



What's Going On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - March 2017

(Including Bulmer St., Bulmer Tye, Finch Hill, Batt Hall, Upper & Lower Houses, Church Rd & Hedingham Road). View in colour at www.essexinfo.net/bulmer

Parish Precept Increase Explanation for 2017/18 - by Peter Fulcher, Chairman, Bulmer Parish Council.

I am writing to inform you of the Budget situation of the Parish Council and the effect it will have on Parishioners contribution through the Parish element of the Council Tax.

Following the Parish Council meeting in November where the Council was unable to agree the budget there have been discussions via e mail on the budget. Questions were raised and in the Clerk's investigations it was discovered that Bulmer Parish Council has been acting outside the rules governing Parish Council Budgets since 2004. Since 2004 the Parish Council has been using Capital Receipts to support the Revenue Budget. This is not allowed.

Braintree District Council have also reduced the Localism Fund contributions they give to Bulmer Parish Council. They have also informed the Parish Council that this support will be reduced again next year and eventually be discontinued.

This situation came about after Coe's Meadow had been completed. Parish Council land had been sold off to fund the Coe's Meadow project however because of success in obtaining Grants for the work, little of these Capital Receipts were used. The External Auditor made it clear to the Clerk at the time that the Parish Council should not hold such large Capital Reserves and should be trying to spend it. The Parish Council agreed that the best way to utilise these reserves was to support the precept i.e. not increasing it as this would be of benefit to all parishioners. Since this has been done the Parish Council has been audited by the External Auditor and has not been informed it should not be supporting the precept in this way. I can remember the Clerk informing the Parish Council that the External Auditor had still stated that we held too much money in Reserves during my time as a Cllr. All of the current Parish Councillors apart from Cllr. Bennett have been involved in this incorrect method of budget support over the period in question.

The effect of this is unless the Cllrs wish to act illegally they must set a budget which is not supported by Capital Reserves. As the only reserves held by the Parish Council are Capital this means the Budget for next year 2017/2018 must be paid for by contributions from the parishioners (the precept). The only way to achieve this is by a significant increase to the precept. This has been reduced a little by cutting non-essential items and by reducing the number of grass cuts. As part of the non-essential cuts we have had to cease giving any grants. These will affect the Village Hall, Grass Cutting in the Churchyard and Skylarks.

When the decision was taken in 2004 the reduction in Capital assets was not great as the interest rates meant that most of the support was covered by interest received. Use of interest from Capital to support reduced the Revenue Budget is allowed. Over the years as you know interest rates have reduced dramatically and more of the Capital was being used to support the Revenue Budget.

This reduction in Capital and the fact that when that ran out there would have to be a very large increase in the precept for the Budget was recognised by the Parish Council. This was discussed at the 2013 Village Assembly where the Parishioners present supported the annual increase of the precept for the budget to avoid the large increase in the future. The Parish Council has been increasing the precept since 2014/15 Budget. But as stated at the beginning the Parish Council now have no option but to significantly increase the precept.

The increase for the coming Financial year is therefore £13.09 for Band D Council Tax payers. The only consolation I can offer at this time is that if the Band D Council Tax had been increased by 50p each year from 2004 until 2014 Parishioners would have paid £27.50.

BULMER SKYLARKS

What a joy it was to see so many of our members arrive at our first meeting of 2017 on a very cold afternoon. They are all so very cheerful and nothing it seems will keep them away. At the meeting we enjoyed welcoming 3 lovely representatives from Red House. We first heard about the history of the building followed by an insight into the running of the home and the wonderful work they do. We all received invitations to their many functions, which I'm sure some of us will attend.

On 28th March our meeting is entitled "Surprise Surprise" and that is exactly what it will be so no hints given! Ed Crichton from Scott Lacey will be visiting us on April 25 to give us some insight into the life of an auctioneer. Ed is a very good amusing speaker so we hope our members will enjoy his visit.

Of course, as with everything these days, we have to do some fund raising so we will again be holding a Fashion Show at Edinburgh Woollen Mills on May 17th. This is always an enjoyable evening due mainly to some of our members who volunteer to be models. Tickets can be purchased from Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758.

On May 23rd Donna Flowers from Wyvale Garden Centre will be keeping us up to date with all things horticultural and in June we will once again be celebrating Summer with a party.

