

Marks Tey Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of the Marks Tey Parish Council Newsletter, a publication that will be distributed to parishioners four times a year. We have been considering producing a regular newsletter for many years, but in the past no-one felt they had the time to commit to the job.

That was until our new Clerk, Abi Howe, came along, within a month she had all new efficient systems up and running and advised us it was 'no problem' to produce a newsletter and immediately got on with the job. We are most grateful to Abi for rejuvenating the Parish Council in such a short time.

During the past 14 years that I have been Chairman, we have been fortunate to have maintained a full council of 11 members for most of the time, although we have recently lost 2 members. Elizabeth Blundell, who is also still our Ward Councillor on Colchester Borough Council, felt it was time to slow down a bit. We are grateful to Elizabeth; she does have the ability to wake up dozing CBC Officials when necessary!

We are also very sorry to lose David Moules, who has given over 40 years' service to our Village. David's vast knowledge of people and places has been invaluable over many years. I am sure we will keep in touch with David in the future when local knowledge is required. We wish him all the very best and thank him for many years dedicated service to Marks Tey.

It must be remembered that all Parish Councillors are volunteers and receive no payment whatsoever. They work hard saving the Parish money where possible and trying to improve services in the village, such as parking problems, flooding, hedge and verge clearing, pot holes, footpath repairs etc. without receiving much support from the higher authorities. Marks Tey is fortunate however to have good facilities, play equipment, playing fields and halls that are hired out, providing income to maintain our facilities and most importantly to keep the local rates down to a minimum.

I hope that you enjoy our first newsletter and find it useful and if you have any local information or requests, please contact Abi, our hardworking Clerk.

Cllr Nigel Fitch, Chairman Marks Tey Parish Council

Future editions will give updates on work the Parish Council has undertaken on the A120, A12, flooding in Wilsons Lane, Old London Road and Network Rail

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