

ICKLETON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall, Frogge Street, Ickleton. CB10 1SH.

Tuesday 6th May 2025 starting at 7pm

Present: Parish Council Chair – Steven Heaney, **Parish Council Clerk** – Barbara Benn, **District and County Councillor** - Peter McDonald, four representatives from Anglian Water, one representative from Urban & Civic and twenty-one electors. Four additional electors arrived during the course of the meeting.

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the electors to the meeting.

It was agreed to take agenda item 3 at this point in the meeting. Please see below.

It was agreed to take agenda item 6 at this stage in the meeting. Please see below.

It was agreed to take agenda item 4 at this stage in the meeting. Please see below.

Apologies for absence: Neighbourhood Watch were unable to attend but provided a report for the meeting.

2. **To approve minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2024**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2024 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Presentation with Q&A by Anglian Water**

Please see Appendix A.

Q&As

Was the new development at Great Chesterford looked into as a potential source of problems in Ickleton?

Anglian Water were unable to comment on this. Their investigations so far point to high groundwater levels although an illegal connection was found during the surveys of the infrastructure and this, along with the high groundwater levels contribute to the issues in Ickleton. A 28-day notice for removal has been issued for the illegal connection. If no action is taken, Anglian Water will go down the enforcement route.

Anglian Water next steps:

Relining work will be undertaken to sections of the network. In the past, re-lining of the full sewer has led to increased flooding on private land as it forces water into private connections and it is for this reason that only some sections of the main sewer will be re-lined.

A member of the public thanked Lucy from Anglian Water for arranging tankering to ensure that the Social Club could stay open.

Can throughput at the pumping station be increased?

Yes, it is possible to increase this however it is a complex civil engineering issue due to the location of the pumping station next to the railway line. The first solution will be to remove the flow.

A resident stated that the water levels in their cellar did not suggest high groundwater levels. Anglian Water were unable to provide an explanation for this.

Anglian Water will provide statistics for Groundwater levels to the Clerk and these will be published on the website and village notice board.

A member of the public stated that the manhole covers have not been replaced properly and are making a noise as traffic passes over them. Anglian Water will arrange a visit to either wedge or replace the covers ensuring they are sealed properly to prevent noise.

A member of the public spoke to say that they do not believe that groundwater levels in Ickleton are currently high. Other members of the public agreed with this based on pond and bore hole levels.

4. **Presentation with Q&A by Urban and Civic**

Notes from the presentation:

What's completed:

- The Thornton Building has been completed and the official opening took place on the 18th March. This building is on the existing site.
- The Parkland Area on the new site, which is for residents, staff and visitors, has been completed.
- The works to the A1301 have been completed bar the seeding of the verges.

Q&As

Why wasn't the roundabout moved to be in line with the junction for New Road Hinxton?

A number of options were considered and the current layout was decided upon as the best one. Currently awaiting a CCC Highways road safety audit report. There are plans for a road walk with Councillors.

What's in progress:

- Tender process for homes and leisure facility.
- Tender for lab building.
- Bridge contractor is in place.
- Tender process for Infrastructure.
- Pub/Restaurant will be included on the new development.
- Low level lighting for the bridge agreed.
- Floodable area included in development.
- The undercroft car park will not be visible from outside.
- Cycle Streets with a 20mph limit.

Contractors are being appointed and it is hoped these projects should be in full flow by September 25.

Q&As

Were existing communities considered when deciding on this development?

Yes, Urban & Civic considered the local community and consulted with them. The plans have been through the full planning process with the following benefits for the community included:

- An open campus - as a condition of planning consent.
- Residents will be able to visit the Country Park (the site will be 50% green space).
- Access to a pub/restaurant, leisure centre (with pool) and other community facilities.
- Hinxton plan to undertake work to their village hall using S106 funds.
- Integration with people who live on campus.
- Improvement to health and wellbeing due to access to the new facilities.
- Greater opportunities for local people and children to engage with the Genome Campus and expansion project.

If Ickleton residents have any community projects in mind they were encouraged to let Urban & Civic know.

What provision has been made for schooling and health?

S106 conditions will trigger when a primary school will become necessary. For every unit a calculation is made to identify need. Urban & Civic will work with SCDC to identify requirements. Similar trigger points exist for health provision. Please also see additional response following the meeting below.

A member of the public stated that the Genome Campus were missing an opportunity to deliver world class healthcare and education as part of this development.

How many homes will be built?

