(d).

061/26 STAFF

i. Members received and considered the Clerk's Annual Appraisal (attached to record Minutes) and expressed satisfaction with the Clerk's performance over the past year.

It was RESOLVED: that the Clerk's Annual Appraisal be approved.

ii. Members received and considered information on staff pensions, as noted by the Internal Auditor (attached to record Minutes). It was noted that staff hours and earnings fell below the threshold requiring automatic enrolment, but that staff nonetheless retained the right to opt in to or join a pension scheme.

It was RESOLVED: that the item be noted but not progressed.

The meeting closed at 21:05hrs.

Signed…….. Date…….

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[i] **REPORT FOR THE COLNES PARISH COUNCILS SEPTEMBER 2026:** Whilst August tends to be a quieter month for District Council meetings, the Planning Committee met on the 4th, I attended Earls Colne PC on the 18th and I have been very busy with internal meetings and briefings to do with the Local Plan next steps

TREE PLANTING GRANT FUND: Braintree District Council has launched a £75,000 Community Tree Planting Grant Fund to support local tree planting projects across the District. With the necessary permission, projects may take place on public, community, school, parish, charitable or privately owned land provided there is clear evidence of community involvement, community access or a wider public benefit.

The closing date for Applications is midnight on Sunday 11th October 2026. There are three categories: Small Grant Application 0-£1,000; Medium Grant Application £1,001-£5,000; Larger Grant Application £5,001-£15,000. The Council has contacted schools, parish councils and local environmental groups directly to make them aware of the grant fund. More information and access to the online application form and full grant pack can be made via the Council's website: https://www.braintree.gov.uk/community-health-wellbeing/community-tree-planting-grant

AGE WELL FAIR: On Thursday 8th October, the Council will be hosting this event from 10.00am – 13.00pm in Witham Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham CM8 2DY. Admission is free to attend and over 35 organisations will be there to offer advice, support and help. The theme for this event is "Get Ready for Winter".

SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION: On 21st August at Colchester Magistrates Court a successful prosecution was brought against a man operating as a scrap metal dealer without a licence. This follows officers from Braintree Council's Street Scene Enforcement and Licensing Teams supported by Essex Police undertaking a routine stop check of a Mercedes Panel Van on Colchester Road in Halstead in April this year. The offender was fined £600, issued with a victim surcharge of £264 and ordered to pay the Council's full costs of £2347.37. The collection and storage of scrap metal is regulated under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 with the aim of preventing the scrap metal industry from being the central market for stolen metal.

Best regards

Cllr Gabrielle Spray

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MATTERS ARISING & ONGOING

Minute Ref.	Action
072/25	Plan for Road Safety Week 2026.
073/25	Seek quotes for grass cutting.
079/25	Seek advice on installing a bin at the layby on Bures Road.
007/26	Cllr Rocha to follow up on missing streetlight, and SID pole location
022/26	Contact insurance provider with updated Fixed Asset register
051/26	£150 allocated for noticeboard repairs
052/26	Items relating to WCVH CAT to be sent to Cllr Rocha
053/26	Seek further quotes for tree works
054/26	Write to BDC Head of Planning
055/26	Write to Colchester Bus Growth Partnership
056/26	Arrange Working Party for cherry trees
056/26	Contact Anglian Water regarding the attenuation pond
057/26	Cllr Bull and Clerk to liaise on Action Plan
057/26	Develop Climate & Community Resilience Hub
057/26	Cllrs Bull & Taylor to liaise on Emergency Plan

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PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
130	Office	01/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Office	Starboard Systems Limited	S	23.00	4.60	27.60
101	Fees	03/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	SumUp	E	1.92		1.92
102	Fees	06/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	PayPal	E	2.39		2.39
93	Water	06/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Everflow	E	153.58		153.58
94	Cleaning	09/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Samantha Mason	X	22.50		22.50
95	Councillor Training	09/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Training	Essex Association of Local	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
96	Meadows	10/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Grasscutting	JPB Landscapes	S	208.28	41.66	249.94
96	Village Green	10/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Grasscutting	JPB Landscapes	S	158.32	31.66	189.98
97	WCVH Staff	10/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Laura Bowles	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
98	Cleaning	10/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Sainsbury's	X	7.20		7.20
96	Village Hall Open Spaces	10/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Grasscutting	JPB Landscapes	S	41.64	8.33	49.97
99	WCVH H&S	10/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	CJO Plumbing & Heating Lt	S	145.00	29.00	174.00
103	Fees	13/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	PayPal	E	3.08		3.08
100	Electricity	15/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Smartest Energy	L	32.13	1.61	33.74
115	Community Events	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	SGS Engineering UK Ltd	S	181.65	36.33	217.98
116	Community Events	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Open Spaces	Corikande Trading Ltd	S	22.47	4.50	26.97
109	Community Events	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Open Spaces	Sainsbury's	S	12.06	2.41	14.47
112	Community Events	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	Braintree District Council	E	21.00		21.00
110	Village Hall Open Spaces	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Chapel Interiors Wilmslow	S	45.85	9.17	55.02
106	Village Hall Open Spaces	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Amazon EU	S	13.29	2.66	15.95
107	Village Hall Open Spaces	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Advanced Farming Ltd	S	9.62	1.93	11.55
108	Village Hall Open Spaces	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Oliver's Plants Ltd	S	36.58	7.32	43.90
104	Community Events	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Sainsbury's	E	47.76		47.76
105	Community Events	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Black Horse Cafe	S	25.00	5.00	30.00
113	Office	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	HP Inc UK Ltd	S	11.24	2.25	13.49
114	Office	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	Adobe Software Systems	S	16.64	3.33	19.97
111	Banking Fees	16/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	LLoyds Multipay	E	6.00		6.00
117	Employee Pension	27/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Pension	Standard Life	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
118	Employer Pension	27/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Pension	Standard Life	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
124	Play Areas	28/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Open Spaces	Philip Liverton Ltd	S	50.00	10.00	60.00
119	WCVH Staff	28/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Laura Bowles	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
120	Cleaning	28/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Gallen Windows	E	14.00		14.00
121	Deposit	28/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	50.00		50.00
122	Deposit	28/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	50.00		50.00

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123	Deposit	28/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	50.00		50.00
125	Fees	28/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Stripe	E	11.54		11.54
126	Salary	31/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Jim Morris	E	[redacted]		[redacted]
129	PAYE/NI	31/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		PAYE/NI	HMRC	E	[redacted]		[redacted]
126	Work from Home Allowance	31/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Jim Morris	E	[redacted]		[redacted]
127	Booking Secretary	31/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Jade Lock	E	156.97		156.97
128	Banking Fees	31/07/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Office	Unity Trust Bank	E	7.00		7.00
132	Fees	03/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	PayPal	E	6.86		6.86
131	Office	03/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Office	Starboard Systems Limited	S	23.00	4.60	27.60
137	Meadows	05/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Stephen Holt	E	70.00		70.00
138	Meadows	05/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Stephen Holt	E	710.00		710.00
139	Community Events	05/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Open Spaces	John Watt Photography	E	30.00		30.00
134	WCVH Staff	05/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Laura Bowles	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
140	Fees	05/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	SumUp	E	1.08		1.08
133	Water	05/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Everflow	E	432.85		432.85
135	WCVH H&S	05/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Stephen Holt	E	35.00		35.00
136	WCVH H&S	05/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Stephen Holt	E	70.00		70.00
141	Grant Exp - Projects	05/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		General Administration	Enovert Community Trust	E	1,853.30		1,853.30
142	Cleaning	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	We Can Source It	S	12.01	2.40	14.41
143	Cleaning	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	SWS London Trading Ltd	S	16.50	3.30	19.80
145	Cleaning	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	Alpine Heights Ltd	S	6.61	1.32	7.93
144	Village Hall Open Spaces	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	Brands Express Ltd	S	6.48	1.30	7.78
146	Community Events	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	GLM Unfit Ltd	S	14.79	2.96	17.75
147	Community Events	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	Sainsbury's	E	50.81		50.81
148	Community Events	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	Black Horse Cafe	S	25.00	5.00	30.00
152	Electricity	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Smartest Energy	L	29.60	1.48	31.08
153	Fees	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	PayPal	E	1.69		1.69
150	Office	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	HP Inc UK Ltd	S	11.24	2.25	13.49
151	Office	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	Adobe Software Systems	S	16.64	3.33	19.97
149	Banking Fees	17/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Card payments	LLoyds Multipay	E	6.00		6.00
155	Meadows	18/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Grasscutting	JPB Landscapes	S	104.14	20.83	124.97
155	Village Green	18/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Grasscutting	JPB Landscapes	S	79.16	15.83	94.99
155	Village Hall Open Spaces	18/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Grasscutting	JPB Landscapes	S	20.82	4.16	24.98
154	Grant Exp - Projects	18/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Grant Expenditure - Enovert	Outdoor Play Devon Ltd	S	9,266.50	1,853.30	11,119.80
156	Employee Pension	27/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Pension	Standard Life	X	[redacted]		[redacted]

