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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Covid-19 has not yet gone fully away. Variants keep emerging. Vaccinations rates are high ! Please continue to follow the appropriate Government guidelines in order to keep down the rate of transmission of the virus. Not sure how foreign holidays are going to progress !

Note: the deadline for things to go into the next Gosfield Grapevine magazine is:

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021**

Anything sent in after this will be put forward into subsequent magazines.

If you would like to advertise your community event, club, or business, and for anything Grapevine related, please contact the Gosfield Grapevine editor at:

[grapevine@gosfieldparishcouncil.org](mailto:grapevine@gosfieldparishcouncil.org)

### DATES TO NOTE:

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> August – Gosfield RC Car Jam

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> August – Gosfield Open Gardens

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Bank Holiday

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Golf Day

Saturday and Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September – Garage Sale Weekend

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September – Party in the Park (Gosfield)

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Autumn Equinox

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November – Thursford Christmas Spectacular



### GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

Opening Times:

Monday to Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am to noon

Please contact Isla, or Jo, if you would like to become a volunteer at the shop.

## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

**Car Parking.** The Parish Council often gets complaints that cars are parked inconsiderately, especially In The Limes and Nuns Meadow. Now the Council has no authority over roads and parking and recognises that both those estates were designed for either first time buyers or the elderly and were not expected to have more than one car per household, which is not the case today. So all we can do is appeal to common sense, not to double park or park on corners and leaving enough space for a fire engine or ambulance to get through.

**Hedge Cutting.** It is nearly time to cut back hedges which are next to footpaths and roads. Nearly all birds will have fledged by September and hedges will be at their maximum size which is a good time to cut.

**The revamped Social Club.** On Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> the Social Club re-opened after being closed for several months. More space has been create by pushing the back wall out about a metre, and its modern design fits in remarkably well with the old Courtauld building. Inside the toilet space for ladies and the disabled has been expanded. I think everyone will agree that the Club has been sadly missed during the lockdown and it is great to see it functioning again.

**Complaints about noise.** The Parish Council has received several complaints about loud music coming from a 'glamping' site on the other side of Sparrows Pond. Planning permission was granted for this site several years ago and it lies partly in Gosfield Parish and partly in Greenstead Green Parish and I believe it does have a music licence but it is limited. Both Parish Councils have asked BDC to investigate a possible breach of the licence.

Bob Waters

Ongoing planning applications for building works are given on page 8.



Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

### THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR:

The coach trip to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular will be on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, for the 2pm performance. Tickets, including coach from Gosfield, are £65 each. Any profit will go to the Gosfield Community Shop new building project. Contact Joanne Colyer on 01787-477808 or 07894-577629 to book, or for further information.

# GOSFIELD VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

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## **'The Friends of St Catherine's Church'**

'The Friends of St Catherine's Church' are a small group of volunteers who support our Church financially in the fabric of the building. Please consider becoming a member, (with no commitment) it is just £10 each, or £20 a year per family. For a bankers standing order contact David Degnan on 01787-472291, or [www.gosfieldchurch.org.uk](http://www.gosfieldchurch.org.uk).

## **ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB**

<b>June Winners:</b>	No. 13 Mrs. J Colyer	No. 93 Mr. L Carter
	No. 46 Mrs. S Perry	No. 118 Mrs. M Pawsey
<b>July Winners:</b>	No. 37 Mrs. T Edwards	No. 81 Mr. D Jarvis
	No. 42 Mrs. D Collier	No. 178 Mr. M Jarvis

Anyone wishing to join, please contact **Hazel** on 01787-472593

## REV. ROSE'S RAMBLINGS

Hello, Gosfield !

Well, it's "all change", isn't it? Time to root out the spuds and think about what comes next. Oh, you mean the change in the Covid rules ?

Seriously, the Churchwardens and I are thinking about how we can plan a return to some sort of normality, hoping soon to have our dear St Catherine's open daily for quiet, cool, sit-downs and prayer, hoping to sing those wonderful hymns again, looking forward to everyone feeling able to return to Sunday worship, hoping to share the great real coffee and home-made cake after services, hoping to restart games afternoons and eventually perhaps study groups and coffee mornings... meanwhile, there's blight on the spuds, and still blight in our lives and the lives of the whole community.

