

2020

24th December – Heavy rain and floods

The worst rain seen for forty years caused heavy flooding along the Waveney Valley.



Even the A143 had deep water across in three places in Ellingham and was only just passible.

Along Church Road, Ellingham, residents had to place sandbags along their gates and driveways as water flowed across the main road, then down Church Road.

Yarmouth Road in Ellingham West was impassible near Broome Beck.



The road to Mettingham near Ellingham Mill was blocked and some properties had water enter their homes.

5th November 2020 - Covid-19 restrictions

See [Gov.uk site](https://www.gov.uk).

21st September 2020 - Playgroup at Memorial Hall closes

At a meeting of the parish council the sad news emerged that the playgroup, which operated in the rear room of the Memorial Hall, closed due to insufficient numbers.

17th August 2020

The lack of parking spaces has long been an issue and a danger near the primary school. The increased popularity of the nearby playing field has exacerbated this problem even further. With this in mind a meeting of parish councillors, representatives from the local charities and the school met in Kirby Cane Memorial Hall. The Car Park Committee's terms of reference were agreed and Mike Skipper was elected as Chairman. Various designs were looked at and an overall plan was agreed. The next move will be to draw up a formal plan and seek planning permission, followed by fund raising. The lack of parking spaces has long been an issue and a danger near the primary school. The increased popularity of the nearby playing field has exacerbated this problem even further. With this in mind a meeting of parish councillors, representatives from the local charities and the school met on 17th August 2020 in Kirby Cane Memorial Hall.

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2nd August - Memorial Hall open

The main room is now open for hire with certain restrictions and rules associated with the pandemic. The back room will be for the exclusive use of the Pre School once their term starts. This is to keep the children, staff and parents as safe as possible. The room is being totally refurbished with a new floor, insulation and redecoration.

Please see the document: [Keeping the Hall safe.](#)

4th July - Playground reopens as covid-19 virus restrictions are relaxed

KIRBY CANE & ELLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE TO USERS OF KIRBY CANE & ELLINGHAM PLAYGROUND

THE EQUIPMENT ON THIS PARK HAS BEEN RISK ASSESSED AND SANITISED TO COVID-19 STANDARDS AND MADE AS CLEAN & TIDY AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO RE-OPENING.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTINUED SAFETY OF THE PARK RESTS WITH THE USERS IN ADHERING TO THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES. EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE SANITISED REGULARLY SO USERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY AND PLAY AT THEIR OWN RISK.

GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES ON THE SAFE USE OF THE EQUIPMENT AND HOW THESE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED:

- Maintain social distancing at all times
- Adults should limit the number of children on each piece of equipment
- Children should be accompanied at all times to ensure safe practice
- Use sanitiser frequently before/during/after play
- Sanitise equipment before play if considered necessary
- Users of outdoor gym equipment to bring towels and wipe down handles before use
- Hand sanitiser and wipes will not be provided and should be brought into park by users
- Try to discourage children from putting faces on equipment or hands in mouth or on face
- Dispose of all litter including gloves, wipes etc in litter bins provided.

IF YOU ALL ADHERE TO THESE GUIDELINES THEN THE PARK CAN REMAIN OPEN AND SAFE FOR ALL USERS.

ANY BREACH OF THESE GUIDELINES OR IF THE PARK IS CONSIDERED A COVID RISK THEN IT WILL BE CLOSED AND IT WILL BE A CRIMINAL OFFENCE TO BREACH THESE MEASURES OR BREAK LOCKS TO GAIN ENTRY.

STAY SAFE, STAY ALERT, SANITISE REGULARLY AND ENJOY YOURSELVES!!!

Corona virus support

If you know of anyone in Ellingham or Kirby Cane who is vulnerable and/or in need of assistance, please contact Jane Love on 518375 (kceclerk@gmail.com), or John Cook (the parish council chairman) on 07825 542634, (ja.cook11@btinternet.com) or Mike Skipper (parish council vice chairman), on 07860 323939 (michaelpskipper@gmail.com).

20th May 2020 - 10th, and last, Clap the NHS



Newgate neighbours Clap the NHS

For 10 weeks neighbours have been emerging from their homes at 8pm to applaud those working so hard for us all in the care sectors - whilst maintaining 'social distancing' of course! This was to be the last event of this kind and there was a good turn out as people clapped, rang bells and banged pans to express our thanks to those who put themselves at risk for others.

20th May 2020 - Temporary solution to litter problem

The popularity of the beautiful scenery and river near Ellingham Mill has resulted in a huge increase in litter. The parish council has, therefore, installed a litter bin as a measure.

4th May 2020 - Spate of break-ins

A number of break-ins and thefts occurred in the area; mostly in the hours around 2am:

- lawnmowers from Leet Hill Farm
- three Bungay cricket club mowers, the engine off the roller, strimmer tool box, tools, petrol cans, petrol, jerry cans from Maltings Meadow, Bungay
- CCTV cameras from the Black Dog Running club, Pirnhow Street, Bungay.

20th March 2020 - Corona virus:

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Memorial Hall temporary closure

In response to the changing situation relating to the coronavirus, the Kirby Cane Memorial Hall Committee has decided to close the hall for the time being - the pre-school will continue for now.

4th March 2020 - Rector appointed in the Waveney Group of parishes

On a Wednesday evening a flashing cross (unplanned, but effective) guided dignitaries, clergy and people from many parishes to form the congregation at St Mary's Church, to witness the licensing of Reverend David Smith as rector of the Waveney Group of parishes. The inauguration saw the licensing by the Rt. Revd. Dr Alan Winton, Bishop of Thetford, and Installation by the Ven. Steven Betts.