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PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
156	Employer Pension	27/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Pension	Standard Life	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
157	Salary	28/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Jim Morris	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
158	PAYE/NI	28/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		PAYE/NI	HMRC	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
157	Work from Home Allowance	28/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Jim Morris	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
159	Fees	28/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Stripe	E	7.16		7.16
160	Banking Fees	31/08/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Expenses	Unity Trust Bank	E	7.00		7.00
163	WCVH Staff	01/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Laura Bowles	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
164	Booking Secretary	01/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Jade Lock	E	171.24		171.24
162	Cleaning	01/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Gallen Windows	E	14.00		14.00
165	Fees	01/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	PayPal	E	5.23		5.23
166	Fees	01/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	PayPal	E	3.08		3.08
161	Office	01/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Office	Starboard Systems Limited	S	23.00	4.60	27.60
167	Water	08/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Everflow	E	202.35		202.35
168	Fees	14/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	PayPal	E	1.00		1.00
171	Cleaning	15/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Samantha Mason	E	22.50		22.50
169	Electricity	15/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Smartest Energy	L	29.32	1.47	30.79
170	Audit	15/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		General Administration	PKF Littlejohn LLP	S	315.00	63.00	378.00
173	Office	16/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Office	HP Inc UK Ltd	S	11.24	2.25	13.49
174	Office	16/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Office	Adobe Software Systems	S	16.64	3.33	19.97
172	Banking Fees	16/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Office	LLoyds Multipay	E	6.00		6.00
176	WCVH Staff	22/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Laura Bowles	E	[redacted]		[redacted]
175	Deposit	22/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	50.00		50.00
177	WCVH H&S	22/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	John Watt Photography	E	28.25		28.25
178	Employee Pension	28/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Pension	Standard Life	X	25.50		25.50
178	Employer Pension	28/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Pension	Standard Life	X	15.30		15.30
189	Fees	28/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Stripe	E	4.93		4.93
180	Salary	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Jim Morris	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
181	PAYE/NI	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		PAYE/NI	HMRC	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
180	Work from Home Allowance	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Jim Morris	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
182	Members' Allowance	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Philip Ritchie	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
183	Members' Allowance	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Paul Batchford	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
184	Members' Allowance	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Paula Bull	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
185	Members' Allowance	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Staff salary	Jane Taylor	X	[redacted]		[redacted]
186	Allotments	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Allotments	Allotment Fee	E	18.75		18.75
179	Booking Secretary	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	Jade Lock	E	156.97		156.97

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PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
187	Deposit	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Village Hall	WCVH Hirer	E	50.00		50.00
188	Banking Fees	30/09/2026		Unity Trust Bank - Cı		Expenses	Unity Trust Bank	E	7.00		7.00
								Total	**19,919.14**	**2,218.47**	**22,137.61**

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

White Colne Village Hall, Bures Road, White Colne, CO6 2QA.

https://whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk/

clerk@whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Village of the Year 2025
Community and Voluntary Group Award 2026

Tree Works Quotes

Following visits carried by various arboreal services providers, it became apparent that some of the trees assessed in the Survey were outside of land managed by White Colne Parish Council. These have been removed from the following quotes.

1. Tree & Lawn Company Ltd. (Appendix i)

08.09.2026
Thank you very much for letting us provide you with a quote for works at White Colne Colchester Essex England CO6 2QA
The quotation is attached and is valid until 24/09/2026.
To accept the quote simply reply to this email or give us a call on the telephone number below
Tree work will be carried out subject to any Tree Preservation Orders.
All tree work is carried out under BS3998 British Standards for tree work.
Please note that on acceptance of this quotation, you are agreeing to our Terms & Conditions as available on our website.
If you have any questions or queries please feel free to get in touch
Tree and Lawn Company Ltd

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2. Artemis Tree Services (Appendix ii)

14.09.2025
Thank you for allowing us to quote for your tree work. Please find attached your quotation for the tree work as discussed, plus a copy of our schedule of insurance and our terms and conditions.
If you have any queries or would like to book in the tree works please feel free to contact me on 01895 821623 or via email on office@artemistreeservices.com
Rowan Simpson-Matthews
Arborist Estimator
office@artemistreeservices.com
www.artemistreeservices.com
West Hyde Nursery, Old Uxbridge Road, West Hyde, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 9XY

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3. Atkins & Candler (Appendix iii)

25.09.2026

Apologies, I thought I had sent a quote over. I have now sent a quote to you, please let me know when you have received it.

Charles Candler
W: http://www.atkinsandcandlerarb.co.uk/

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6. Treetop Services (Appendix iv)

Provider	**T9**	**T13**	**T16**	**~~G3~~**	**Total**
Tree & Lawn Co.	£450	£1,280	£1,280	~~£160~~	£3,010
Artemis	£550	£2,160	£540		£3,250
Atkins & Candler	£165	£990	£330		£1,485
Treetops	£300	£800	£400		£1,500

QUOTE

White Colne Parish Council

White Colne Colchester Essex
England
CO6 2QA

QUOTE date
25/08/2026

QUOTE expiring
24/09/2026

Reference
TLC4330

Name
Tree Work

Tree and Lawn Company Ltd
7 Coopers Crescent
West Bergholt
Colchester
Essex
CO6 3SJ

Company number
07739811

VAT
GB872355411

QUOTE Description:

Tree work around White Colne parish council landholdings.

All waste will be chipped and spread on site where possible and habitat piles made out of logs.

(1) Will you be working from height? Yes
(2) Is the tree safe to climb? Yes
(3) Can the work be carried out using a MEWP? No
(4) Is there access for a MEWP? No
(5) Is road traffic management required? No
(6) Is there a TPO in place? Yes - Conservation area for some trees
(7) Check with L.A - Is there a TPO in place? Yes - Conservation area for some trees.

Description	Quantity	Unit price	Tax	Amount £
Details of Work T9- Reduce silver birch by 2-3m	1	450.00	20%	450.00
Details of Work T11 - Pussy willow - Remove tallest stem leaving 2M height stump.	1	160.00	20%	160.00
Details of Work T12 - Silver birch - Fell 3 stems.	1	960.00	20%	960.00

Details of Work T13 - Ash - Pollard at 8-10m	1	1,280.00	20%	1,280.00
Details of Work T16 - Crack willow - Prune/remove/shorten limbs within falling distance of paths.	1	1,280.00	20%	1,280.00
Details of Work G3 - Cherries - Remove stakes, braces and irrigation bags.	1	160.00	20%	160.00

Subtotal	£ 4,290.00
vat (20.0 %)	£ 858.00
TOTAL	**£ 5,148.00**

Tree and Lawn Company Ltd
info@treeandlawn.co.uk
(01206) 243484

Tree work will be carried out subject to any Tree Preservation Orders
All tree work is carried out under BS3998 British Standards for tree work and in accordance with the Arboricultural Association specifications.
Please note that on acceptance of this quotation, you are agreeing to our Terms & Conditions as available on our website.

Artemis Tree Services Ltd
West Hyde Nursery
Old Uxbridge Road
West Hyde
Rickmansworth
Herts WD3 9XY

T: 01895 821 623
E: office@artemistreeservices.com
W: www.artemistreeservices.com

All work shall be completed in line with BS3998:2010 -Recommendations for Tree Work where appropriate
Artemis Tree Services Ltd will check all TPO and Conservation Area clearance if not already in place

QUOTATION/WORK SCHEDULE

Client: Jim Morris White Colne Parish Council White Colne		**Site address:** Colchester England	
Our Ref:	40695	**Date:**	14th September 2026
		Purchase Order No:	

Details of Work Required/Recommended	Price £
Tree Number - T9 Tree Type - silver birch (betula) Approx. Diameter at 1.5m - 1m Approx. Height - 15 Approx. Crown Spread Diameter - 15 Location - white clone village green see map Service - Crown Reduction Work Required - Crown reduction of 3m in height and width Reason - safety Priority Code - medium	£550.00
Tree Number - T13 Tree Type - Ash (fraxinus excelsior) Approx. Diameter at 1.5m - multi stem Approx. Height - 25 m Approx. Crown Spread Diameter - 40 m Location - next to village hall Service - Pollard to 8 m / 10 m Reason - limb failure Priority Code -medium	£2,160.00
Tree Number - T11 Tree Type - Pussy willow Approx Height - 12 m Location - property line of 9 Colchester Service - Cut Back Work required - remove stem over property back to trunk Reason - safety Priority code - medium	£540.00
Tree Number - T16 Tree Type - Crack Willow Approx Height - 25 m Location - Conley meadow past allotments Service - Cut Back Work required - reduce all limbs over path	£540.00

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All work shall be completed in line with BS3998:2010 -Recommendations for Tree Work where appropriate
Artemis Tree Services Ltd will check all TPO and Conservation Area clearance if not already in place

Reason - AddDetail Priority code -	
Tree Number - T12 Tree Type - Silver Birch Approx Height -15m Location -next to T11 Service - Fell Work required -Fell 3 stems to ground level leaving wood on site Reason - dead Priority - medium	£540.00
PN - Due to the proximity of overhead power lines to T13, Artemis will arrange for the shutdown and/or sheathing of adjacent overhead services as recommended by the Network Provider, to ensure the quoted work can be carried out safely. This normally does not incur any additional charges. If any charges are applied, we will notify the client before the work proceeds, and the costs will be passed on.	
All resulting brushwood and logs will be transported to our recycling depot awaiting transfer to be used as bio-fuel **(unless otherwise stated in work description above).**	
Sub total	£4,330.00
VAT @ 20%	£866.00
Total Cost	**£5,196.00**

Priorities
U – Within 2 weeks (If necessary, fencing/taping off the hazard until work can be carried out)
A – Within 3 months B – Within 12 months C – Within 2 years ON - Owner's discretion

Tree Preservation Order/Conservation area status: **Artemis to organise once quote accepted.**

Please note:

- *All measurements are approximate.*
- *Any additional work to that detailed in your quote must be discussed with the office a minimum of 2 working days to our team's arrival. We are not able to accommodate changes on the day.*
- *Our minimum charge as per our terms and conditions is £270+VAT.*
- *We can only hold the price of this quotation for 30 days from the date above, unless otherwise agreed in writing.*

Sometimes it is necessary to have access to a neighbouring property and/or their trees, particularly when branches overhang. It is your responsibility to inform neighbours of your intention to have work carried out and the date on which it will take place. If a neighbour's property and/or trees are affected, it is your responsibility to get the neighbour consent form completed, signed, and returned to us before work starts.