With potato blight, it's partly luck really: you do your best to protect the plants, but sometimes it just happens, and then it's a question of quickly separating the spuds themselves from the infection swirling around. A bit like Covid – we do our best to protect ourselves, those we love, everyone, by having the vaccines; but the variants just happen, and all we can do then is separate ourselves with face-masks or even self-isolation. And it can be a worry, costly, annoying and worse...

But the year turns, the seasons change, and the sudden heat of the summer which ripens the crops makes life hard for the virus and cheers us up. Staycations become a great alternative to foreign hols, when the sun shines! The spuds may have blight, but the onions are wonderful! As an old farming friend says, God always gives a harvest – not perhaps what you were wanting or expecting, but a harvest nonetheless.

On 1<sup>st</sup> August, Judy Paterson will be leading the first of our harvest services – for Lammas Day, the rejoicing at the first sheaves of the barley harvest. If your ancestors, like mine, were mostly poor peasant types, it was barley loaves they ate, not wheaten ones, and in the main they drank small beer (safer than plain water in those days), so the barley harvest was absolutely vital, and a good harvest worth joy and thanks to God. It still is worth joy and thanks to God – so do come along and join in Judy's service at 10.30. Whether we are still wearing masks then, who knows? But we shall all be Gosfield folks, part of the St Catherine's family, wherever we come from, or eat, or drink, or grow.

And I wish you happy holidays this summer, wherever they are: home or away, long or short, bikini-&-mask or hillwalking-boots-&-rainwear. Remember God insists on everyone, humans and working animals alike, having a regular break (the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 10 Commandments?). Oooh, there's another sermon idea brewing...

And remember, please, that St Catherine's is your parish church, intended for everyone to feel that they belong and are loved there. Because it's the truth.

Blessings as ever, Rev Rose: ([revrosebraisby@btinternet.com](mailto:revrosebraisby@btinternet.com) or 01245-361927) 32

## GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

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IN AID OF GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP

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## GOSFIELD VILLAGE ENTITIES, continued

### GROUPS, SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES:

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Gosfield Players	Jules Wilkinson	07958-903932	
Gosfield Rainbows and Guides	Stacey Creak	07814-233219	
Gosfield Brownies and Guides	Gill Hillman-Crouch	01787-478097	Or: 07801-265603
Gosfield Cubs and Scouts	Steve Sudbury	07885-467712	<a href="mailto:stephensudburygardens@gmail.com">stephensudburygardens@gmail.com</a>
Gosfield Women's Institute	Michelle Hine	01787-469359	Tuesday, 2nd week, 2 pm
Gosfield Senior Circle	Joan Cornell	01787-478235	Tidings Hill
Gosfield Twinning Association	Bridget Waterer		<a href="mailto:bridget@gosfieldtwinning.co.uk">bridget@gosfieldtwinning.co.uk</a>
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PCC Secretary	Judy Paterson	01787-472514	
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Application for approval of matters as reserved by condition 7 of approved application 20/00653/REM, Land To The West Of Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No:21/02277/DAC

Addition of two internal openings to the ground floor, plus shower room and hall to the first floor, Byford Cottage Church Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1TL, Ref. No:21/02259/LBC

Application for approval of details as reserved by Condition 3 approved application 17/01066/OUT and Condition 2 of approved application 20/00653/REM, Land To The West Of Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No:21/02215/DAC

Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 25 of approved application 17/01066/OUT, Land To The West Of Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No:21/02132/DAC

Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 4 and 6 of approved application 20/01438/VAR, Gosfield School Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PF, Ref. No:21/02097/DAC

Application for the siting of 8 storage containers (B8 storage use) and installation of hardstanding. Retention of 18 storage containers, Petersfield Farm Petersfield Lane Gosfield Essex CO9 1PU, Ref. No:21/02008/FUL