We are often asked "What is Skylarks" and our answer is always "Come along and find out", so please if you are wondering about us, do come along and see if you like us. All we ask for is £1, which includes tea and mountains of cake! If you would like to speak to one of us please ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Following our first meeting of the New Year we were able to set a programme of events for the next 6 months. We hope you will be able to support some of them as we have listened to you and, where possible, have booked things that you have asked for.

The first event will be AN EVENING WITH CHARLIE HAYLOCK Friday 28th April. This is frequently requested and for those who have never seen Charlie we fully recommend that you come along for a laughter filled evening of Suffolk humour. Tickets, including light refreshments, are priced at £5.50 and can be obtained by ringing 374758. Book early to avoid disappointment.

The next event will take place on Sunday May 21st. and will be a COLLECTORS AND BYGONES EXHIBITION. This has always been a very popular exhibition so watch out for more details on the web site or on the notice boards. For more information please ring Alan Dixey on 312915

Finally we are planning to hold an HORTICULTURAL AND VILLAGE SHOW on Saturday August 12th. This will only be open to Bulmer residents to exhibit their produce and work but will be open to everyone once judging has taken place.

There will be certain classes to enter----vegetables, fruit and a single flower. Some of these classes will give you the chance to vote on your favourite exhibit. There will also be a baking competition of cakes and jams for both adults and children. Those of you who like to paint or sew or knit will be invited to exhibit your work although there will be no judging of these.

Further details will be published nearer the date but for now it is time to start digging and planting.

The Committee are hoping to improve the building to keep it desirable to hirers. Our plan is to have the main Hall decorated this year without too much disturbance to hirers. This is quite a big undertaking and quite expensive so we do ask that you continue to support our events and the Lottery. If you aren't a member of the lottery and would like to contribute to help keep the Hall open by joining please contact Dawn on 376676 or call in at the Post Office. Thank you all for your support in the past.

The A.G.M. will take place on Friday 26th May at 8pm. Please come along to show your support, give us your opinions or just have a moan at us!!!

The Lottery still provides 3 lucky winners each month. It is a vital fundraiser for your village hall. Are you a member? The more members the more funds for the village Hall and bigger prizes.

Please support your village hall and contact Dawn at the Post Office (01787 376676) if you would like to join the village lottery.

Month	First	Second	Third
Jan	Mr & Mrs Francis	Mr & Mrs Rooney	Mr P Wenborne
Feb	Mr & Mrs B Smiles	Mrs S Toy	Mrs J Steed

BULMER STITCH AND SEW CLUB

Everyone welcome - we meet on the first Monday in the month from 2 – 4pm. If it falls on a Bank Holiday it is on the 2nd Monday. We pay £1 per session this helps to pay for the hire of the hall and refreshments. If anyone else would like to join us (men as well) please ring Margaret 01787 312915 for further information.

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## **BULMER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

Celebrating 50 years in situ for Bulmer St Andrew's Primary School. On 2nd December 2016 children and staff of Bulmer St Andrew's Primary School celebrated 50 years in current premises. The school, which has been part of Bulmer since 1840 was once sited on the Church Meadow in Bulmer Tye, 50 years ago, it was moved to its current location in Church Lane, Bulmer. The new school was of an architecturally modern octagonal design, with the centre being created as a hub of activity, where lunches were served, PE lessons run and assemblies taken, now it is the school library and IT resource centre.

At the celebrations were pupils and teachers from the past and present, parents, residents and school governors, many of whom remember how the school was seen as revolutionary in its design and the excitement that surrounded its build.

Former teacher Alison Brett who taught at the school for 27 years spoke briefly about her teaching experience at the school. "When I first came to Bulmer, there were 76 children in the school. It was such a happy place to work, filled with learning, fun and laughter." Mrs Brett also reminisced about how she still sees some of her students, many of whom have gone on to have successful careers. Current children of the school opened up the celebrations by singing the song 'One Thing Remains', with local historian Mr Cooper giving a brief overview of the school and about why it moved from Church Meadow. After the introduction, the Chair of Governors, Mrs Jan Hoogewerf cut the celebration cake and opened the event so that everyone could browse the memorabilia laid out in the school hall.

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FOOD BANK APPEAL – LENT APPEAL 40p FOR 40 DAYS

The Foodbank has two March celebrations, Mothering Sunday and Lent. To mark these we are running an appeal – 40p For 40 Days.