Our formal Terms and Conditions are attached for your reference. Any acceptance of this quotation assumes our terms and conditions have been accepted.

ATKINS & CANDLER ARB
Specialist In All Aspects Of Tree Surgery

QUOTE

White Colne Parish Council
Village Hall
Bures Road
White Colne
Colchester
Essex
CO6 2QA
GBR

Date
25 Sep 2026

Expiry
25 Oct 2026

Quote Number
QU-0653

Reference
Tree Works White Colne

VAT Number
466885921

Atkins & Candler Arb Ltd
VAT No: 466885921

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
T9 (Silver Birch) - Crown reduction of 2-3m in height and width, approximately to previous pruning points.	1.00	165.00	20%	165.00
T11 (Pussy Willow) - Remove tallest remaining stem, leaving 2m height stump	1.00	165.00	20%	165.00
T12 (Silver Birch) - Fell all three stems.	1.00	330.00	20%	330.00
T13 (Ash) - Initiate ‘high pollard’ at 8-10m	1.00	990.00	20%	990.00
T16 (Crack Willow) - Prune/remove/shorten limbs within falling distance of paths.	1.00	330.00	20%	330.00
			Subtotal	1,980.00
			TOTAL VAT 20%	396.00
			TOTAL GBP	**2,376.00**

Terms

This quote includes the removal of all waste and leaving the site tidy unless otherwise stated.

Quote

Quote number Quote-019
Quote date 13 Oct 2026
Valid until 17 Nov 2027

Billed to

White Colne Parish Council

United Kingdom

TREETOP SERVICES (ESSEX TREE SURGEONS) LIMITED

2 Ramsey Cottages
Great Henny
Sudbury
Suffolk
CO10 7NJ
United Kingdom

Info@treetopservices.net
Company no: 09403623
GB VAT: 244154132

Description	Qty	Unit price	Tax	Total
Tree T9 birch reduction	1	£300.00	20% VAT	£300.00
T13 Ash high pollard 8 to 10 m	1	£800.00	20% VAT	£800.00
T16 crack willo cutback branches over hanging footpath.	1	£400.00	20% VAT	£400.00

Subtotal	£1,500.00
Tax	£300.00
Total	**£1,800.00**

Total £1,800.00

Whitecolne Parish Council

Summary of Receipts and Payments

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2026 and 30/09/2026)

001 General Administration

		Receipts			Payments			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1100	Precept	13,435.00	13,435.00						(0%)
4100	Salary				12,402.00	6,332.08	6,069.92	6,069.92	(48%)
4101	PAYE/NI					211.48	-211.48	-211.48	(N/A)
4102	Employee Pension				653.00	153.00	500.00	500.00	(76%)
4103	Employer Pension				392.00	91.80	300.20	300.20	(76%)
4105	Work from Home Allowance				312.00	156.00	156.00	156.00	(50%)
4106	Members' Allowance				1,790.00	369.83	1,420.17	1,420.17	(79%)
	SUB TOTAL	**13,435.00**	**13,435.00**		**15,549.00**	**7,314.19**	**8,234.81**	**8,234.81**	**(28%)**

002 Leisure & Facilities

		Receipts			Payments			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1200	Allotment Income	365.00	193.75	-171.25				-171.25	(-46%)
1201	Community Event Income								(N/A)
4200	Allotments					18.75	-18.75	-18.75	(N/A)
4201	Meadows				2,150.00	1,404.84	745.16	745.16	(34%)
4202	Play Areas				750.00	432.00	318.00	318.00	(42%)
4203	Village Green				1,000.00	395.80	604.20	604.20	(60%)
4204	Defibrillator				125.00		125.00	125.00	(100%)
4205	Christmas				100.00		100.00	100.00	(100%)
4206	Community Events					1,235.15	-1,235.15	-1,235.15	(N/A)
	SUB TOTAL	**365.00**	**193.75**	**-171.25**	**4,125.00**	**3,486.54**	**638.46**	**467.21**	**(10%)**

003 Village Hall

		Receipts			Payments			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1300	Village Hall Hire	11,500.00	5,834.75	-5,665.25				-5,665.25	(-49%)
1301	Community Events	2,500.00	1,092.95	-1,407.05				-1,407.05	(-56%)
1303	Other Income	75.00		-75.00				-75.00	(-100%)
4300	WCVH Staff					606.68	-606.68	-606.68	(N/A)
4301	Booking Secretary				1,500.00	956.09	543.91	543.91	(36%)
4302	Cleaning				2,750.00	388.25	2,361.75	2,361.75	(85%)
4303	Deposit				550.00	350.00	200.00	200.00	(36%)
4304	Village Hall Open Spaces				275.00	236.74	38.26	38.26	(13%)
4305	Community Events				1,320.00	988.96	331.04	331.04	(25%)
4306	Fees				475.00	286.41	188.59	188.59	(39%)
4307	Electricity				800.00	233.34	566.66	566.66	(70%)
4308	Water				750.00	1,090.68	-340.68	-340.68	(-45%)
4309	WiFi								(N/A)
4310	WCVH H&S				400.00	294.75	105.25	105.25	(26%)
	SUB TOTAL	**14,075.00**	**6,927.70**	**-7,147.30**	**8,820.00**	**5,431.90**	**3,388.10**	**-3,759.20**	**(-16%)**

Whitecolne Parish Council

Summary of Receipts and Payments

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2026 and 30/09/2026)

004 Miscellaneous

		Receipts			Payments			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1400	Misc Income	650.00	466.25	-183.75				-183.75	(-28%)
1401	VAT126		9,348.86	9,348.86				9,348.86	(N/A)
1402	Interest	120.00	113.83	-6.17				-6.17	(-5%)
4400	Staff Training								(N/A)
4401	Councillor Training				500.00	415.00	85.00	85.00	(17%)
4402	General Maintenance								(N/A)
4403	General Expenditure				200.00	170.21	29.79	29.79	(14%)
4404	Subscriptions				325.00	299.97	25.03	25.03	(7%)
4405	Office				500.00	665.28	-165.28	-165.28	(-33%)
4406	Audit				680.00	590.00	90.00	90.00	(13%)
4407	Insurance				540.00	536.00	4.00	4.00	(0%)
4408	Banking Fees				155.00	78.00	77.00	77.00	(49%)
	SUB TOTAL	**770.00**	**9,928.94**	**9,158.94**	**2,900.00**	**2,754.46**	**145.54**	**9,304.48**	**(253%)**

005 Grants

		Receipts			Payments			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1500	Grant Income	999.00	12,334.18	11,335.18				11,335.18	(1134%)
4500	Grant Exp - Warm Hub					799.35	-799.35	-799.35	(N/A)
4501	Grant Exp - Warm Hub Staff Sal								(N/A)
4502	Grant Exp - Village Hall					14,995.00	-14,995.00	-14,995.00	(N/A)
4503	Grant Exp - Projects					11,119.80	-11,119.80	-11,119.80	(N/A)
4504	Grant Exp - Street Cleaning				1,067.68		1,067.68	1,067.68	(100%)
4505	Grant Exp - Summer Hub								(N/A)
4506	Grant Exp - Summ Hub Staff Sal								(N/A)
4507	Grant Exp - PAYE/NI								(N/A)
	SUB TOTAL	**999.00**	**12,334.18**	**11,335.18**	**1,067.68**	**26,914.15**	**-25,846.47**	**-14,511.29**	**(-702%)**

006 Energy

		Receipts			Payments			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1600	Energy Income	1,750.00	424.60	-1,325.40				-1,325.40	(-75%)
	SUB TOTAL	**1,750.00**	**424.60**	**-1,325.40**				**-1,325.40**	**(-75%)**

Summary

NET TOTAL	**31,394.00**	**43,244.17**	**11,850.17**	**32,461.68**	**45,901.24**	**-13,439.56**	**-1,589.39**
V.A.T.					5,618.59		
GROSS TOTAL		**43,244.17**			**51,519.83**		

Braintree Parishes Precept Comparison 2025-2027

Table 1. Parish comparison by number of Band D equivalent properties:

	Parish	2025-26	2026-27
1	Witham	9,322.93	9,462.71
2	Halstead	4,550.59	4,569.96
3	Great Notley	2,586.90	2,578.37
4	Hatfield Peverel	2,253.03	2,252.22
5	Coggeshall	1,982.22	2,082.04
6	Sible Hedingham	1,661.40	1,676.64
7	Earls Colne	1,544.37	1,561.03
8	Kelvedon	1,536.01	1,578.80
9	Silver End	1,421.00	1,459.20
10	Cressing	1,069.16	1,111.88
11	Black Notley	1,004.19	989.78
12	Feering	971.83	984.41
13	Rayne	877.93	876.19
14	Finchingfield	807.05	866.13
15	Great Yeldham	674.20	678.77
16	Gosfield	658.84	670.96
17	Steeple Bumpstead	658.58	669.60
18	Great Bardfield	617.37	620.40
19	Wethersfield	558.85	561.89
20	Castle Hedingham	479.65	494.20
21	Colne Engaine	414.71	416.43
22	Terling (with Fairstead)	413.73	413.14
23	Shalford	367.41	367.64
24	Bures Hamlet	334.74	343.71
25	Panfield	340.69	334.25
26	Rivenhall	318.11	324.90
27	Stisted	286.19	290.32
28	Bulmer	272.74	281.25
29	Greenstead Green & Halstead Rural	278.87	278.88
30	White Notley (with Faulkbourne)	247.07	256.76
31	Little Yeldham (with Tilbury Juxta Clare; Ovington)	248.85	250.24
32	Pebmarsh	246.27	247.88
33	Great Henny (with Little Henny Middleton; Twinstead)	241.58	246.80
34	Ridgewell	233.74	236.39
35	Bradwell	227.97	235.53
36	The Salings	229.90	234.86
37	Toppesfield	218.30	220.57
38	**White Colne**	**216.43**	**218.88**
39	Alphamstone (with Lamarsh)	204.56	207.86
40	Sturmer	197.29	199.15
41	Helions Bumpstead	183.04	189.82
42	Great Maplestead	168.97	185.24
43	Gestingthorpe	179.31	178.42
44	Stambourne	170.17	174.73
45	Belchamp St Paul	166.34	167.42
46	Birdbrook	162.50	160.64
47	Foxearth (with Liston)	155.59	159.86
48	Wickham St Paul	149.53	153.37
49	Ashen	150.32	148.55
50	Little Maplestead	117.49	124.64
51	Pentlow	108.83	112.99
52	Belchamp Walter	108.24	107.80
53	Belchamp Otten	75.55	75.75
54	Borley	54.82	56.10

Table 2. Parish comparison by total precept requirement:

		2025-26	**2026-27**
1	Witham	1,037,266	1,112,027
2	Halstead	247,051	269,262
3	Coggeshall	230,028	266,053
4	Hatfield Peverel	181,000	190,000
5	Earls Colne	177,332	182,650
6	Kelvedon	166,365	176,978
7	Feering	120,521	124,463
8	Great Notley	118,000	123,000
9	Sible Hedingham	107,949	116,045
10	Silver End	93,360	95,876
11	Finchingfield	78,026	85,867
12	Great Yeldham	66,936	70,084
13	Rayne	63,457	69,115
14	Cressing	57,500	59,800
15	Great Bardfield	53,500	56,000
16	Black Notley	52,000	54,805
17	Steeple Bumpstead	51,700	54,145
18	Gosfield	50,090	53,565
19	Wethersfield	46,910	47,960
20	Castle Hedingham	39,434	42,661
21	Terling (with Fairstead)	35,350	36,541
22	Bures Hamlet	32,817	35,317
23	Panfield	30,604	34,099
25	Colne Engaine	26,249	28,609
24	Shalford	27,000	27,250
26	Ridgewell	22,700	25,000
29	White Notley (with Faulkbourne)	20,000	24,000
30	Wickham St Paul	18,971	23,145
27	Stisted	21,271	22,121
32	Rivenhall	17,085	22,000
28	The Salings	20,076	21,666
31	Toppesfield	18,750	19,350
34	Bradwell	16,900	18,420
33	Pebmarsh	17,000	17,680
36	Great Maplestead	13,932	15,325
35	Sturmer	14,100	14,800
38	Greenstead Green & Halstead Rural	13,740	14,350
39	**White Colne**	**12,652**	**13,435**
37	Birdbrook	13,823	13,350
40	Helions Bumpstead	12,616	13,260
41	Great Henny (with Little Henny Middleton; Twinstead)	12,195	13,113
42	Bulmer	11,491	12,124
44	Foxearth (with Liston)	11,427	12,078
43	Gestingthorpe	11,445	11,734
46	Little Yeldham (with Tilbury Juxta Clare; Ovington)	9,528	10,006
45	Stambourne	9,748	9,990
47	Little Maplestead	8,900	9,585
48	Pentlow	7,000	7,268
49	Ashen	6,715	7,130
50	Belchamp Walter	6,034	6,250
51	Alphamstone (with Lamarsh)	5,301	5,533
52	Belchamp St Paul	3,750	4,687
54	Belchamp Otten	1,250	1,563
53	Borley	1,457	1,457

Table 3. Parish comparison by cost to Band D property:

	Parish	2025-26	2026-27
1	Wickham St Paul	126.87	150.91
2	Feering	124.01	126.43
3	Coggeshall	116.05	127.78
4	Witham	111.26	117.52
5	Earls Colne	114.82	117.01
6	Kelvedon	108.31	112.10
7	Ridgewell	97.12	105.76
8	Great Yeldham	99.28	103.25
9	Bures Hamlet	98.04	102.75
10	Panfield	89.83	102.02
11	Finchingfield	96.68	99.14
12	White Notley (with Faulkbourne)	80.95	93.47
13	The Salings	87.32	92.25
14	Great Bardfield	86.66	90.26
15	Terling (with Fairstead)	85.44	88.45
16	Toppesfield	85.89	87.73
17	Castle Hedingham	82.21	86.32
18	Wethersfield	83.94	85.35
19	Birdbrook	85.06	83.11
20	Hatfield Peverel	80.34	84.36
21	Great Maplestead	82.45	82.73
22	Steeple Bumpstead	78.50	80.86
23	Gosfield	76.03	79.83
24	Rayne	72.28	78.88
25	Bradwell	74.13	78.21
26	Little Maplestead	75.75	76.90
27	Stisted	74.32	76.20
-	**Parish Average**	**72.21**	**76.03**
28	Foxearth (with Liston)	73.44	75.55
29	Sturmer	71.47	74.32
30	Shalford	73.49	74.12
31	Pebmarsh	69.03	71.32
32	Helions Bumpstead	68.92	69.86
33	Sible Hedingham	64.97	69.21
34	Colne Engaine	63.29	68.70
35	Rivenhall	53.71	67.71
36	Gestingthorpe	63.83	65.77
37	Silver End	65.70	65.70
38	Pentlow	64.32	64.32
39	**White Colne**	**58.46**	**61.38**
40	Halstead	54.29	58.92
41	Belchamp Walter	55.75	57.98
42	Stambourne	57.28	57.17
43	Black Notley	51.78	55.37
44	Cressing	53.78	53.78
45	Great Henny (with Little Henny Middleton; Twinstead)	50.48	53.13
46	Greenstead Green & Halstead Rural	49.27	51.46
47	Ashen	44.67	48.00
48	Great Notley	45.61	47.70
49	Bulmer	42.13	43.11
50	Little Yeldham (with Tilbury Juxta Clare; Ovington)	38.29	39.99
51	Belchamp St Paul	22.54	28.00
52	Alphamstone (with Lamarsh)	25.91	26.62
53	Borley	26.58	25.97
54	Belchamp Otten	16.55	20.63

Table 4. Parish comparison by cost increase to Band D property:

	Parish	2026-27
1	Wickham St Paul	24.04
2	Rivenhall	14.00
3	White Notley (with Faulkbourne)	12.52
4	Panfield	12.19
5	Coggeshall	11.73
6	Ridgewell	8.64
7	Rayne	6.60
8	Witham	6.26
9	Belchamp St Paul	5.46
10	Colne Engaine	5.41
11	The Salings	4.93
12	Bures Hamlet	4.71
13	Halstead	4.63
14	Sible Hedingham	4.24
15	Castle Hedingham	4.11
=16	Belchamp Otten	4.08
=16	Bradwell	4.08
18	Hatfield Peverel	4.02
19	Great Yeldham	3.97
-	**Parish Average**	**3.82**
20	Gosfield	3.80
21	Kelvedon	3.79
22	Great Bardfield	3.60
23	Black Notley	3.59
24	Ashen	3.33
25	Terling (with Fairstead)	3.01
26	**White Colne**	**2.92**
27	Sturmer	2.85
28	Great Henny (with Little Henny Middleton; Twinstead)	2.65
29	Finchingfield	2.46
30	Feering	2.42
31	Steeple Bumpstead	2.36
32	Pebmarsh	2.29
33	Belchamp Walter	2.23
=34	Earls Colne	2.19
=34	Greenstead Green & Halstead Rural	2.19
36	Foxearth (with Liston)	2.11
37	Great Notley	2.09
38	Gestingthorpe	1.94
39	Stisted	1.88
40	Toppesfield	1.84
41	Little Yeldham (with Tilbury Juxta Clare; Ovington)	1.70
42	Wethersfield	1.41
43	Little Maplestead	1.15
44	Bulmer	0.98
45	Helions Bumpstead	0.94
46	Shalford	0.63
47	Great Maplestead	0.28
=48	Cressing	0.00
=48	Pentlow	0.00
=48	Silver End	0.00
51	Stambourne	-0.11
52	Borley	-0.61

Table 5: White Colne cost to each Band.

	Band A 6/9	**Band B 7/9**	**Band C 8/9**	**Band D 9/9**	**Band E 11/9**	**Band F 13/9**	**Band G 15/9**	**Band H 18/9**
2025-26	38.97	45.47	51.96	58.46	71.45	84.44	97.43	116.92
2026-27	40.92	47.74	54.56	61.38	75.02	88.66	102.30	122.76
2027-28				?				