Rev. Smith moved here from Harling and lives in the rectory at Geldestone with his wife and two young daughters.

The rector will be very busy, for his charge covers 14 villages comprising the Raveningham and Waveney Benefices, including:

- Aldeby
- Burgh St Peter
- Haddiscoe
- Norton Subcourse
- Raveningham
- Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe
- Thurlton
- Toft Monks
- Wheatacre
- Ellingham
- Geldestone
- Gillingham
- Kirby Cane
- Stockton.

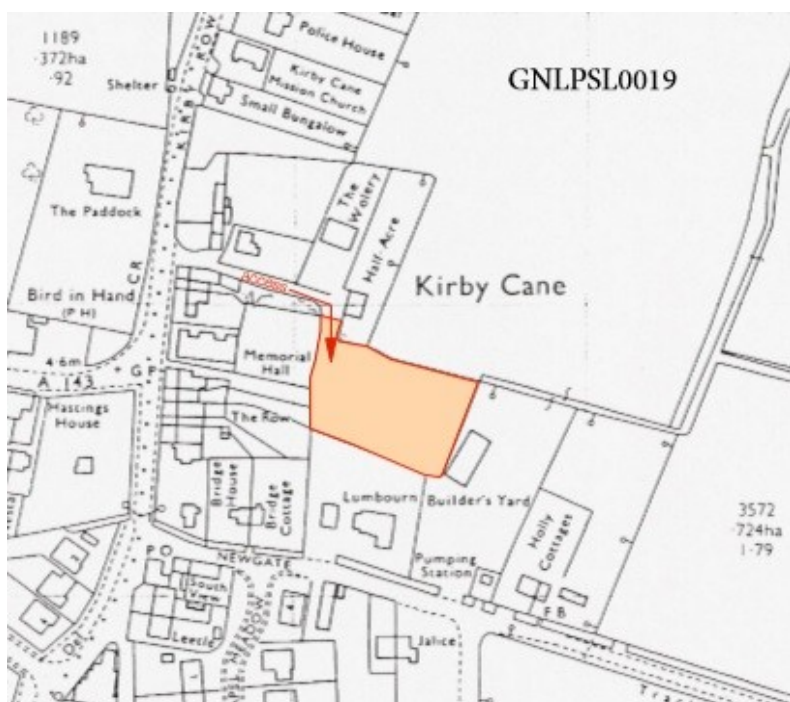
For details of services, please refer to [Tidings](#).

29th Jan. - 16th March 2020 - Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) - Public consultation

Public consultation will be between 29th January 2020 and 16th March 2020. You can view the draft GNLP policies, an interactive map of sites and will be able to make your comments online at www.gnlp.org.uk

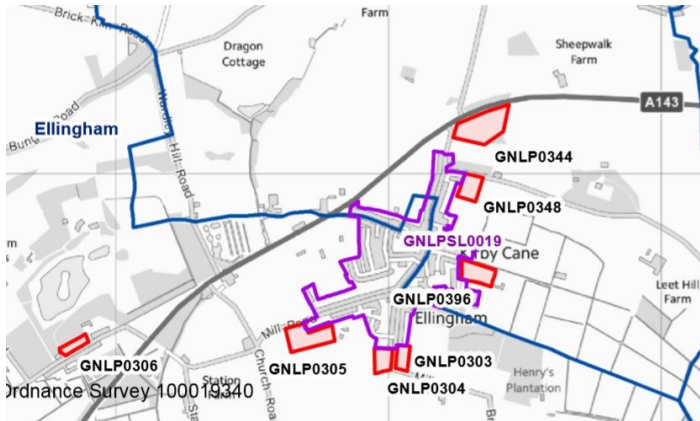
The nearest roadshow event to us will be at Chedgrave, in the Brian Clark Meeting Room, on 17th February 2020, from 2 to 8 pm.

One site was added following the consultation in 2018 to those in Kirby Cane:



The sites particular to Kirby Cane & Ellingham can be seen at <http://www.gnlp.org.uk/assets/Uploads/Kirby-Cane-CP-propSettLimit-mapBook.pdf>

For Kirby Cane and Ellingham the GNLP Site Proposals document states:



Three sites have been submitted for consideration for future development through the GNLP in Kirby Cane and four sites in Ellingham.

Site GNL0344 is adjacent to the A143 to the north of Kirby Cane. Therefore, noise mitigation measures are likely to be required. The site is also slightly remote from the existing built up area and consequently less sympathetic to its built form. To the east of Kirby Cane sites 0348 and 0396 are located adjacent to the built up area within the Waveney Valley, and are all affected by a low chance of surface water flooding. In terms of access, sites 0349, 0396 are more constrained than sites 0344, 0348 to the north of the parish which front onto less narrow roads.

To the south in Ellingham parish sites 0303, 0304 and 0305 are located adjacent to the built up area and within the Waveney Valley. Site 0305 is nearest to the local school. In terms of access, all of the sites to the south have potential vehicular access constraints, but these could be overcome through development and it is believed that subject to suitable footpath provision any potential impact on the functioning of local roads could be reasonably mitigated. Site 0306 is on Yarmouth Road some distance away from the settlement and consequently has poor access to services and is unsympathetic to the existing built form of the villages.

Overall, if Kirby Cane/ Ellingham is identified as a location for additional housing, a number of sites have been submitted which could be considered further, with site 0350 [probably means site 305] offering better access to the local school in comparison to other sites. The main constraint in this settlement is proximity to environmentally sensitive sites in the neighbouring Broads Authority area. As such further assessment may be required to ascertain impacts and mitigation measures.

In terms of utilities and local infrastructure, improvements to water recycling centre treatment capacity and sewerage infrastructure may be required.