A donation of 40p for each of the 40 days of Lent is £16, £20 with Gift Aid, which enables us to supply one person or family in crisis with a box of food. This is the cost of running the Foodbank – e.g. paying the gas and electricity bills for the warehouse, and the vans delivering to the centres in Braintree, Witham and Halstead, funding has to be raised by donation.

Lent begins on 1st March 2017. Please help us by going to our website or Facebook page for details of how to donate or volunteer, and for opening times of our centres in Braintree, Witham and Halstead.

www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

General Enquiries **Tel** 01376 330694, **E-mail** info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

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## **ST ANDREWS CHURCH NEWS**

Christmas came and is now long past with our special services bringing good congregations. Now this year is sliding by with spring already sprung and summer approaching. At Bulmer we have our regular services on the first three Sundays of each month with our "all age family service" led by members of the church community on the first Sunday of the month.

However, there are many special services such as our Palm Sunday service which we will hold in the village hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15am: this will be followed by coffee and our Annual Church Meeting where our Church Council is elected. This special public meeting is similar to the Parish Assembly held by the Parish Council in that everyone is invited to come and share their views as to how the church can benefit the village more. After the talking we will enjoy together a 'bring and share' lunch. Tea and coffee etc. will be provided.

Then we come to Easter which is at the centre of the Christian year:

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – we have a walk of witness around part of Bulmer Street starting at 2pm from the church.

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday – The service is at 11.15am when we welcome the risen Christ so please join us at this important festival. The service is followed by the Easter Egg Hunt!!

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April starting at 2.00pm prompt there will be a Bridge Drive to be held at Smeetham Hall Barn. This will be in aid of church funds, in particular the refurbishment of the organ which is struggling at present! Tickets work out at £10 per head including a splendid tea served in the wonderful Barn. If you, or anyone you know, enjoys playing bridge please contact Sandy Maynard on 01787 269285 who can provide further detail.



Our annual Pet Service is on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2.30pm - in the afternoon this year, but hopefully as before on Coe's Meadow (weather permitting). So please bring your pets with their best coats on! Finally, the Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am led by Archdeacon Robin King. This will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch in church. Tea and coffee will be provided so do join us to celebrate the harvest in this rural part of the country.

Those who walk through the churchyard will notice some of the grass will be growing longer than usual. This results from the Parish Council being unable to give the church a grant this year towards the cost of grass cutting. The church council has reluctantly decided that without the parish council grant (£1000 in 2016) we need to reduce expenditure on the grass cutting accordingly. The parochial church council apologises for the effect of this but as it costs more than £2000 *each month* to keep St Andrew's going something must give. Without the fundraising events and general support from the village, we will continue to have a shortfall – for 2016 this was £1162.

As some of you may have read, Pebmarsh Church has reduced the number of services offered to one per month due to dwindling congregations and general lack of support from the village. We pray that this will not happen in Bulmer.

Members of St Andrew's Parochial Church Council.

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NATURE DIARY

Bulmer hit the headlines on the birding websites in January. Some of you may have noticed several cars parked in Sandy Lane and observed a few figures dotted around armed with telescopes and long lenses. Yes, you could say that there was a "twitch" on.

The object of their quest was a hooded crow. Very closely related to our common carrion crow, it has a markedly different appearance, black head and wings, but with a light grey body, very much a two tone bird, unlike the undertaker black of our carrion crow. They are more normally found in the north of Britain, and only rarely come this far south, especially inland. This one has attached itself to the large flock of rooks and jackdaws that are always to be seen in the locality.

Hugh Owen had the honour of seeing the bird first on Christmas Eve, from Sandy Lane. Later Allen Burbidge had it easy, watching in comfort from his bedroom window! I saw it a little later at long range perched with a load of rooks on the line of trees the further side of the field. It seems to be a long stayer, as I saw it again on February 3rd, but at no closer range, so the picture is from the internet.



Whilst we were waiting, in vain hope of getting a closer look at the crow, we did have some super close up views of a mixed flock of fieldfares and redwings, which came almost up to the car. These "winter thrushes" which invade our shores, come mainly from the Scandinavian countries.