Appendix G **Q2 2026-27**

Item	Year End 2025-26	Budget 2026-27	Q2 2026-27	Budget 2027-28	
1100 Precept	£ 12,652.00	£ 13,435.00	£ 13,435.00	£ 16,416.00	*
1200 Allotment Fees	£ 377.75	£ 365.00	£ 193.75	£ 450.00	
1201 Community Event Income (new)	£ 150.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	
1300 WCVH Hire	£ 12,485.15	£ 11,500.00	£ 5,834.75	£ 12,000.00	
1301 WCVH Community Events	£ 2,612.13	£ 2,500.00	£ 1,092.95	£ 2,500.00	
1303 WCVH Other Income	£ 64.21	£ 75.00	£ -	£ -	
1400 Misc Income	£ 767.15	£ 650.00	£ 466.25	£ 500.00	
1401 VAT126	£ 2,252.37	£ -	£ 9,348.86	£ -	
1402 Bank Interest	£ 194.66	£ 120.00	£ 113.83	£ 240.00	
1500 Grant Income	£ 19,131.58	£ 999.00	£ 12,334.18	£ -	
1600 Energy Income	£ 1,418.72	£ 1,750.00	£ 424.60	£ 850.00	
Total Income	**£ 52,105.72**	**£ 31,394.00**	**£ 43,244.17**	**£ 32,956.00**	

Item	Year End 2025-26	Budget 2026-27	Q2 2026-27	Budget 2027-28	2026-27 EMR
4100 Salary	£ 11,890.11	£ 12,402.00	£ 6,332.08	£ 12,750.00	£ -
4101 PAYE/NI	£ 14.89	£ -	£ 211.48	£ 420.00	£ -
4102 Employee Pension	£ 459.43	£ 653.00	£ 153.00	£ 350.00	£ -
4103 Employer Pension	£ 294.10	£ 392.00	£ 91.80	£ 210.00	£ -
4105 Work from Home Allowance	£ 312.00	£ 312.00	£ 156.00	£ 312.00	£ -
4106 Member Allowance		£ 1,790.00	£ 369.83	£ 1,790.00	£ -
001 General Admin TOTAL Expenditure	**£ 12,970.53**	**£ 15,549.00**	**£ 7,314.19**	**£ 15,832.00**	**£ -**
4200 Allotments	£ 107.67	£ -	£ 18.75	£ -	£ -
4201 Meadows	£ 2,740.85	£ 2,150.00	£ 1,404.84	£ 1,670.00	£ -
4202 Play Areas	£ 190.00	£ 750.00	£ 432.00	£ 500.00	£ -
4203 Village Green	£ 1,112.44	£ 1,000.00	£ 395.80	£ 1,000.00	£ -
4204 Defibrillator	£ 115.00	£ 125.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
4205 Christmas	£ 1,813.88	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
4206 Outdoors Community Events	£ 1,218.90	£ -	£ 1,235.15	£ -	£ 1,000.00
002 Leisure & Facilities TOTAL Expenditure	**£ 7,298.74**	**£ 4,125.00**	**£ 3,486.54**	**£ 3,170.00**	**£ 1,000.00**
4300 WCVH Staff	£ -	£ -	£ 606.68	£ 1,215.00	£ -
4301 WCVH Booking Secretary	£ 1,600.94	£ 1,500.00	£ 956.09	£ 1,915.00	£ -
4302 Cleaning	£ 2,654.00	£ 2,750.00	£ 388.25	£ 380.00	£ -
4303 Deposit	£ 916.00	£ 550.00	£ 350.00	£ 700.00	£ -
4304 WCVH Open Spaces	£ 2,714.50	£ 275.00	£ 236.74	£ 275.00	£ -
4305 Community Event Expenditure	£ 1,633.90	£ 1,320.00	£ 988.96	£ 1,975.00	£ -
4306 Fees	£ 477.74	£ 475.00	£ 286.41	£ 395.00	£ -
4307 Electricity	£ 1,584.97	£ 800.00	£ 233.34	£ 470.00	£ -
4308 Water	£ 786.40	£ 750.00	£ 1,090.68	£ 1,200.00	£ -
4309 WiFi	£ 13.32	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
4310 WCVH H&S	£ 1,690.49	£ 400.00	£ 294.75	£ 590.00	£ 2,300.00
003 WCVH TOTAL Expenditure	**£ 14,072.26**	**£ 8,820.00**	**£ 5,431.90**	**£ 9,115.00**	**£ 2,300.00**
4400 Staff Training	£ 25.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
4401 Councillor Training	£ 32.68	£ 500.00	£ 415.00	£ 500.00	£ -
4402 General Maintenance	£ 28.70	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
4403 General Expenditure	£ 200.62	£ 200.00	£ 170.21	£ 170.00	£ -
4404 Subscriptions	£ 555.48	£ 325.00	£ 299.97	£ 325.00	£ -
4405 Office	£ 1,560.24	£ 500.00	£ 665.28	£ 1,300.00	£ -
4406 Audit	£ 680.00	£ 680.00	£ 590.00	£ 600.00	£ -
4407 Insurance	£ 536.00	£ 540.00	£ 536.00	£ 540.00	£ -
4408 Banking Fees	£ 642.14	£ 155.00	£ 78.00	£ 156.00	£ -
004 Miscellaneous TOTAL Expenditure	**£ 4,260.86**	**£ 2,900.00**	**£ 2,754.46**	**£ 3,591.00**	**£ -**
4500 Grant Exp Warm Hub **EMR**	£ 3,698.05	£ -	£ 799.35	£ -	£ -
4501 Grant Exp Warm Hub Staff Salary **EMR**	£ 6,403.98	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
4502 Grant Exp WCVH	£ -	£ -	£ 14,995.00	£ -	£ -
4503 Grant Exp Projects	£ 1,661.71	£ -	£ 11,119.80	£ -	£ -
4504 Grant Exp Street Cleaning	£ 1,081.49	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
4505 Grant Exp Summer Hub	£ 1,360.81	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
4506 Grant Exp Summer Hub Salary	£ 1,193.99	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
4507 Grant Exp PAYE/NI	£ 360.60	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
005 Grants TOTAL Expenditure	**£ 12,062.58**	**£ -**	**£ 26,914.15**	**£ -**	**£ -**
Total Expenditure	**£ 50,664.97**	**£ 31,394.00**	**£ 45,901.24**	**£ 31,708.00**	**£ 3,300.00**
Income minus Expenditure	**£ 1,440.75**	**£ -**	**-£ 2,657.07**	**£ 1,248.00**	**-£ 3,300.00**

***Calculated at £75 per Band D (x218.88)**

Excess income move to general reserve

Band D	**2026-27: 218.88** **2027-28: TBC**

005 Grants TOTAL Expenditure not included in Total Expenditure (Budget)

1100 Precept	
1500 Grant Income	Grants applied for as necessity or availability dictates
4206 Oudoors Community Events	EMR Budget for midsummer celebration 2026-27
4310 WCVH H&S	EMR Budget for WCVH maintenance 2026-27

EMR' is Earmarked Reserve

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

White Colne Village Hall, Bures Road, White Colne, CO6 2QA.

https://whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk/

clerk@whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Village of the Year 2025
Community and Voluntary Group Award 2026

To: Planning Department
Braintree District Council

Date: **04/11/2026**
Ref: **26/02271/FUL**
Location: **Chalkney Lakes Log Cabin, Colchester Road, White Colne, Essex.**
Details: **Proposed 1 No. single-storey holiday lodge and floating pontoon with sauna.**
Response: White Colne Parish Council [-] to Application ref 26/02271/FUL.

Jim Morris
Parish Clerk
White Colne Parish Council

Email: clerk@whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk
Website: www.whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Village of the Year 2025
Community and Voluntary Group Award 2026

To: Planning Department
Braintree District Council

Date: **04/11/2026**
Ref: **26/02350/OUT**
Location: **Land South Of Brooms Barn, Colne Park Road, White Colne, CO6 2QN.**
Details: **Outline planning application with all matters reserved, except access for the erection of one dwelling.**
Response: White Colne Parish Council [_] to Planning Application ref 26/02350/OUT.

Jim Morris
Parish Clerk
White Colne Parish Council

Email: clerk@whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk
Website: www.whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Our ref: 25/02816/ELD
Your Ref:
Direct Dial: 01376 312730
Ask for: Sam Trafford
Date: 25.09.2026

Development Management
Causeway House Braintree
Essex CM7 9HB

The Occupier; White Colne Parish Council
Bures Road
White Colne
CO6 2QA

Dear Sir/Madam; White Colne Parish Council

APPLICATION NO : 25/02816/ELD

DESCRIPTION : Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing use - Use of two static homes as a dwelling.

LOCATION : Brookfield Stables Wakes Colne Road White Colne Essex CO6 2QE

I refer to your representation(s) which was received in connection with the above numbered application, the contents of which were taken into account when determining the application.

I write to inform you that after due consideration the decision is “Application GRANTED”. Please note that only the applicant has the right of appeal against the decision.

A copy of the decision notice and officer’s delegated report / committee report (as relevant) can be viewed online at www.braintree.gov.uk/pa.

Yours faithfully

Sam Trafford
For Development Manager

DC/501/5

Braintree District Council

Notification of Intent to Carry Out Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Section 211

Application No.:	26/01961/TPOCON	**Date Received:**	25th August 2026

APPLICANT:
Jim Morris
White Colne Parish Council
White Colne Village Hall
Bures Road
White Colne
Essex
CO6 2QA

AGENT:

PROPOSED WORKS:
Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area:
T9 Silver Birch- Crown reduction of 2-3m in height and width, approximately to previous pruning points.