Instatement of white picket fence and gate (both 0.9m in height) to front boundary of property. Byford Cottage Church Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1TL, Ref. No:21/01901/LBC

Proposed balcony over existing flat roof with safety railings & external access. North Lodge Hall Drive Gosfield Essex CO9 1SX, Ref. No:21/01857/HH and Proposed balcony over existing flat roof with safety railings & external access. North Lodge Hall Drive Gosfield Essex CO9 1SX, Ref. No:21/01858/LBC

Application for approval of Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 20/00611/OUT - Erection of 1 no. new dwelling together with associated car parking, garden amenity space, and associated development, Woodstock Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PE, Ref. No:21/01753/REM

Demolition of existing single garage and erection of new double garage, Church View House Church Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1UD, Ref. No:21/01745/HH

Application for approval of details as reserved by conditions 18, 20 and 22 of approved application 17/01066/OUT, Land To The West Of Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No:21/01647/DAC

Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 5 of approved application 20/00144/FUL, Gosfield Place Lodge The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU, Ref. No:21/01625/DAC

## GOSFIELD VILLAGE ENTITIES

### SCHOOLS:

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St. Margaret's School	Carolyn Moss (Headteacher)	01787-472134	<a href="mailto:admin@stmargaretsprep.com">admin@stmargaretsprep.com</a>
Gosfield School	Guy Martyn (Principal)	01787-474040	<a href="mailto:enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk">enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk</a>

### SPORTS CLUBS:

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Gosfield Lake Golf Club	Tony O'Shea	01787-474747	<a href="mailto:gosfieldlakegc@btconnect.com">gosfieldlakegc@btconnect.com</a>
Gosfield Juniors Football	Mark Wiskin	07930-990013	
Gosfield United Football Club	Simon Fraser (Chairman)	01206-211470	
Gosfield Tennis Club	Sheila Goldsmith (Secretary)	01787-478519	
Gosfield Lake	Linda Turp (Office Manager)	01787-4785043	<a href="mailto:turps@gosfieldlake.co.uk">turps@gosfieldlake.co.uk</a>

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The Social Club	Steve and Becky	01787-476235	
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Courtyard Brewery	Tanya and Marc	07710-230662	

### GOSFIELD SUPPORT:

Community Agent	Chivonne Claydon	07540-720603	
Neighbourhood Watch Group	Louise Smith	07962-268376	

### GOSFIELD POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO):

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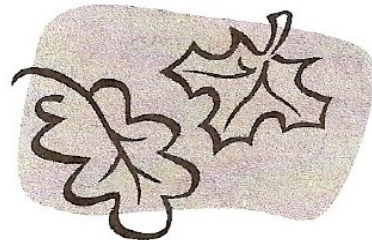
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## GOSFIELD IN BLOOM

As you can see, the Bloomers have been busy around the village with our summer planting & regular watering.

We also have three new additions to the village.

1. Help yourself Veg & Herbs at the village shop - this is a new project which we hope to expand on every year. The lettuce & radishes are ready with tomatoes & runner beans growing nicely.
2. The playing field Giant Head ! It's still developing but you can definitely see it's potential. His/her name will be decided soon.
3. The muck spreader which was kindly donated by a resident and then renovated by Ken Bailey – a local chap who volunteered his time & knowledge to transform it for bloom to use. It's currently positioned at the entrance to Transporters and looks fantastic.

Gosfield in Bloom has entered three campaigns this year. Britain in Bloom, Anglia in Bloom & It's your neighbourhood.

All entries have been submitted and we hope to hear the results in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Born2Tri' - Gosfield Lake Triathlon and Multisport, morning of Sunday, 11-07-2021,  
235 racers of various categories – good to see such energy and enthusiasm !



## SPEEDWATCH IN GOSFIELD

This month, CSW sessions have been limited due to the wet weather as Speedwatch is not allowed if roads are wet for obvious reasons.

However, we have carried out four sessions recently, one outside the Primary school which included a driver at 37 mph at school entry time, another session in Church Road resulted in recording a driver at 38 mph in one direction, then shortly after 39 mph in the other direction, also we recorded a driver on their mobile phone, how crazy can you get? We are obliged by the police to place Speedwatch signs at either end of our watch area, plus there are ample permanent signs all along the village, so you would think there are sufficient warnings.