Like our song thrush and mistle thrush they feed on a wide range of different items. On the fields, they are digging out worms and other invertebrates, but are equally fond of berries and fruit. It always amazes me to see thrushes gobbling down sloes, which can have quite a sizeable stone in them, bearing in mind the fact that each one has to pass through it's intestinal track! Size-wise, the



redwing is about the same as our song thrush and the fieldfare around that of the mistle thrush. When it comes to song, we only hear their contact calls, as they don't sing properly until they have migrated back to their breeding grounds. I've got to say though, that I was most disappointed when I first heard a redwing's song in Norway several years ago. I was expecting to hear something akin to the tuneful sound of our song thrush, but the redwing's song is limited to a constantly repeated three syllable, rather scratchy phrase

Left. Three fieldfares & a redwing close to the car in Sandy Lane.

We have had a couple of sightings of a herd of around 10 fallow deer over on the Smeetham Hall fields in front of Heaven Wood. The first time they were grazing in the lee of the wood. Through the 'scope I could only pick out one obvious buck. It was sporting just one fine showpiece antler -- the other was missing. Was it shed naturally, or had it been lost in some epic battle with one of his rivals back in the Autumn rut?

Like most Fallow deer in our area these have very dark coats, unlike those with attractive dappled light coats to be seen in the parkland of some of our stately homes. They can be regarded as having the more typical colouration, but according to the books, they can vary anywhere from black, red and brown, through to pure white.

A couple of weeks later, this time for only a fleeting moment, the herd was going hell for leather, strung out like racehorses as they tore across the view, disappearing and reappearing between gaps in the intervening hedges, before vanishing through the last hedge on to the Goldingham Hall lands.

Age and decay has finally caught up with the fine old horse chestnut tree, which for countless years has stood sentinel at the entrance to the churchyard from Church Meadow. Seeking to discover just how old the tree was, I had a go at counting the annual rings of the stump, but they weren't all that clearly defined and I arrived at a minimum of 160 years, possibly up to 180. This would point to the tree being planted around the time the old school was being built on the edge of the meadow, a very handy conker source for the young pupils, probably including my great grandfather David Rowe.

I have one amusing memory of this tree from when I attended the old school. At that time the meadow was known as "School Meadow", an idyllic playground for us all.

The tree had a large branch which came out horizontally over the boundary wall and by standing on the wall, it was a doddle to climb up into the tree. Two of the older boys, who had already moved on to the Modern Sec. at Sudbury, were playing truant. However the formidable Mr Bolt, school attendance officer, was out to catch them. They had taken refuge, well hidden by the leaves high in the chestnut tree. To no avail however, and having been spotted by their eagle eyed pursuer, jumped down from the tree, each carrying a well leaved branch in an attempt to conceal their identity. They ran like hares towards the Village Hall, hotly pursued by old Bolt, with us younger kids streaming along behind enjoying the chase! I don't think he caught them, but no doubt they paid for it later.

Looking at a rape crop on a field that had been well grazed by woodpigeons, despite lifelike scarecrows and gas guns, brought it home what a battle with nature farmers sometimes have to wage. Pigeons don't do much damage to cereal crops, but beside the estuary of the Stour at Bradfield near Manningtree, the farmer had a different

puzzling to see an old Land Rover two tractors and a digger apparently stranded in the middle of a long wheat field about 400 yards apart. A chance meeting with the farmer solved the mystery. His wheat wasn't plagued by pigeons, but by Brent geese, which winter on the estuary. He seemed to think that the geese, seeing the tractors etc. would keep off thinking that humans were around, but I personally doubt it.

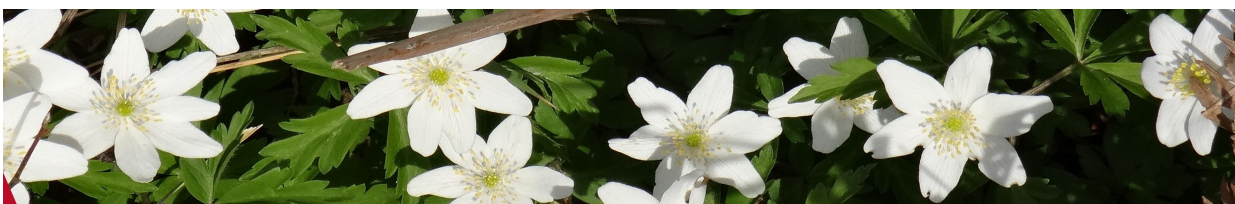
Right: Brent geese, a watercolour by Wendy

Well, it won't be long before the spring flowers will be brightening up our walks, although last year many of the primroses had already been out since early January.



