



# BEDFIELD & MONK SOHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Consultation regarding the Bedfield Town Estate's charitable purposes

### **The Bedfield Town Estate Registered Charity no 207196**

Consultation with Bedfield residents regarding the Bedfield Town Estate's charitable purposes.

The trustees have been reviewing the wording of the charity's deed, which was set up in 1883 to benefit the church, the school and residents who were considered deserving within criteria at that time. This was before the NHS and Benefits System was in existence.

In order to comply with the Charity Commission's requirements, we need to update the wording of our deed and its purpose with regard to the above. Whilst the distributions for the church and school would remain, we would like to be more flexible with the remainder of our funds. The current wording of the deed limits our ability to support wider village projects, for example the Bedfield 'Community Hub' which is a resource that benefits residents in a more inclusive way.

We are therefore consulting with all residents to allow for comments. We propose a period of 4 weeks for this from the end of February. Please address any comments to Rebecca Waterman (clerk) [rwaterman@gmx.co.uk](mailto:rwaterman@gmx.co.uk) or by letter Rose Cottage, Back Hills, Botesdale, IP22 1DW by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

For information about the Bedfield Town Estate Trust, see the page on the Bedfield website [Bedfield Town Estate Trust » \(onesuffolk.net\)](http://onesuffolk.net)

## Bedfield & Monk Soham Tennis Club

### **The tennis court is open again!**

We are now very pleased to announce that the tennis court on Bedfield Playing Field has opened again for play for members of the Tennis Club and their guests.

Club sessions are on **Saturdays 10.00-12 and Wednesdays 2-3.30pm**. These sessions are also open to non-members.

Tennis Club members have access to the court at any time.

- Further details about the club can be found on the website <http://bedfield.onesuffolk.net/clubs-pubs-groups/tennis-club/>
- Membership enquiries email: [bedfieldmonksohamtennis@gmail.com](mailto:bedfieldmonksohamtennis@gmail.com)
- Court bookings (optional) email: [martincpierce@hotmail.com](mailto:martincpierce@hotmail.com) or phone 01728 627141

## **Reminders:**

More details on the below items were in the previous newsletter which can be found [here](#)

## **Carers Cafe, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Open to anyone from Bedfield, Monk Soham and the surrounding villages on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and thereafter on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. This is **free of charge** and especially for carers and “cared for” where you’ll be able to relax, have a couple of hours off duty and find support and understanding, also for the bereaved and those who are feeling lonely. For further details contact Jenny Hinchey on 627134 or 07710218957.

## **Post Office closure, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

The outreach Post Office at the Hub will not be available on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**.

The coffee shop will be open as usual on that day from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

## **Bedfield & Monk Soham Garden Club Meeting, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

The next meeting will be held on **March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in The Hub**.

**Luci Skinner of Wootens Nursery, Wenhasston** will provide a presentation on **Propagation**. Open to all, non-members welcome (£5 per non-member, to include tea/coffee and cake). More information from Barbara Lee [gardenclubgarden@gmail.com](mailto:gardenclubgarden@gmail.com)

## **Savings on Loft Insulation**

A reminder that Suffolk’s Public Sector Leaders have teamed up with Travis Perkins to offer Suffolk residents a 50% discount on loft insulation (up to a maximum of £200) and free delivery.

Details of this and other grants can be found on the link: [Grants – Green Suffolk](#)

## **February Half Term Activities**

Activities are available during the February half term across Babergh and Mid Suffolk for children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals or have an identified need.

More information about the activities and how to book can be found at <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/i2ghEHKB1zZZgyYo?ref=Link>

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**The Hub** is a collection point for **[the Waveney Foodbank](#)**. The most wanted items can be found on their website at <https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk>

The **[Post Office](#)** in **Bedfield** is open every Tuesday morning from **9.15 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.** in the Community Hub. (Closed 20<sup>th</sup> February)

The **[pop-up Coffee Shop](#)** also opens every Tuesday from **10.00 a.m. to 12 noon**. Scones are always available to eat in or takeaway.

You can **[recycle bottles, fabric and batteries](#)** at the Hub. The bottle and fabric banks are outside, and batteries can be recycled whenever the Hub is open.

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Send any items of interest to [bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com](mailto:bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com) for inclusion in newsletters and to Lisa at [lisaj1976@gmail.com](mailto:lisaj1976@gmail.com) for inclusion on the websites.

For all the latest information, remember to check the websites [bedfield.onesuffolk.net](http://bedfield.onesuffolk.net) and [monksoham.onesuffolk.net](http://monksoham.onesuffolk.net)