We are a small team of six dedicated people who operate the CSW in Gosfield, often we are told "you should be here at a certain time, the speeding is crazy", when invited to join us that usually results in a negative response, pity.



### **1st GOSFIELD CUBS & SCOUTS**

Gosfield's own 1st Scout group are preparing to reopen again soon.

There will be opportunities for new Cubs and Scouts to join.

Cubs are aged 8-10½, master new skills and have fun.

Scouts are aged 10½ -14, explore the world and challenge yourself.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our section nights, events and committee. If you are wondering how you could help, we can support you to develop your skills and offer training along the way, you possibly have certain skills already!

Each section meets weekly providing a wide range of various activities. The meetings take place both inside and outdoors giving the young people a variety of life experiences. Events and camps are run throughout the year to consolidate their skills developed during weekly meetings.

For more information contact the Group Leader Steve Sudbury on:

[stephensudburygardens@gmail.com](mailto:stephensudburygardens@gmail.com)

## BRAINTREE AREA FOODBANK

A very big thank you to us from the Braintree Foodbank. In the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, you donated 710.74 kg enabling us to provide over 52,000 meals to needy people in Braintree, Halstead and Witham.

Please leave donations at the village shop or at Judy Paterson's 'Winnipeg' adjacent to the village hall.

### We currently need: Food Items:

Custard (packet variant please)

Sugar (500g please)

Squash (1lt or under please)

### Other Essentials:

Toothbrushes (singles, multi and children's please)

Deodorant (spray cans please)

## Maurice Rowson Memorial Hall Management Committee

### *Chairman's Report, June, 2021*

With our customer base reduced to almost zero it came as a surprise and with some relief when B.D.C. included village halls into the Business Support Grant Scheme.

These grants enabled us to keep the position of cleaner and of booking clerk open. In the case of the cleaner who would keep a watching brief security wise and look after the Post Office's continued Wednesday half day usage, and the few users able to comply with government Covid restrictions.

Further to these Grants and separate to them, NHS contacted us for the potential use of the hall as a temporary Vaccination centre. This was agreed by Committee 'phone around', though in a spirit of community service a reduction to the suggested rental cost was offered and agreed.

As mentioned above, although one actual meeting occurred in late 2020, further needs have been accomplished by use of emails and 'phone-calls'. Otherwise, business wise the NHS has been covered by the efforts of Mr Jarvis and Mrs Degnan. During this time, we welcomed our new Hon. Treasurer Russell Couch, and thanked his predecessor Mrs Syd Kelshaw for her past help and cheerful demeanour.

At present we are researching means to obtain a more reasonable energy usage cost and look to re-decoration of external paintwork. We also are thinking of replacing the hall heating system and will also check out the possibility of improving the noise levels by means of ceiling insulation.

Glyn Roberts

**Teas**

**Cakes**

# GOSFIELD

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16 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 9am to 5pm
	Saturday 9am to 5pm
	Sunday Closed

## GOSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On the 10<sup>th</sup> July, we held our Summer Show, our first show since Autumn 2019. Although entries were only a little more than half of usual (a consequence of Covid and difficult gardening weather), it was a pleasant show, well supported by visitors in the afternoon, who stayed to enjoyed drinks and cakes in a companionable setting, all too seldom seen in the last 15 months.

We need more entries to make a bigger and better show. If all goes to plan, we shall be holding the Autumn show on:

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 in the Maurice Rowson Hall.

Never entered before ? Then give it a try: entries include vegetables, fruit, flowers and plants, domestic (cooking), handicraft, floral art and even a section for the children.

Trophies awarded include the most successful exhibitor in various sections, best village front garden, best hanging basket, most successful lady or gent in the show (probably not very PC these days, but let's stick with tradition!), and one for the children.

Interested ? Entry schedules can be bought from the community village shop in Church Road, each exhibit entered is just 10p.