Planning permission has been granted for 1500 homes and these will be built over time.

Are the properties going to be for sale or to let?

Urban & Civic are working on the long-term strategy re housing. Please also see additional response following the meeting below.

Where is the sewage going?

This will go north over the A505 to Sawston.

ANPR data:

The Council will be putting up sensors for Automatic Number Plate Recognition to check if traffic is increasing through local villages. Applications have been made for one in Abbey Street and one on Frogge street.

Q&As

Will the data be made available to the Parish Council?

Urban & Civic will check and respond. Please see response following meeting below.

The following Q&A responses were received from urban & Civic after the meeting:

Will there be affordable homes?

30% of the housing will be Campus affordable housing, to be made available to those who work on Campus and their families.

Will the residential units be sold or let in the first instance?

The planning permission has strict controls over the housing provision and the occupation strategy. The homes are being built are for those who work on Campus and their families, and the first homes will only be available for rent.

When will education and health services be built?

The ongoing expansion will cement Wellcome Genome Campus' status as a growing community of world leading research organisations, innovative companies, and scientific talent. Wellcome is making major investments in future amenities for those that will work and live there, including new homes for campus workers and their families, new community uses, and social infrastructure. Delivering these at the right time, in accordance with the planning agreement, will be crucial to support both the new development and the wider area.

The first buildings will include a pub/restaurant and a leisure facility with a swimming pool, café, studio space and a courtyard. The team is in regular contact with the District and County councils to discuss and decide on appropriate timings for school and health offerings to get this right. Importantly, this will carefully consider any impact on neighbouring schools, local infrastructure, and ensure the future needs of the growing community will be met sustainably.

Will ANPR data be available to the Parish Council?

Awaiting a response from County to ask them if this can be made available, and the format and information it will give.

5. Report from the Chair of the Parish Council

See appendix B

Q&As

Is it necessary for the roads in Ickleton to be sprayed with weedkiller?

The Parish Council will consider if Highways should be contacted to ask them to discontinue spraying.

A member of the public wished to thank Dom and Charles for the work they do to keep the village tidy.

6. Report from District & County Council

See Appendix C

Q&As

Why wasn't the new roundabout placed at the junction of New Road Hinxton and the A1301? This was a design connection decision taken at the planning stage. South Cambridgeshire District Council will be investigating any possible design faults in relation to the A1301.

7. To received reports requested from:

Ickleton Community Pub Limited

Notes from the presentation:

- 11 years ago, the pub was registered as an Asset of community Value by the Parish Council which gave the community 6 months to raise money and put a bid in to buy the pub.
- A year ago, the first meeting took place. A committee was formed and officers appointed and Ickleton Community Pub Ltd was registered as a Community Benefit Society with the FCA.
- They have raised £441,200 and, to date, paid £365,000 plus Stamp Duty Land Tax fees.
- Finances are very tight which means that some improvements will have to wait. As with every property, some surprises were uncovered during restoration works. In addition to refurbishment, funds are also needed for staffing and stock.
- Grateful for the huge help from: Committee members, Plunkett Foundation, Laura & Jo for publicity, all those who invested, trades who have undertaken work for free or at lower' rates, all the volunteers who have worked on the garden and building and for the loan from the Parish Council and grants received.
- Volunteers still needed especially those with painting or DIY skill and a commercial heating engineer would be invaluable.
- Delighted to say that a managing couple have accepted an offer of employment and a contract of employment and tenancy agreement for the flat is being prepared.
- All being well, hope to open in June 2025.
- The Annual Members' Meeting will be held on 29th June at which there will be an election of a new committee from members. More information will be sent closer to the time.

Ickleton Society

Notes from the presentation:

- As three committee members are also on the pub committee, a backlog of photos and documents for the Gallery and archives has built up. It is hoped this will be dealt with soon.

- There have still been a wide range of events through the year with thanks to Clare and Fiona for organising these.

Talks:

Frances Payne – Chamberlain family. Mrs Gertrude Bowen nee Chamberlain.

Emma Collister – 2 tours of the cemetery. With thanks to the Parish Council for use of the chapel.

Mike Coles – conclusions of the digs at Abbey Farm and to show some of the finds.

Friends of the Cam – threats to our chalk streams.

Events:

Unfortunately, due to poor weather, the annual New Year's Day Walk was cancelled.

Fine weather for the village litter pick with thanks to Clare for organising this.