LOCATION OF TREE WORKS:
The Green Colneford Hill White Colne Essex

DECISION: NO OBJECTIONS

Braintree District Council as Local Planning Authority hereby gives notice of **NO OBJECTIONS** to WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA as referred to above and as described and shown on the plan(s) and document(s) submitted with the application.

The works may now be carried out, subject to the following:

1. All works are completed within two years of the date of this formal decision notice.

2. All works are completed to current arboricultural standards (BS 3998: 2010 Tree Work – Recommendations)

Policies:

The Development Plan policies taken into account when deciding this application are listed below. The policies can be viewed in full at Causeway House or on the Council's website – www.braintree.gov.uk

Planning Decision Notice

LPP53 Conservation Areas
LPP65 Tree Protection

Informative Notes

Property Rights:
Where trees are not under direct ownership of the applicant, permission should be sought from the tree owner prior to works commencing.

Protected Species:
The applicant should note that under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and Article 12 of the Habitats Directive, it is an offence to disturb nesting birds, bats their roosts and other protected species. You should note that the above notice does not override the statutory protection afforded to these species and you are advised to seek expert advice if you suspect that nesting birds, bats and other species will be disturbed.

Birds are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The bird nesting season runs from February until August and ideally tree works should be completed outside these times. If this is not possible then the tree/s should be checked for nesting birds prior to any works commencing.

Bats are protected species under the Habitats Directive Article 12. It is an offence to damage, destroy or disturb a breeding site or resting place of a bat. Bats and their roosts may be disturbed or damaged as a result of tree works and a visual inspection should be carried out prior to works commencing (see Bat Conservation Trust's publication "Bat Survey – Good Practice Guidelines" available from www.bats.org.uk).

Dated: 2nd October 2026 Signed:

Sarah Ashton
Head of Planning
Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB

Bradwell with Pattiswick Neighbourhood Plan Review 16 Consultation
03.11.2026 15:10

You have received this email because you are registered on the Braintree District Council Planning Policy mailing list or have been involved in the Bradwell With Pattiswick Neighbourhood Plan.

A review of the Neighbourhood Plan for Bradwell with Pattiswick has been submitted to Braintree District Council by the Parish Council. We are now seeking views on the Plan (under Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012).

Where can I view and comment on the plan and supporting documents?

- Online at: https://www.braintree.gov.uk/policyconsultation

The consultation is open until 5pm on Friday 18th December 2026

Hard copies of the documents and response forms are also available at:

- Braintree Library, 5 Fairfield Rd, Braintree, Essex, CM7 3YL
- Braintree Council Offices, Causeway House, Bocking End CM7 9HB during opening hours.

What happens after the consultation has ended?
Once the consultation has closed an independent examiner will consider the plan along with evidence documents and all the comments. If approved, a local referendum will then follow and if the plan is supported by most of the votes it will be adopted as part of the Development Plan for Braintree.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?
A Neighbourhood Plan is a way for communities – in this case Gosfield Parish, to take a proactive approach to deciding the future of the places where they live and work. Once 'made' (adopted) a Neighbourhood Plan has the same legal status as the district wide Local Plan and is used alongside the Local Plan in deciding planning applications that fall within its area.
For more information on Neighbourhood Plans, please see https://www.braintree.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan
The Braintree District Development Plan has wider document details.

Yours faithfully
Alan Massow MRTPI
Principal Planning Policy Officer
Braintree District Council | Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB

Appendix M

Energy useage 2024-25	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Production kWh	1000.00	758.20	352.60	200.90	373.20	474.10	774.80	1850.00	1890.00	2010.00	1620.00	1570.00	**12873.80**
Export kWh	731.70	366.10	16.30	0.80	50.20	45.50	390.50	1270.00	1470.00	1570.00	1250.00	1270.00	**8431.10**
Grid Purchase kWh	4.90	52.10	400.60	537.50	691.10	483.80	126.20	63.40	20.30	29.40	3.80	15.90	**2429.00**
Consumption kWh	249.40	378.20	696.20	709.40	960.10	848.30	462.40	618.40	411.50	456.30	345.60	294.20	**6430.00**
Monta EV income	£ -	£ -	£ 22.28	£ -	£ 42.66	£ -	£ -	£ 39.65	£ 29.00	£ 47.00	£ -	£ 28.36	**£ 208.95**
Scottish Power income	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 930.36	**£ 930.36**
Total Income													**£ 1,139.31**

Energy useage 2025-26	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Production kWh	1240.00	615.30	412.40	306.80	336.10	395.90	1120.00	1780.00	1853.00	1761.50	1355.30	1746.30	**12922.60**
Export kWh	881.90	196.80	55.70	44.90	18.70	180.50	785.80	1450.00	1514.00	1527.10	1174.10	1512.70	**9342.20**
Grid Purchase kWh	15.00	66.40	431.20	400.40	692.90	480.30	410.30	186.40	90.70	51.20	34.40	73.70	**2932.90**
Consumption kWh	345.20	459.70	765.90	631.20	1030.00	689.70	739.60	518.10	430.30	285.60	215.60	307.30	**6418.20**
Monta EV income	£ -	£ 23.28	£ -	£ 20.49	£ -	£ 35.42	£ -	£ 29.03	£ -	£ -	£ 63.13	£ -	**£ 171.35**
Scottish Power income	£ -	£ -	£ 279.36	£ -	£ -	£ 5.22	£ -	£ -	£ 104.88	£ -	£ -	£ 247.86	**£ 637.32**
Total Income													**£ 808.67**

Energy useage 2026-27	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Production kWh	1190	891.90	117.40										**2199.30**
Export kWh	960.00	588.90	6.20										**1555.10**
Grid Purchase kWh	51.40	21.90	105.00										**178.30**
Consumption kWh	-150.51	293.70	208.90										**352.09**
Monta EV income	£ 71.86	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	**£ 71.86**
Scottish Power income	£ -	£ 226.14	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	**£ 226.14**
Total Income													**£ 298.00**

Total Income to date:	**£ 2,245.98**

COLNE VALLEY YOUTH FORUM

Initial Proposal for Discussion – 2027/28

Background

The cluster of parish councils has discussed the possibility of establishing a joint forum through which young people living in our villages can have a stronger voice in their communities.

The initial proposal is for a **Colne Valley Youth Forum**, bringing together young people from:

White Colne · Earls Colne · Colne Engaine · Wakes Colne · Chappel · Greenstead Green & Halstead Rural

This document is intended to provide a starting point for discussion within each parish. It is not a final proposal, and participating councils and, importantly, the young people themselves would help shape the eventual arrangements.

Purpose

The Forum would provide young people with an opportunity to:

- express their views about issues affecting young people in the Colne Valley;
- identify things they would like to see improved or introduced;
- contribute to discussions about their villages and the wider area;
- develop confidence, communication, leadership and citizenship skills;
- undertake practical projects or activities of their own choosing; and
- provide parish councils with a better understanding of the views and priorities of younger residents.

The intention would be to create a **genuine youth voice**, rather than simply inviting young people to attend parish council meetings.

Proposed membership

Initially, the Forum could be aimed at young people aged approximately **15–18**, with each participating parish encouraging **one or two young representatives** to become involved. Recruitment should be open and inclusive rather than representatives simply being selected by parish councillors. Schools, colleges, youth organisations and village communications could all be used to encourage participation. The precise arrangements could be developed during 2027.

Status of the Forum

The Forum would **not be a parish council or formal tier of local government**. It would be an advisory and community forum supported jointly by the participating parish councils. Once established, young members should have considerable ownership of it. They could, for example, choose the Forum's eventual name, elect or select their own Chair or spokesperson, identify their priorities and decide which matters they wish to raise with the participating parish councils. Each parish council could nominate a councillor or other representative to act as a link with the Forum.

Safeguarding

As some or all participants will be under 18, appropriate safeguarding arrangements would be established before recruitment begins. These are likely to include:

- a common safeguarding policy adopted by participating councils;
- a designated safeguarding lead and deputy;

- appropriate adult supervision at meetings;
- parental/carer consent and emergency contact arrangements for under-18s;
- clear arrangements for electronic communications and social media;
- appropriate procedures covering photographs, publicity and transport;
- basic safeguarding training for adults directly involved; and
- consideration of DBS requirements according to the particular roles undertaken.

Advice and support should be sought from **Essex Youth Service and other appropriate safeguarding organisations** before the Forum begins. A single common safeguarding framework would be preferable to different arrangements being operated by each parish.

Funding

The Forum should not require a large operating budget. It is suggested that participating parish councils consider making a modest annual contribution from **2027/28**, potentially in the region of **£250 per parish**. This would provide an initial collective budget of approximately **£1,500**, depending upon the number of participating councils and the contribution agreed by each. External grant funding could then be sought to supplement this. Where possible, a significant proportion of the available funding should be used for activities or projects identified by the young people themselves rather than administration. The financial commitment by participating parish councils would also demonstrate local support when applying for external grants.

Indicative timetable

Autumn/Winter 2026
Parish councils discuss the concept and indicate whether they wish to participate.

2027/28 budget setting
Participating councils consider including a modest contribution within their budgets.

Early 2027
Develop outline terms of reference, safeguarding arrangements and possible recruitment methods. Seek advice from Essex Youth Service and investigate external funding opportunities.

May 2027
Parish council elections.

May–July 2027
Newly constituted councils consider and confirm participation. Youth engagement could also be incorporated into new council action plans.