So prepare to display your dahlias, asters, chrysanthemums and begonia's, it's always a pleasure to welcome back previous exhibitors, and even more to attract new people.

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### **GOSFIELD POST OFFICE:**

At the Maurice Rowson Hall.  
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## GOSFIELD SOCIAL CLUB:

After being closed for all of this year the Social Club re-opened on the evening of Tuesday, 20th July. Members and guests were all present to see the improvements that have been carried out. These include an extension to create a much larger seating area, new and improved toilet facilities including a new disabled toilet and redecoration throughout. The Social Club is also now fully accessible for wheelchair users.



The opening ceremony was carried out jointly by Barry Broyd, Chairman of the Trustees, and Mike Smith, Chairman of the Social Club Committee.

Photograph courtesy of Tony Sale

The Social Club is open to all Gosfield residents every evening from Monday to Saturday. If you have not been to the club before, just call in any evening and speak to our stewards, Becky and Steve, who will be pleased to show you around and give advice on membership.

If you would like to be kept up to date on social events being held at the club, please email me and I will arrange for copies of the newsletter and other updates to be sent to you,

Dave Jarvis

Secretary: Gosfield Social Club Committee [davjar33@gmail.com](mailto:davjar33@gmail.com)

## GOSFIELD SENIOR CIRCLE

Gosfield Senior Circle was started in 1946 as a 'Darby and Joan' club with meetings on a monthly basis. We have been unable to meet recently due to Covid-19 restrictions. No meetings are planned until September, 2021, at the earliest.

Present officers, namely Chair, Treasurer and Programme Secretary, are seeking to find members, or others, willing to take on these duties for the future and secure the survival of the group.

Please contact either Maggie Pawsey, Tye Beams, The Street, on 01787-472967, or Bill Pasfield, on 01787-472652, to discuss how you can help to fill these important posts.

## PARISH COUNCIL WORKING BODIES:

Group / Committee:	Councillors:
Nature Reserve	Hough, Moutard
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Allotment Officer	Waters
Footpath	Beavis, Hough
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Children's Play Area	Hough, Pawsey, Colyer
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Grapevine Editor	Alan Summerland
Tree Warden	Hough
Personnel	Bloomfield, Edwards, Waters
Information, minutes and agendas:	<a href="http://www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield">www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield</a>

## MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES:

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## SCHOOL GOVERNORS – GOSFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Primary School

Gosfield Community Primary School currently have vacancies on the local governing body, members of the local community would be most welcome to participate.

The school is part of the Attain Academy Partnership and the local governing body reports to the Trust Board.

There would be a security check which the school will pay for. Induction training and support will be given to you when you join. No specific skills are required just a desire to make a difference.

The governing body meetings take place once every half term lasting approximately two hours each during an evening. The main purpose of being a governor is mostly about the children's education naturally. Visits to school take place around three times per year to monitor progress of the pupils and the school.

It is a very rewarding and responsible position, and can be demanding, but if you would care to be considered please contact the school office on 01787-472266 and speak to the head teacher who will be happy to discuss the role in more detail.

We look forward to hearing from you.

## GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

The Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club began meeting and playing again on 17<sup>th</sup>.May following the Rowson Hall regulations and our own safety regulations relating to the playing of carpet bowls within an enclosed space.

We were concerned that membership would decline after the lock-down, particularly as we had been informed that several clubs within our area had closed down through lack of membership. Fortunately, Gosfield membership is still good and the enthusiasm within the club is still very high. We are finding that, whilst members have lost a little accuracy in play, we have not lost the enjoyment of playing carpet bowls.

We appreciate however that we are a long way off returning to the conditions of pre-lockdown. Several clubs in the area are yet to open again. Before lock-down, we played competitive matches within the North West Essex Division league and friendly matches with clubs in our immediate area of Gosfield who did not want to play in a competitive league structure. Neither of these options are yet available at present, which is to be expected, as clubs slowly emerge from the lock-down and begin the process of re-organisation. At present it is unlikely that the Winter League matches will begin again until 2022 but we are hopeful that we will be able to play some friendly matches against clubs within our area who, like us, are beginning to shake off the dust of the lock-down and looking forward to normality in the near future.