At Easter the children enjoyed a sunny day in Driver's Meadow hunting for Easter Eggs. There were prizes and family picnics, the donkeys came to look at what was going on as well as a swarm of bees.

The AGM will be held on 8th May at 7.30pm. With a talk by Murray Jacobs on the untold secrets of Kings' College Chapel.

A number of the Committee members will be standing down at the AGM. They have a total of 75 years between them. 2 members will be standing for the committee but ideally the Society would like three more. Please get in touch if you would like to stand.

The Society meet quarterly and is very friendly and informal with refreshments including wine.

Ickleton Cricket Club

See Appendix D

Ickleton Social Club

Notes from the presentation:

- The Social Club is a not-for-profit organisation.
- A village legacy which was bequeathed by a benefactor.
- It has been a busy year with an increase in trade.
- A lot of hard work goes into running the venue.
- Thanks to those who support it and help to run events.
- The Music Nights are popular events.
- In 2025, the Social Club hopes to raise £10,000 towards new toilets. Fundraising for this is off to a good start with events such as the Art & Literary Festival, bi-monthly Supper Clubs, Sunday Lunches and an anonymous donation of £250. £4,000 has been raised so far.
- Membership fees cover the utility costs of running the premises.
- Village support is essential to the Club's continuing success.

Neighbourhood Watch

See Appendix E

Village Hall Management Committee

See Appendix F

Speed watch

See Appendix G

8. Open forum

Who is responsible for cutting back overgrowth on the footpath towards Duxford behind the cemetery?

The Parish Clerk will look into this and report back to the Parish Council.

A member of the public announced that the Friends of Ickleton Church are now a formal charity. They are planning to bid for Lottery funding to undertake important conservation work on the wall paintings within the church.

A member of the public told the meeting that the skatepark has been very popular with children and families since it was installed. It has now fallen into a state of disrepair. The Parish Council will discuss a plan for this area at the May meeting.

A member of the public asked about weed spraying at the recreation field. The Parish Council have previously made the decision not to spray this area routinely each year. Instead, the area will be monitored and the appropriate course of action to be taken will be discussed, should it be required.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed: S Cheney

Dated: 14th May 2026

Anglian Water – Ickleton Update

Lucy Hodge – Water Recycling Networks Manager
 Mark Radford – Water Recycling Operations Manager
 Elinor Hughes – Senior Network Technician
 Emily Linsdell – Regional Engagement Advisor



Causes of flooding

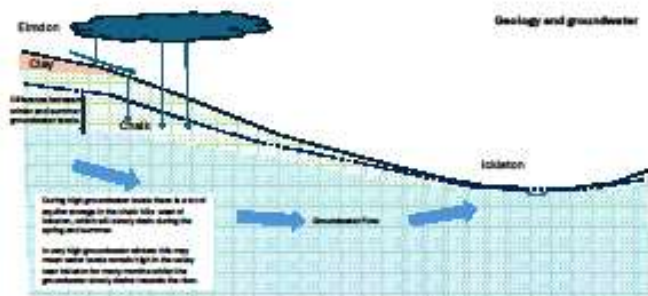
A quick refresher

The main issues experienced in Ickleton are caused by groundwater overwhelming the sewer network.

This means that while our network is operating as designed, there is much less room for the wastewater that the network is designed for and regulated to carry.

These figures from the IA show that on average, the level of rainfall has been above normal over the last twelve months – this has a knock-on impact to groundwater levels.

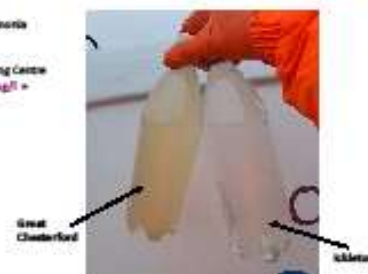
Figure 1: Average monthly rainfall (mm) for Ickleton area (2010-2021)



How do we know the main issue is infiltration?

Crude (untreated) sewage has a rough ammonia reading of 40 mg/l

The ammonia reading at the Water Recycling Centre on the incoming line from Ickleton was 4 mg/l – significantly more dilute than expected



What has happened in the last year?

In the network

CCTV surveys carried out on Abbey Street, Rogge Street, Southfield, Back Lane, The Stockyard, Copple Road and Church Street.

Mill Lane will be surveyed over the summer by a specialist team due to its depth.