Summer/Autumn 2027
Publicise the initiative and invite expressions of interest from young people across the participating villages.

Autumn 2027
Hold an inaugural meeting and allow the young people themselves to help determine the Forum's priorities and future direction.

Relationship with neighbouring communities

The initial proposal is deliberately focused on the smaller rural communities of the Colne Valley, where establishing individual youth forums within each parish would probably be impractical. This does not preclude cooperation with neighbouring communities or other youth organisations.

In particular, **Halstead Town Council is of a different scale and may wish to develop its own youth assembly or similar arrangement**. There could be opportunities for cooperation between the two initiatives in future.

Initial decision requested. At this stage, individual parish councils are **not being asked to commit formally to a completed scheme**. They are invited to discuss:

1. whether they support the principle of developing a joint Colne Valley Youth Forum;
2. whether they would be interested in participating;
3. whether they would consider making modest financial provision within their 2027/28 budget; and
4. any suggestions or concerns they would like considered as the proposal develops.

   Subject to sufficient interest, representatives of participating councils could then develop a more detailed proposal for consideration during 2027.

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Village of the Year 2025
Community and Voluntary Group Award 2026

Notes of the Colne Valley Parishes meeting held at White Colne Village Hall on Monday 28th September 2026 at 19:00hrs.

Present: Cllr Peter Chillingworth (Wakes Colne), Cllr Patrick Dent (Chappel), Cllr Paul Foster (Greenstead Green & Halstead Rural), Cllr Ian Sparks (Earls Colne), Cllr Denise Stocker (Wakes Colne), Cllr Jane Taylor (Chairperson, White Colne), Jim Morris (White Colne Parish Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Nigel Lippiatt (Chappel), Cllr Philip Ritchie (White Colne), and Cllr Deborah Wass (Greenstead Green & Halstead Rural).

2. HIGHWAYS

Members discussed the upcoming Road Safety Week, organised by *BRAKE*. The organisation was seen as more engaged in fund raising rather than offering support. Cllr Sparks, a retired traffic police motorcyclist, outlined problems such as removed baffles, and very limited traffic police numbers in Essex. Modifying an exhaust was already an offence and a vehicle stopped with an over-limit exhaust can be prohibited from the road until it passes an MOT noise test.

Proposed roadside noise-camera monitors were discussed. Members expected them to go to cities before rural areas. The A131 (Braintree to Halstead) had regular Sunday-morning speeding and noise, and there had been several serious collisions in the past 12 months. A letter had been sent to both MP James Cleverly and the Chief Executive of Essex County Council requesting a 40mph limit between the southern edge of Halstead and High Garrett, preferably enforced by a speed camera, and ideally with a noise detector.

Regarding Road Safety Week, the group resolved to write jointly to Essex Police asking for visible traffic-motorcycle patrols on several days, including weekends. Parishes would send details of problem stretches of road to Jim so that the letter would cover the whole area. Parishes were also sharing Speed Indicator Device data.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Plans to create a North-East Essex Unitary Authority, encompassing the area covered by Braintree, Colchester, and Tendring, had been shelved following representations questioning the legality of the scheme. Members were disappointed that reorganisation seemed unlikely to give parish councils more powers or funding. The number of unitary authorities and the role of mayors were discussed. No decisions were needed.

4. PLANNING

Members discussed the Colchester City Council (CCC) and Braintree District Council (BDC) Local Plan Reviews, which were being considered at Regulation 19 Consultations, which would focus on whether the Plans were legally compliant and sound. The BDC plan would be submitted by 31 December to avoid the new planning system. Representations made at Regulation 18 could be resubmitted, which would be considered by an independent Inspector, with hearings likely in spring or summer next year. There was no automatic right to appear, but strong joint cases may get parishes heard. BDC's housing target was about 13,000 homes over 15 years. Opposition to the new settlement proposals and the large development at Halstead was noted. The infrastructure funding gap had grown from an estimated £800 million to £936 million, against about £400 million secured.

Common local concerns across both areas were sewage, GP surgery, pharmacy, and schools capacity.

Colchester lacked a five-year housing land supply, and developments were being approved ahead of the plan being *made*. The seven-parish group, comprising Aldham, Chappel, Copford, Eight Ash Green, Great Tey, Marks Tey, and Wakes Colne, would make a joint statement in addition to individual representations. Legal representation was floated but not agreed, with parishes considering how it could be funded. Parishes agreed to draft responses and share them to reach a consensus. The 'green wedge' between Wakes and White Colnes was discussed. Members felt the proposed 400m buffer was too small and should be at least 600m.

5. CLIMATE

Members were dismayed that the new administration at Essex County Council had withdrawn its climate team and ceased work with Essex Climate Commission. Local solar, retrofit and energy group projects had lost support, though some volunteers were trying to keep things going.

6. COMMUNITY

Halstead community arts centre: Halstead Town Council had submitted a planning application, hoping for a decision within 8 weeks under delegated powers. Pre-application advice was supportive, on condition that the historic neon signage was kept. About £500,000 in Section 106 monies was available but time-limited. Build cost would be around £3 to £3.5 million.

White Colne Winter Hub: National Lottery funded. It would reopen on 2 November for 21 weeks, with free food all day, and a workspace for home workers. The community supermarket, offering 10 items for £5, would visit on alternate Fridays,

Earls Colne Youth club: delayed by regulatory and safeguarding steps. Expected to start after the New Year, Wednesdays 4pm to 6:30pm, for ages up to 16, or up to 24 for those with additional needs (two helpers per person). All helpers needed checks.

Earls Colne Mary G Green: expected to transfer from the developer by the end of the year, with deeds to be signed. It will be a simple village green with a bench and an information sign about local benefactor Mary G. The Millennium Green was run separately by a trust. The village population was just under 5,000, with further housing applications pending.

Chappel and Wakes Colne Village Hall: a Section 106 agreement of almost 60,000 pounds for the hall had been agreed (kitchen roof, solar panels and batteries, accessible parking and path). Entering Villages in Bloom next year, with new planters and a five-year planting plan.

Highways signage: contractors are leaving temporary signs, sandbags and debris on roads. Members would report issues to Colchester City Council and Essex County Council, using the website reporting tool where possible.

7. AOB?

Cllr Taylor noted White Colne's 2026-27 budget for members' allowances. £20 per month had encouraged new members to fill vacant seats.

Cllr Taylor proposed a cross-parish youth council for ages about 15 to 18. A scheme to involve young people in decision-making could meet some of the objectives of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Members discussed potential safeguarding issues, exam timing, and seeking advice from the county association of local councils. An earlier attempt had attracted very few young people. Parishes would take it back to their councils.

Earls Colne hoped to recruit a young admin assistant, possibly advertised as an apprenticeship, with a route to becoming clerk.

Hybrid meetings were discussed and supported, so that people who could not attend in person could watch or join.

8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Likely December (with mince pies). 7pm preferred over 6pm. Date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 20:25hrs.

Signed……. Date……..

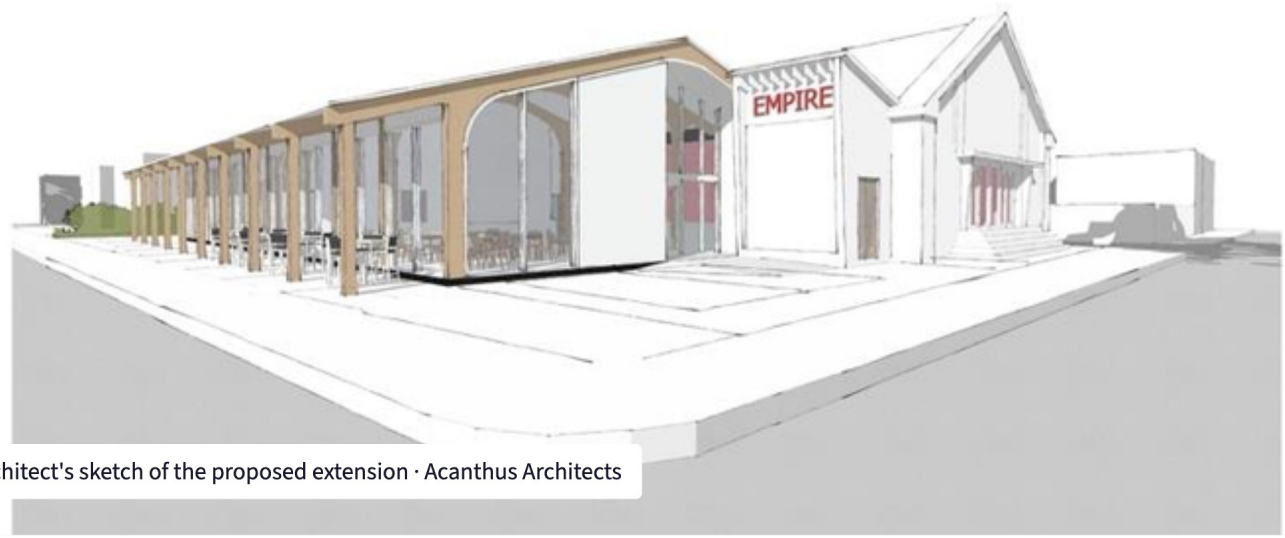
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Draft joint letter to Essex Police for Road Safety Week	[to be agreed]
Share draft Regulation 19 responses; send final comments	All
Take youth council idea back to councils	All
Report highway sign and debris problems	[to be agreed]
Confirm December meeting date	[to be agreed]

HALSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

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THE EMPIRE ARTS CENTRE

Community Arts Centre for Halstead and the villages



Architect's sketch of the proposed extension · Acanthus Architects

A new chapter for the Empire

For more than a century the Empire on Butler Road has brought Halstead together for films, shows and celebrations. Now we want to build on that success. Plans for a striking new extension would add a café, a welcoming foyer and flexible space for classes, clubs, rehearsals and community groups, giving the whole town a year-round home for creativity that sits alongside, and strengthens, the much-loved theatre and cinema.