Enjoy The Spring !

PETER ROWE



Wood anemones – silver stars on a woodland floor

Cllr DAVID FINCH – REPORTING BACK TO YOU

I am very proud to serve you as your County Councillor and have done so for more than a decade. My Division is known as the Heddinghams and is one of the largest constituencies within Essex County Council, where I represent 33 Parish Council areas.

Each village is unique and I regularly travel around them from my own home in Borley but all have common issues that I am working on for you the residents. One of the main concerns is that of speeding traffic and I work closely with the parish councillors, the police and our highways teams to mitigate this as much as possible. We do have flashing speed signs and there are community speedwatch teams. In truth we cannot completely stop those who drive irresponsibly but we are ensuring we cut it down as much as possible. There are also issues around road resurfacing, school crossing patrols and broadband as well as individual matters where I am helping people. Please never hesitate to contact me if you need any assistance.

As well as being your County Councillor I also have the privilege of being the Leader of the Essex County Council which brings a whole raft of responsibilities the main one being ensuring we achieve a balanced budget. Local councils are seeing a reduction in the money they receive from central government as we continue to pay back the national debt and in Essex we have met that challenge head on and reduced our costs substantially. It has also meant that we have frozen our part of your Council Tax bill five times, including next year as well.

Local Government finance is made up of the Council Tax collected locally and a central grant given by government from general taxation. I am a great believer that Councils do not have their own money but have yours and it is important you know where it is being spent. The main areas are Adult Social care, Children’s services, Highways, Education, Public Health, investing to boost our economy as well as offering grants to help local communities.

As Leader I spend a great deal of time lobbying Government and meeting with Ministers to assist us to continue to improve our services to you the public. These include ensuring we build schools for the future, a fairer deal for older people, providing more localised skills funding rather than controlled by Westminster and working with NHS to help deliver better healthcare for our county. I hope you find this helpful and interesting to know a little more about the work that I do but I am first and foremost your local representative at County Hall and I am here to serve you.

My contact details are: email – david.finch@essex.gov.uk. Mobile phone is 07834252070 (Or see parish noticeboard for contact details)

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YOUR COUNCILLORS

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DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
20 th MARCH 2017
15 th MAY 2017
17 th JULY 2017
18 th SEPTEMBER 2017
20 th NOVEMBER 2017

DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
MONDAY 24 th APRIL 2017

All meetings are bi-monthly, normally held on the third Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7:45pm except the AGM starts 7:15pm All parishioners are welcome to attend and there is a 15 minute slot for statements/questions from the floor.

(Please note all minutes are available to be viewed on the web site www.essexinfo.net/bulmer - should you be unable to access the web site please contact a councillor who will be able to provide you with a copy.)

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ESSEX SUPERFAST BROADBAND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Superfast Essex who in conjunction with Essex County Council is working to improve superfast broadband availability in Essex and has a brief to invest in infrastructure where commercial operators are not offering services or planning to do so within three years (areas of 'market failure') have written to the Parish Council asking for information on their records in respect of Bulmer. They have provided details of the coverage either existing or proposed by County Broadband. They would particularly like feedback on premises within post codes marked as *Under review – existing deployment*.

Where residents or businesses at the impacted addresses disagree with their classification, which states that a superfast broadband service is available to them from County Broadband, then they would like to hear from you as soon as possible and at the latest by the end of March 2017, so that they can make efforts to update their State Aid map.

If you are in a postcode which has existing deployment of superfast broadband by County Broadband and wish to have access to faster broadband you should in the first instance contact them at www.countybroadband.co.uk or telephone 0845 686 5000 to see what they have to offer. They are able to provide broadband and phone packages like other broadband providers. If you are in an area where there is planned deployment you should still contact them. If they know there is a significant interest they will be more likely to give priority to early provision in that area.

If County Broadband are unable to provide a broadband service or inform you when they propose to provide a service then you should inform Superfast Essex before the end of March at make.theconnection@essex.gov.uk. Or by writing to The Senior Programme Manager, Superfast Essex, County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1LX. Written evidence is required in order to progress a change in the State Aid status of the property in question.

