

Annual Parish Meeting - Your Say Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30pm

What do you like about White Colne?	
What are the issues that face the village?	
What should the parish council focus on?	
Would you like to take an active role in village life?	

Please bring this form to the annual meeting, or if you are unable to attend, post it into the box at the Village Hall. Please ensure you complete your contact details.

Name _____
 Address _____
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White Colne Parish Council Newsletter – Spring 2025

Dear Residents,

Spring is here, and we've plenty happening in White Colne! From exciting community events to important village discussions – we'd love for you to get involved.

Join Us for the Annual Parish Meeting – Have Your Say! Monday, April 15th at 7:30pm – Village Hall

This is your chance to hear what's happening in White Colne and share your thoughts on the village's future. We'll be discussing:

- **Devolution & Development Challenges** – How can we shape the future of White Colne?
- **Your Priorities** – What do you want for our village?

The Annual Parish Meeting is an **informal event** for residents to share their views, with **wine and nibbles** provided. A short form is available for feedback, which can be submitted at the event or posted at the Village Hall. Your input is valued!

Community Gardens & Natural Play Open Day Sunday, April 27th – 10:30am to 1:00pm Village hall

Come and explore our **Community Garden & new Natural Play Area!** These wonderful spaces have been funded by the **UK Shared Prosperity Fund** to create something special for the whole village.

We'll have **free hot drinks and cake**, so bring the family, take a look around, and find out how you can get involved!

VE Day Community Café Invitation

Join us for a warm and welcoming **VE Day 80th anniversary Community Café** at the Village Hall on **Friday, May 9th, from 9:00am to 12:30pm**.

Come along for a cuppa, delicious homemade treats, and great company as we celebrate this special occasion. Enjoy a unique 1940's vibe with music from the era too.

Could You Be Our New Parish Councillor?

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council! Parish Councillors help make decisions on local services, planning, and improvements in the village. No special experience is needed—just an interest in our community and a little time to spare. Free training is also available.

Parish Council meetings are held **bi-monthly on the third Tuesday of the month** at the **Village Hall, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm**. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 20th**. If you're interested, why not come along and see what it's all about? Get in touch for more details!

Community Hub – Continuing into Summer?

The **Community Hub** has been a fantastic success, and whilst it's due to finish on April 14th, we may be able to continue it **for 12 Mondays throughout the summer** if we secure funding from **Essex Community Foundation**. Fingers crossed!

If you haven't visited the hub before there is still time! **Every Monday from 9am to 3pm**. Light breakfasts, drinks and snacks available free of charge. A table top quiz if you love a challenge, plenty of good company with newspapers board games and cards too.

The Stationmasters' Community Café – Join Us!

Our Community Café will continue to run on the **second and fourth Friday** of every month from 9:00am to 12:30pm in the Village Hall. It's a great place to meet friends and neighbours over a cuppa. This is a **not-for-profit** initiative, and everyone is welcome. Bottomless teas for £1, coffees for £1.50

Love Your Village – Litter Picking While You Walk

We all enjoy our beautiful walks around White Colne, and if you'd like to help keep the village tidy at the same time, we have a simple way to do it! Special **purple litter sacks, litter pickers, and gloves** are available for anyone who'd like to help. There's no need to sort the rubbish—just fill a bag and leave it at the **Village Hall** for collection. Every little bit helps to keep White Colne looking its best! We hope to see you at one (or all!) of these events. White Colne is a fantastic place to live, and it's even better when we all get involved.

Best wishes,

White Colne Parish Council

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