

# Marks Tey Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn 2020

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## Welcome to the Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to my first article in the Marks Tey Newsletter. Firstly I would like to thank the outgoing chairman Allan Walker for all his hard work and hope he can enjoy all the free time he will now have.

I would like to introduce myself, I have lived in Little Tey for eight years, so a relative new comer, although I have had links to Marks Tey for over twenty years with family living in the parish.

My involvement started with the Neighbourhood Planning Group that I chaired for over two years. I then joined the Parish Council and became more involved in the Premises committee as my background was in building maintenance.

I became Chairman in July and since then I have found just how time consuming the role can be. I have been in contact with Colchester Borough Council over the parking issues at the Food Hall and Highways England with regard to the footways and hedges along the A120.

During these challenging times the running of the Parish Halls and grounds has been the main focus of the Parish Council. I am sure the changing of guidelines and regulations will continue for the foreseeable future. The Parish Halls are still open Monday to Friday (subject to current regulations) but will remain closed for now at the weekends.

During the coming weeks new playground equipment is being installed and I would like to thank the Premises Committee for all their hard work in progressing these works and finding the funding to allow this to happen, I hope the children of Marks Tey enjoy the new rides and perhaps this will not be a target for the vandalism it has suffered in the past.

I will endeavour to serve the people of Marks Tey to the best of my ability and if there is anything you would like to speak to me about my contact details are included in this newsletter.

**Gerald Wells**  
**Chair, Marks Tey Parish Council**

## Marks Tey Parish Council is looking for new Councillors – Would you like to join?

If you have the desire to be of service to your local community and to help improve the lives of the people you share it with this role will suit you!

If you would like to be co-opted as a Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01206 213250 or by email: [parish.clerk@marksteyparish.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@marksteyparish.org.uk)

## PARISH HALL

During lockdown, we used the opportunity to bring forward some plans to upgrade the heating and add air conditioning to the Main Hall and Small Hall, and they were both redecorated, so are both warmer and brighter. The hall is now 27 years old, and showing it's age, and next year, we hope to make improvements to the Recreation Hall and Council room.



## PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME

Litter continues to be a problem in the village and it thanks to a small number of "Litter Warriors" who regularly pick it up and report fly tipping that the problem isn't a lot worse.

The Autumn Community Litter Pick was sadly cancelled so a valiant group of 12 volunteers litter picked in Marks Tey and Little Tey during the last two weeks of September as part of the Great British September Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy.

They went out solo and in small (Covid compliant) groups using equipment lent by Colchester Borough Council. After a couple of fine days the weather turned wet and windy but we still managed to collect over 20 bags. The main 'grot spots' along the A120, Station Road and London Road are all looking a lot better as are other areas of the village. Can you spare an hour a week to help keep the village clean? Then why not become a litter warrior? You choose when and where you want to pick, how much or how little and keep a tally of the number of sacks collected. You will also be issued with a litter pick stick, a hoop, sacks and a high viz jacket.

If you want to sign up then please email Trish Wynne-Willson at [pat.wynnewillson@gmail.com](mailto:pat.wynnewillson@gmail.com)

In the meantime, please TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME and encourage others to do the same.

### Community Events

Covid19 has meant that we have sadly had to cancel all the planned Community Events this year. We hope to get back together as soon as it is safe to do so. In this next period, don't forget to phone Mo or Kate if you are struggling with Covid and need specific support from a local volunteer and we will try to link you with someone who can help.  
Mo 07928 810404 Kate 07850 695154

## Neighbourhood Plan

This edition of the newsletter offers an opportunity to thank everyone who returned questionnaires with their comments on the draft Plan. The consultation went on for 21 weeks until 12th July (due to the pandemic) and since then we have been examining the many responses and deciding where we need to make changes. In all, 67 questionnaires came back from local residents and 19 from local businesses, landowners, public bodies and estate agents, many of these were lengthy.

Though some of us were worried as to how extensive the changes would need to be, it soon became clear that most people supported the Plan & our 15 policies and for this we are grateful. Much has happened since February and the start of the process, with the decisions regarding the A12 and, more recently the A120, and the demise of the garden communities, so the revisions will be extensive but will not much affect the policies.

Once the Plan has been revised, it will go, along with supporting documents, to the Parish Council for its acceptance and then pass to the Borough Council so it can organise its own public consultation. After this it will go to a planning inspector and the referendum will be set in motion, where everyone can vote. In these unpredictable days the timetable may change, but we hope the referendum will be linked to next May's local elections. We will keep everyone informed of progress in future editions of the newsletter.