Where infiltration has been identified, we are scoping up lining work to be carried out later in the year. We have identified an unlawful connection that is contributing a significant amount of water to our network. We are serving notice for removal within the next week.

Monitors installed in the network

Cleaning of the foul sewer

What has happened in the last year?

At the pumping stations

Pump 1 (Checked 2023, full wet well clean/empty)

Pump 2 (Checked 2023, full wet well clean/empty)

Both non return valves were changed in July 2024. In the winter/wet periods the pumps run 24hrs a day.

In dry periods the running time drops to 10/20 hrs per day.

Pump design is 10 L/S. This is on a dirty/standby pump regime.



Next steps

Re-lining works

- This is still being planned by the specialist team and will take place over the summer.
- Re-lining is an effective local solution, but it won't solve all flooding.
- **Therefore, we are looking at more locations** at the moment, but we know that work will be done on Abbey Street and Frogge Street.
- When the full programme of works, including exact lining locations and timescales, has been confirmed, we will share more detail with the Parish Council.



Any questions?



Appendix B - Report of the Chair of the Parish Council

May 2025

Finance

The budget and precept were agreed at the December 2025 meeting of the Parish Council. For the 2025-2026 financial year, **the Parish has requested an increase in the precept to £40,000**. We have attempted to keep the precept as low as possible whilst allowing for provision to be made for future projects for the benefit of the community.

The full audited accounts for the year 2023-24 are available on the website (these can also be requested from the Clerk). Copies of the **draft financial statements for 2024-2025 will be available from 4th June** on the Parish Council website or by request to the Clerk.

Council

The Parish Council had two changes of councillor over the last 12 months with **Councillors Sian Wombwell and Emily Gittins stepped down**.

Sian has been a long-serving and valued member of the council, and was also the Chair for a number of years.

Emily was on the Council for less time but made key contributions, drawing on her professional experience to advise the council on matters of law and also playing a central role in a project to replace the swings on the recreation ground.

Thank you to you both.

Peter Wombwell was co-opted and joined the PC in October to fill the first vacancy and we are currently **looking for candidates to nominate themselves to fill the remaining open position**.

Community

We have **many excellent community groups that are an important part of our village life**. Thanks to Age UK Community Warden, the Allotment Association, Froglets, Ickleton Cricket Club, Ickleton Social Club, Ickleton Society, Ickleton United Charity, Neighbourhood Watch, Speedwatch, and the Village Hall Management Committee. **All of these are run by volunteers and their time and efforts should be recognised and celebrated.**

Last year we reported on two specific areas of our community where the Parish Council has been directly involved - which is the **expansion of the cemetery** and the future of the **Ickleton Lion pub**.

Cemetery Extension

The work to **purchase the land to extend our cemetery** has continued over the past year. Budgets have been developed, the necessary surveys have been completed, plans for the land detailed and the purchase price agreed. We have **secured significant grants** to cover a significant proportion of the cost of purchase and development but will also **draw down some money from reserves**.

At this point, progress is held up by slow responses and turnaround of work by the law firm retained by the Council, but **we hope to conclude the review of legal agreements shortly** and move forward with the purchase in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, with funding from a green spaces grant and with the support of the owner, **planting trees and hedging in this new area** has already been started.

Ickleton Lion

Regarding the pub, **many of you will have seen firsthand or been more directly involved the progress made**. The Parish Council have been very happy to support the community benefit society (Ickleton Community Pub Limited) in ensuring that the pub was recognised as an **Asset of Community Value**, with letters of support to various bodies, and making a **contribution to the purchase** drawing on funding from the Council reserves.

More detail of their progress is available in the report from the Ickleton Community Pub management committee.

Environment

District planning

As reported last year, a good deal of our time and consideration has been given to the Genome Campus expansion and the aggregate processing at the Boro Farm site.

The key planning milestones for the Genome Campus expansion are complete. With work well underway, including **significant improvement works on the A1303**, Parish Council representatives continue to attend **regular liaison meetings held by Urban & Civic** - in fact, we are told that we are the only village to have attended every meeting to date.

We continue to raise concerns regarding **the impact of work on traffic flows through our village** and we are also pushing for consideration of **changes around the junction of the A1303 and New Road**.

Regarding the Boro Farm aggregate processing, we are pleased that **appeals raised by the operator against both planning refusal and enforcement notices were rejected**. These appeal hearings were attended both by Parish Councillors and residents. However, the site has continued to operate in breach of planning law, and Essex CC is considering further legal action.