If your postcode is not on the list this means that you are in an area of market failure, also known as 'white' areas. 'White' areas are eligible for investment under the Superfast Essex programme. You can see the status of your individual property on the Interactive State Aid Map on the Superfast Essex website (www.superfastessex.org/whats happening next).

The current classifications referred to above are:

<i>County Broadband coverage and plans in your parish</i>	Postcode	SFE - status
Bulmer The Auberies and dwellings within farm yard	CO107DY	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer Ryes Lane	CO107DZ	Under review - Planned deployment
Bulmer Bulmer Tye	CO107EB	Under review - Planned deployment
Bulmer Bulmer Tye (Blacksmith Lane area)	CO107ED	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer Bulmer Tye (Building yard side of A131)	CO107ED	Under review - Planned deployment
Bulmer Plough Green & Tye Corner Farm	CO107EE	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer Church Road (A131 End)	CO107EH	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer Church Road (Haven Ground area School side)	CO107EH	Under review - Planned deployment
Bulmer Church Road (Haven Ground The Auberies side)	CO107EJ	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer Church Road (The Street end)	CO107EL	Accepted - Existing deployment previously declared
Bulmer Church Road (The Street end)	CO107EL	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer Smeetham Hall Lane (The Street end)	CO107EN	Accepted - Existing deployment previously declared
Bulmer Smeetham Hall Lane (The Street end)	CO107EN	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer The Street (Coe's Meadow side)	CO107EP	Accepted - Existing deployment previously declared
Bulmer Park Lane	CO107EQ	Under review - Existing deployment

Bulmer	Park Lane	CO107EQ	Under review - Planned deployment
Bulmer	Goldingham Hall (and businesses)	CO107ER	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer	Lower Houses	CO107ES	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer	Upper Houses	CO107ET	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer	Smeetham Hall Lane (Smeetham Hall to Finch Hill end)	CO107EU	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer	The Street (Belchamp Brook side)	CO107EW	Accepted - Existing deployment previously declared
Bulmer	The Street (Belchamp Brook side)	CO107EW	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer	Finch Hill	CO107EX	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer	Kitchen Hill	CO107EY	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer	Batt Hall	CO107EZ	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer	Kitchen Farm (Apartments)	CO107FA	Under review - Existing deployment
Bulmer	Old Vicarage and Black House Farm	CO107TA	Accepted - Existing deployment previously declared
Bulmer	Vicars Orchard	CO107TB	Accepted - Existing deployment previously declared
Bulmer	Swains Croft	CO107TD	Accepted - Existing deployment previously declared
Bulmer	St Andrew's Rise	CO107TH	Accepted - Existing deployment previously declared

Please note these addresses for the postcodes have been added and may not be entirely accurate but have been included to make it easier to find the relevant status of your area.

The listing above is an extract for our area from the full Essex coverage claim from County Broadband. In addition to the category *Under review – existing deployment* already mentioned, the following other categories may also appear on your list. Here is a key to all of the categories and what they mean:

Under review - Existing deployment

Superfast Essex is inviting feedback to identify any areas where a superfast service is not actually available.

Under Review – Planned Deployment

Superfast Essex will monitor the planned deployment. When the operator has implemented the plan we will contact the community and seek feedback on the newly deployed services to identify any coverage gaps. (These areas will then be categorised as Under Review – Existing Deployment for a two-month consultation period)

Under review – Claimed as existing coverage, under review against a planned deployment

The operator has claimed existing coverage, but Superfast Essex does not agree that properties are served with sufficient signal strength. However, the operator has also indicated that further deployment is planned which would enhance the service in this area, therefore Superfast Essex has classed these areas as Planned deployment (see above)

Accepted - Existing deployment previously declared

Areas where County Broadband has previously declared that it can provide a service, and this was accepted by Superfast Essex and communicated to communities early in 2016 (shown on the State aid map as grey dots).

The Parish Council urges you to respond to Superfast Essex not only to the specific request but any other comments you may have on your broadband coverage.

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**The next edition will be published at the end of June 2017 Please can I have all your pictures & articles, by the 14<sup>th</sup> June. Call Stella on 312152 or email [stella.buchanan@btinternet.com](mailto:stella.buchanan@btinternet.com)**