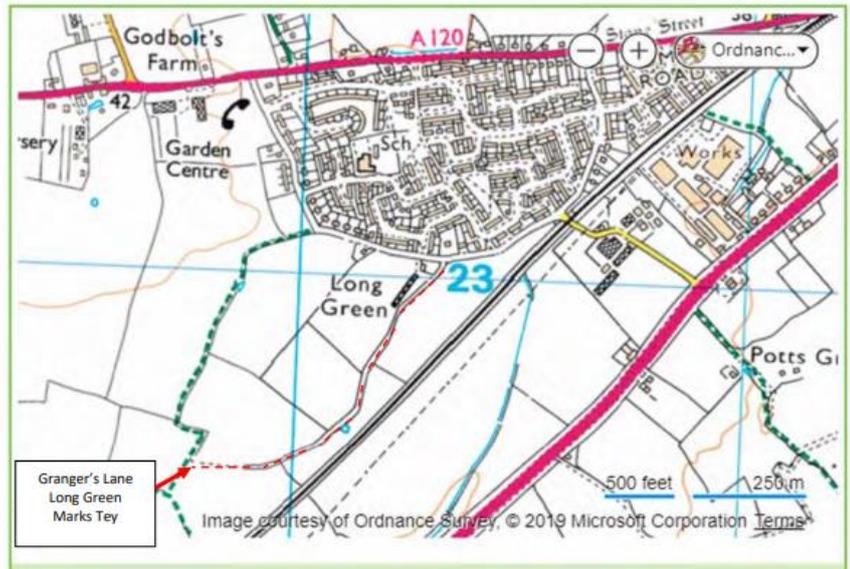


## John Wood, Chair of the Steering Group Grangers Lane - Public right of Way

It has taken over 100 years of trying but ECC has now granted Grangers Lane in Long Green PROW (Public right of way) status meaning it will be preserved for generations to come.

For more details please see the Marks Tey Character Assessment pages 139 - 157 available on the parish council website.

Thank you to all who took the time to complete proof of use forms and to Patsy Beech for her invaluable work on this.



## Footpath Register

In Marks Tey and Little Tey we have over 20 footpaths/bridleways. Some are just a few metres long or come to an abrupt end, however many lead on to footpaths of surrounding parishes offering the opportunity for limitless walks, jogs or runs.

Peter Wimbledon (who has lived in Keable Road for the past 41 years, and has been running for almost 50 years) will be walking/running all of our local footpaths to check for obstructions and other problems, keeping the footpaths open for us all to enjoy. He has also compiled a list of the footpaths which will be available on our website. You can also see Peter on YouTube "Essex trails."

Peter will report problems to Burt Thomas, a Marks Tey resident and Parish Councillor who for the last couple of years has been a Parish Path Adopter under the auspices of the Ramblers Association. He is tasked to walk the paths in Marks Tey Parish at least once a year although he does it on a more frequent basis.

Peter will report any problems he finds to Burt who in turn will report any problems to ECC. Get your walking boots or running shoes out and enjoy our lovely part of the world.

## Marks Tey Railway Station - History boards Coming soon to Platform 1

Andrew Waters our local historian has been working on the content for these and they should be installed soon. The boards will give rail users an insight into the history of the area and will include some great photos of times gone by.



## Woodland Walk at the Parish Hall Playing Field

During the last couple of months, a small group of likeminded people have been clearing an area at the far end of the playing field. A meandering path now leads you around the wooded area and some logs have been used to create a seating area. In time we hope to plant more trees to the front and would like to install some bird boxes and bug stations.

If you would like to help please contact Kate 07850 695154 or Mo 07828 820404

## Community Library Thank You!

Thank you to Kerry Lant, a local resident who ran a Summer Reading Challenge during lockdown and raised money to buy books for the Community Library.

Here's a selection of those to be donated when the library reopens.



## Parish Office

In line with current government guidelines the Parish Council will continue to hold meetings online. Details of how to join can be found on the agenda for each meeting on the Parish Council website. [www.marksteyparish.org.uk](http://www.marksteyparish.org.uk)

Office staff are still available to help with queries and can be contacted via email or telephone.

## Recycling Materials



If you require garden waste sacks, green boxes, food caddies or clear sacks please complete an online request for delivery to your home address by Colchester Borough Council.

Please note this is a temporary solution until normal service resumes.

<http://www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling-containers>

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