Residents may have noticed that **Uttlesford District Council** are well advanced with their new **Local Plan**. No significant developments are proposed near Ickleton.

The new Greater Cambridge (City and South Cambs) **Local Plan has been delayed**. Given the importance of Cambridge and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) to the larger UK economy, we wait to hear **what Central Government is really planning for the Cambridge area**. It is hoped that plans for moving to a unitary authority will give our region a greater voice over issues such as economic development, housing, and transport.

Local planning

We continue to review and respond to all applications for buildings and trees work within the Parish.

Natural environment

We continue to look to reduce the amount of management of the natural environment while ensuring that our public spaces are still usable and safe. Our contractors, **Charles Frankau and Dominic Pallett, continue to provide excellent service cutting verges and the recreation ground** as well as many other jobs around the village.

We continue to look for opportunities to improve the natural environment. Some new trees have been planted on parish council-owned land and we are currently looking to plant an area of the recreation ground with wild flowers. We reported last year that we had undertaken a survey of trees in the cemetery. As a result of this survey, significant work was undertaken this year to reduce or remove damaged or diseased trees.

Our thanks go to the volunteer Wardens for their time and commitment to maintaining the Coploe Chalk Pit Nature Reserve.

Water and Sewerage

In our meeting last year, we reported on the major issue that had arisen in February with **foul water overflows in several locations in the village**.

In order to both address the immediate issues and to investigate the causes, Anglian Water has been onsite and undertaken significant work over the last 12 months.

Tankering has been used extensively to extract sewerage from the system to keep levels under control and try to avoid further overflows. This has been largely successful, although we have continued to have some outflow from Brookhampton Street. The downside of this has been ongoing disruption, particularly for those living on Mill Lane where tankers are operating.

The pumping station that sends our sewerage to the treatment work has been investigated, cleaned, and components replaced. Additional monitoring systems have been installed.

Visual surveying of most of our sewerage system has been done to identify where water could be coming into the pipes. Initial conclusions have been shared with the Parish Council along with options under consideration to fix ingress.

At this time, **Anglian Water is unable to commit to a specific timetable for remediation** because remediation work has to be budgeted and prioritised.

Policing and Safety

Thankfully, we continue to **see low levels of crime in and around our village**.

Reporting from www.police.uk shows 25 reported crimes over a 12-month period to March 2025 classified as burglary, violence and sexual offences, anti-social behaviour, and vehicle crime in order of frequency.

While we still technically have a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) assigned to Ickleton, the individual is one of a team of five officers (termed the South Cambs Neighbourhood Policing Team) who cover over 100 villages in our area.

However, our **assigned PCSO contact remains happy to discuss any concerns, and contact details can be provided by the Clerk if required.**

Transport and Streets

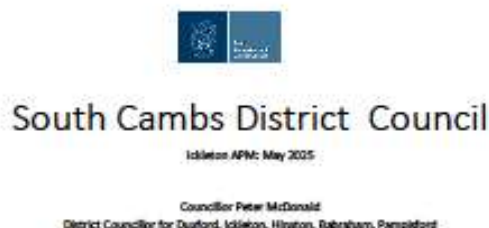
The **SpeedWatch team continues to play an important part in slowing down traffic through the village**, particularly on the approaches from Great Chesterford and down Abbey Street.

Last year we reported on the study done by a transport design consultant on options to rebalance pedestrian and vehicle needs in the village. One of the recommendations was to **tighten the junction of Butchers Hill with Abbey Street / Frogge Street.**

We **presented this proposal to Highways last year for funding** but it was not successful. However, it was resubmitted this year following strong encouragement from the County Council Highways Team. We hope to be more successful with this latest application.

To conclude, it's important to recognise that the Parish Council is just one of the many bodies and individuals that collectively contribute to the life of our village. Some have been mentioned already but also thanks to all that publish and distribute the Icene, look after Coploe Pit, participate in the annual litter pick and many other activities that make our village what it is.