£3.4m
fundraising target to build the new centre

Sept 2026
planning application submitted to Braintree District Council

1915
the year the Empire first opened its doors

Planning application submitted

In September we submitted the planning application to develop the Empire Theatre site, using designs prepared by our appointed architects, Acanthus. We now await Braintree District Council's decision.

Funding

We have applied for S106 funding (money from housing developers to support local infrastructure) and are approaching other grant funders for a combination of large and medium size grants.

ALREADY A SUCCESS

THE EMPIRE TODAY

The Empire opened in May 1915 as a purpose-built cinema and was rescued by the Halstead Empire Theatre Trust, reopening in 1978. Today it is run entirely by volunteers through the not-for-profit Empire Theatre Trust, and it is thriving.

Cinema for a fiver

Films at £5, from Saturday kids' mornings to the latest releases, now on a new digital projector funded by a £50,000 Braintree District Council grant.

Live on stage

Comedy nights, live music, theatre, cabaret and family shows, plus a free weekly bingo night.

For everyone

Dementia-friendly screenings, live-streamed ballet and West End plays, and the Dementia Friendly Choir.

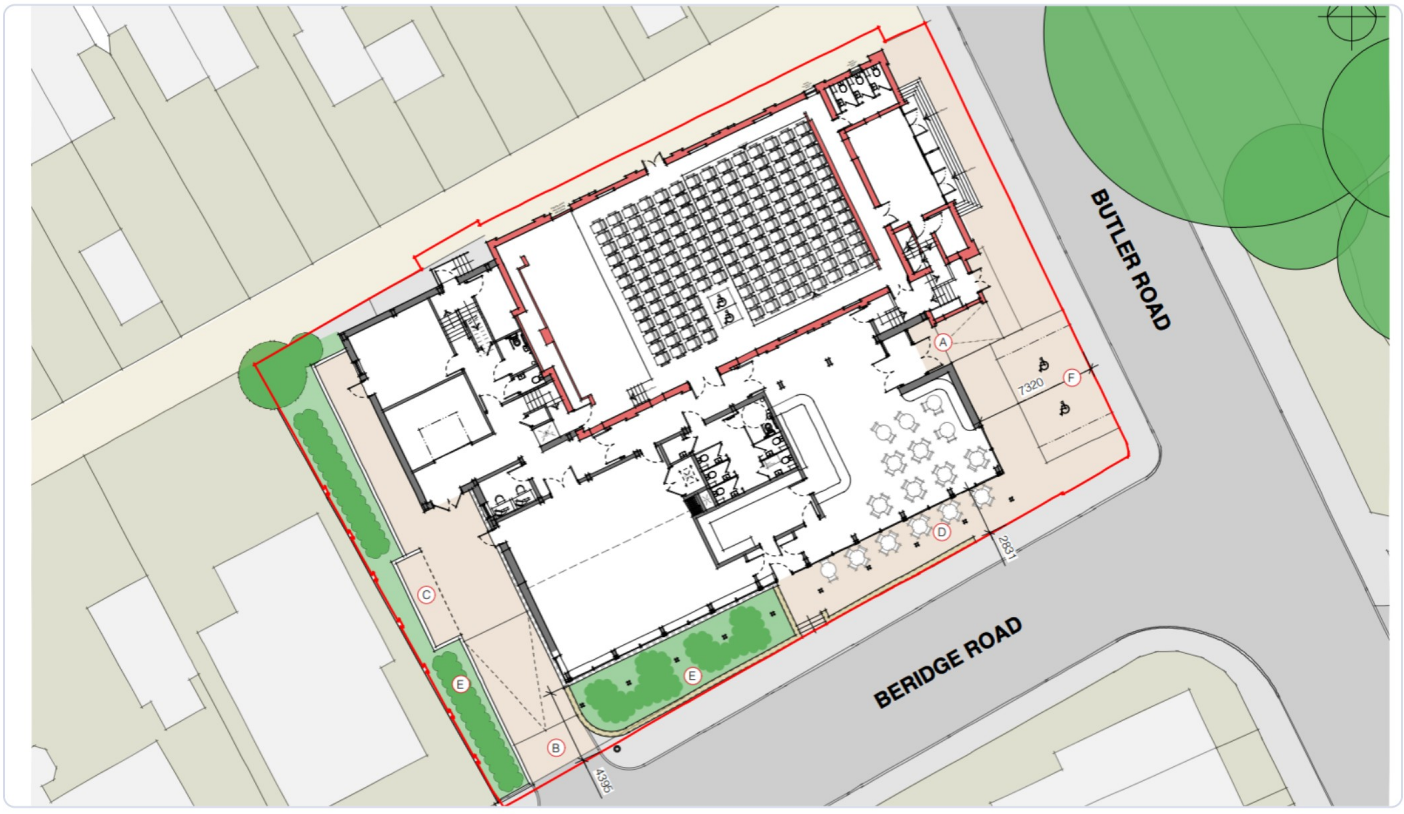
A home for groups

Performing arts classes, the Community Choir, school concerts and private hire, all powered by around 40 volunteers.

Demand is outgrowing the building. Groups across Halstead tell us they lack space to meet, rehearse and perform. The new centre will add that space while the theatre carries on doing what it does best.

THE PLANS

Ground floor plan · indicative, subject to planning



- **Existing auditorium** with its raked seating, kept at the heart of the building
- **Flexible hall and studio space** for classes, rehearsals, workshops and events
- **Accessible entrance and parking** off Butler Road
- **Glazed café-bar and foyer** on the corner, with outdoor seating on Beridge Road
- **Rooms for groups and meetings**, plus new toilets throughout
- **New planting** softening the street frontage

STAR SUPPORT

MEET OUR PATRONS

So many people and organisations have contacted us to offer support. Here are just a few of our patrons and what they have to say.



Sam Swainsbury

Actor

"The difference wasn't talent, it was opportunity. For some young people, it will be a place to perform. For others, it will be where they discover writing, directing, filmmaking, design, lighting, sound… a place where they feel inspired, supported and encouraged to believe that their creativity has value."



Kit Harington

Actor & Producer, Lavenham

"I fully and enthusiastically support the proposed plan for the community arts centre in Halstead. Being raised in the countryside myself, I cannot highlight enough how important hubs and centres like the one planned here meant to myself when young, and the role they played kickstarting my career in the arts."



Amy Cudden

Actor, Director & Producer · Co-founder, Childs Road Films

"I think it's incredibly important that the region continues to invest in visual arts and to build inclusive and diverse spaces… I think it's a brilliant initiative and I will do everything I can to support it!"



Lucy Cudden

Actor & Producer, Colchester

"Halstead's proposed Community Arts Theatre could be a real home for theatre, film and community projects alike… and prove that a thriving artistic culture doesn't have to be centred on London."



Malcolm Root FGRA

Artist · lifelong Halstead resident

"With this expansion we have the opportunity to open up new projects which can satisfy the strong cultural needs of the local populace… Art has been my life and nothing would please me more than to see a Centre dedicated to the Arts in Halstead."



George Courtauld

Patron

George's family has long-standing ties with Halstead and the wider rural community. He backs the plans to develop a Community Arts Centre and is closely watching progress.

HALSTEAD IS BEHIND IT

READY TO USE IT

Ramsey Academy
Wants to bring students, staff and families in for revision conferences, SEND and wellbeing forums, adult learning, clubs and seasonal community events.

Richard de Clare Community Academy
Its choir already sings at the Empire each Christmas; more space means more chances for children to perform on stage.

Rotary Club of Halstead
Sees a much-improved home for the Dementia Choir and for the many volunteer groups that lack places to meet.

Braintree Area Foodbank
Says creative activities reduce isolation and boost wellbeing, and Halstead has too few of them today.

From the stage: our burlesque and dance community

Halstead · Braintree · Colchester · Ipswich

"Every week I see people's confidence grow; they become themselves again, make friends, and get their glow back!"

Charlene (Crimson Desire), Ipswich

"A safe place to dance within, and grow in their confidence and empowerment."

Daisy La Diva, Halstead

"What an amazing venue that would be for our burlesque cabarets. Proper seating… as well as a great stage."

Denise Lee

Dancers and tutors tell us the new space would build confidence, friendship and wellbeing, and give local performers a stage close to home.

FUNDERS & BUSINESSES: JOIN US

A fast-growing town, a loyal audience built over a century, and partners ready on day one. Help us reach £3.4 million and put your name to Halstead's next landmark.

Grants & trusts
Partner with us on capital and programme funding

Business sponsorship
Back the project and reach thousands of local visitors

In-kind support
Offer trades, materials or professional expertise

Community fundraising
Get involved as an individual, club or village

THANKS TO FOUNDER SPONSORS

Sainsbury's

Jackson Electrics Ltd, Halstead
jacksonelectrics.co.uk

So what's next?

1. Planning
Awaiting Braintree District Council's decision

2. Funding
S106 bid made; other grant applications under way

3. Fundraising
Look out for ways to support us, coming soon

Want to know more or get involved?

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