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## Wakes Colne Parish Council

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL WORKING FOR YOUR PARISH

Please note that our parish meetings are held at 7.15p in the village hall on the first Wednesday of every month. You are very welcome to attend any/all meetings.

The Neighbourhood Watch meeting will now take place in April, we will advertise the date as soon as it is decided. Please attend, the success of Neighbourhood Watch depends on your participation.

Congratulations to Diane our clerk, for gaining the CiLCA award for Parish Clerks, (Certificate in Local Council Administration) Diane has worked hard for this award and it is a vital criteria for the Parish Council to gain quality Parish Status.

The Working Party for Public Footpaths in Wakes Colne have worked on a plan to improve our network of public footpaths, by drawing up a list of repairs required. Small jobs can be tackled by our volunteers (eg. clearing brambles, putting up waymarkers) and others to be done by ECC Public Rights Of Way (PROW) eg. Board walk replacements.

We have enlisted a voluntary body from the Essex Students Union to help with this project and we thank them in advance. There are requirements to have Health and Safety requirements in place for our volunteers. After these have been put in place the working party hope to tackle some of the improvements later in February or early March. At the moment, as all walkers appreciate, most footpaths are not very accessible due to the constant rain.

The first part of the year has been fairly quiet with one meeting held in at the end of January. Normal meeting times are resumed on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

If there are any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our clerk Diane Jacob.

Stella Hounslow Chair Wakes Colne Parish Council