Appendix C – South Cambridgeshire District Council



Key Activities & Changes 2025/2026

Key Activities 2025/26

- Houses for Ickleton – over 600/1000 new social homes
- Ukranians can apply for 18 months extension from Feb 26
- £100k for C&S support including warm hubs, shoe repairs and 75 the Mobile Food Hub
- Having studied the number of new Council homes built from 88 in 2019/20 to 76 in 2023/24
- £100k for local business
- £12m to enhance energy efficiency in council 5,400 homes
- £2 million in next 2 years allocated to continue to upgrade existing housing stock, as part of contributing carbon reduction efforts
- £100k for zero carbon projects eg solar panels on the community centre
- New scheme CPT to support lower income residents

Four-day week- 5 days work in 4 days

- Voluntary
- c.80% of staff participate

Key Measures:

- 98% of bins emptied
- Housing lets & repairs done on time
- Planning performance improved
- Staff retention improved
 - Costs c £175k for extra bin crew & lorry fees
 - Savings c £150k in agency costs

Net £325k benefit

- Consultation finishes March 22nd
- Results feedback in the summer

Financials

2024/25

- SCDC takes c.£175 of the c. £1,700 of Band D Council Tax
- Council Tax increased this year by 3.5% or £5 to £175
 - Correcting a deficit of £500k in 2019/20
 - Councillor expenses 4.5% over 2 yrs in line with staff
 - SCDC will looking to generate 25% of income from investments (to protect Council & residents)
- County C Tax increased by £78 or 4.99%

5 yr Business Plan

- South Cambs receives no Government grant.
- Savings planned of £1.5m next few years.
- Work to bring forward community buildings at Northstowe.
- Continued efforts to reduce fly-tipping at hotspots through cameras, and promptly investigating reports of rubbish being dumped.
- A new Mobile Warden scheme, to help keep older people living independently in their homes for longer, for the years ahead
- Some of the proposed business support targets include:
 - The provision of local businesses, as well tailored support and resources and identifying funding opportunities.
 - Supporting start-ups and small businesses to grow – such as providing loans for business start-ups.
 - Continuing to help establish and support local markets across South Cambridgeshire.

My Priorities

1. Monitor & influence planning projects.

- Influence the local plan process/call for sites.
- Monitor the 5 year housing land supply.
- Work with villages on Wellcome Genome Campus development & housing commitments.
- Gonville & Cope 600 houses were not included in call for sites.
- Whittlesford Depot will be re-developed.

2. Keep residents up to date

- Monthly report for every Parish.
- Facebook & Twitter.
- Focus leaflets – 10x since Election in 2020/22.

3. Carry out effective case work on:

- Planning
- Housing
- Highways

4. Represent my villages for grant support- total grants in 2023/24 across the District

- Community shed – £80k
- Community led £10k
- Wickhampton £10k
- Zero carbon Sharn £10k

5. Work effectively on Cabinet

- Business support responsibility

Council Tax Breakdown 2025/26

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A 505 Study – Problems & Solutions



budget set aside for this the cricket club would requests instead to use that money for Verti draining which also saves water use.

Each year we set ourselves a development goal. As mentioned, we focussed on women last year and the year before reestablishing the youth league cricket under Mark Lafferty with over 60 village children now playing and training. These two groups are sports assets all villagers can access. This year, our focus is installing the all-weather nets, for which we have already successfully sought permission from the parish council to install. Once built, they will be open and available for anyone in the village to use. It will transform the training potential for the club and ensure that it continues to grow and provide for the community.

The overall cost is £33,000. We are confident that we can raise the majority from club reserves, Cambridgeshire Cricket board and local charities. We are hopeful that the Parish Council and donations from the village supporters as well as fund raisers will contribute to what will be a significant village sports and leisure asset.

Thank you to the Parish council and The Village Hall for all the support they give the club

Edmund Harcourt

Chairman

Appendix E - Neighbourhood Watch Report

Report for Neighbour Watch May 2025

Neighbourhood Watch is about local people working together to create safer places to live and where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen. Glynis Hammond is the co-ordinator for Ickleton, 07918 647504 (mobile) 01799 530127 (home), glynis.hammond @googlemail.com

Crime in Ickleton is on average 95% lower than the national average. We are lucky Ickleton is a safe place to live, that being said it is important for all of us to be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour.

Crime

Top reported crimes within the Cambridgeshire police area during 2024/25 include violence and sexual offences, anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, vehicle crime, burglary and theft from sheds and garages.

Nationally Cybercrime and online Fraud are continuing to increase, it accounts for more than half of the UK's reported crime. Report all phishing – scam emails can be forwarded to report@phishing.gov.uk. Scam calls to home phone or mobiles can be reported to Action Fraud, there is a link on the Police website to the Action Fraud website or you can report it by telephone on **0300 123 2040**.