Should you have found yourselves bored and under occupied during lock down and wish to try a new sport that is both competitive and social then why not try Carpet Bowls ? You will find it both satisfying and enjoyable. We meet every Monday evening 8 pm to 10 pm, and Wednesday evening 7 pm to 9 pm, when you would be welcome to try your skill at this traditional sport.

In the meantime if you would like further information then please contact Paul Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

## Social History of Gosfield

I am collating a book based on the Facebook Group 'You are from Gosfield and you can remember?', using photos and comments from the book to create a snapshot of the social history of Gosfield, NOT a history of the village.

If anyone has any photos that I could include please email them to me. In particular, I need photos of the Sunday School Room, Green Man events, village events, village organisations, 2000 celebrations. If it happened in the village it is good. Please send it, with a year if possible, to Steve Sudbury:

stephensudburygardens@gmail.com

# UPDATE

## GOSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



### A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME ALONG TO THE PUBLIC DROP-IN EVENTS & HAD THEIR SAY

We are pleased to have seen so many people & the feedback given to us will be a great launching platform for our Neighbourhood Plan.

There were some key themes that came out of the events:

**HIGHWAYS** – Roads, Pathways, Traffic Speed, Speed Limits – was by far the most commented upon topic. We have already started liaising with Essex County Council to see what measures we can work towards.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING** – for the next generation & those that want to down-size in retirement.

**LEISURE AMENITIES** – a need for more to go alongside what we already have.

More detailed analysis will be published in due course.

## NEXT STEP

In the coming days, every household in Gosfield will receive a more detailed Residents Survey. It will look to build upon the information already gathered from the drop-in events & will help provide us with more data to help drive the policies within our Neighbourhood Plan.

Multiple surveys can be completed by each household – the more the better !

## <<< 'PARTY IN THE PARK'

Unfortunately, the village fete had to be cancelled again this year. So instead, the Fete Committee invite you all to a Party in the Park on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Bring chairs/blankets and make yourselves comfortable for an evening of super live music and a 80s disco. There will be a well-stocked bar serving local draught beer, and a delicious BBQ - both of these will be cash only. Further updates of this special event will be shared on the Gosfield Grapevine and Fete Facebook pages.

We hope to see you all on the village playing field for an evening of socially distanced fun, where enjoyment and dancing will be encouraged !



## Interested in taking on an Allotment ?

The allotments are located in the village opposite Greenfields in The Street, Gosfield.

Once a plot is allocated the tenant must sign and return one copy of the agreement before any activity commences on the said plot. Rents are payable in arrears.

Plots will be inspected at frequent intervals to see that plot conditions are being complied with in accordance with the agreement, by our allotment Officer Councillor, Bob Waters.

If you would like to rent an allotment plot, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details. Tel: 0790-7631172 ([parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org](mailto:parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org)).





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Gosfield Fete Committee 2021

## GOSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Once completed, the results will help us shape the policies for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Whilst every household will get a copy through their door, the survey will be available to download from the Parish Council website & from the dedicated Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan website.

**[www.gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://www.gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.co.uk)**

There will also be an on-line version of the survey that can be completed – the details of which will follow very soon.

To help generate as many responses as possible, the Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan Committee has pledged to donate a 'pound' towards the building of the new Community Shop – the more responses, the bigger the donation.

For anyone who might like a little help in completing the survey, please get in touch with any member of the GNPC, listed below. Whether you just want to check something with one of us or increase your understanding of what the Neighbourhood Plan could mean for you or you just want a cuppa & a chat about the survey, please feel free to call or email Mark Bloomfield– 07879 604074 / [mark.bloomfield@gosfieldparishcouncil.org](mailto:mark.bloomfield@gosfieldparishcouncil.org)

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There will be an envelope for your completed survey and there will be several places within the village for you to drop your responses off.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!!!**

Many thanks  
 Mark Bloomfield – Chair (Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan Committee)

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