Rural crime is an issue for large areas of the country but it tends to go unreported. Rural crime falls into one of four categories:

- Agricultural – offences include farm machinery, theft of fuel and damage to property and livestock
- Equine – offences include tack theft and livestock worrying
- Wildlife – hare coursing, poaching, egg stealing and interfering with protected species
- Heritage – theft of lead from churches, damage to ancient monuments, illegal metal detecting

Rural crime can also fall under environmental crime, which covers illegal waste dumping, fly tipping and polluting watercourses. Coursing, lamping, and poaching continues to be low across the county. Cambridgeshire

Constabulary have launched a dedicated online page to help members of the public report agricultural, environmental, heritage, hunting and wildlife crime. The dedicated online reporting pages for rural and wildlife crime can be found on the force website www.cambs.police.uk.

If you have any concerns or want to report suspicious behaviour what is the right number to call when seeking Police assistance?

Call 999

For serious emergencies in which human life and limb are deemed to be at risk, or when a crime (this includes antisocial behaviour or act of vandalism is actually in progress or has just happened and those responsible are believed still to be in the vicinity – call 999.

For any other form of police assistance – usually described as being non-emergency. This means incidents **NOT** involving life or limb risk or where a crime or incident may have happened but those responsible are **NOT** present in the area - call 101. You can also use the Cambs Police website to report concerns www.cambs.police.uk.

Glynis Hammond

May 2025

Appendix F - Ickleton Village Hall Report

Report from the Ickleton Village Hall Trustees

The Hall continues to be well used - by a healthy mixture of regular-users and occasional bookings. We have been host to an exciting and varied series of money-raising & awareness-raising events for the Community Pub over the past year.

Even a quite modern building needs a lot of maintenance, and our Hall is no exception. One of the two heating boilers failed just before Easter, and has had to be replaced. The gas cooker has been replaced with a more substantial electric cooker, with an induction hob. The floors in both halls have been resurfaced. A replacement pump above the shower-rooms has been installed. 14 tons of fresh pebbles have been added to the carpark, and lots of new kitchen utensils, crockery and such like, have been purchased - for the convenience of hirers.

As a result of the solar panels having been fitted in Feb 2023 some 6 tons of CO2 have been saved from the atmosphere.

A new exterior clock - overseeing the recreation field - is due to be fitted this summer.

Parking remains an issue - particularly when the two halls have independent hirings, and the more so when cricket or football matches are in operation, too!

May I take this opportunity to thank my fellow Trustee and all who strive to keep the Village Hall a clean, safe and vibrant facility in our village.

Hugh Molloy

Chair, Ickleton Village Hall Trustees

Appendix G – Speedwatch Report

ICKLETON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 06 MAY 2025

It's my pleasure to present the report of the Ickleton Speedwatch Group, one of the two most active groups in the County. The frontrunners being us and Wisbech, according to Cambridgeshire Police.

In 2024 we held 106 sessions, down somewhat compared with 2023, counted 16,250 passing vehicles, a slight increase despite fewer sessions, of which 1,246 were reported to the police for speeding.

The % speeding, which had been constant at 10.5% for a few years, fell to 7.7% in 2024. So, some 450 fewer vehicles were reported, a significant number. This either means drivers are respecting the speed limits more, or are getting better at spotting the roadside teams from a distance! That's something that doesn't always work, as the monitor usually picks vehicles up before they slow down.

Speedwatch is meant to educate rather than punish, and to act as a reminder that a speed limit applies.

An active Speedwatch group does indicate that a community has persistent problems with speeding traffic, and that some residents are doing something about it. This is helpful when your Parish Council is bidding for funding for minor highways improvements. When the panel examining bids asks what has your village been doing about this problem and you have to answer er, nothing, it doesn't go down well.

This year your Speedwatch Group is bidding for funding to install a second Vehicle Activated Speed Sign. The Parish Council may only bid for one project each year, but this year we were encouraged by a Highways official to make a separate bid as a community group. We shall see how that turns out.

New volunteers to the group would be very welcome. We would like to be able to hold more sessions and have more impact. If you can only manage an hour a month, that's fine. Contact details are in Icene.

Last year I paid tribute to Penny Fletcher for her formidable powers and participation that enabled the Group to put on so many roadside sessions. Owing to health-related issues Penny has had to step back from taking active part in Speedwatch activities, and she is sorely missed. We wish her a very speedy recovery. Finally, a thank you to Graham Fagg and Paul Andrews for stepping up to produce the session rotas.

Terry Sadler