



Clerk's Report – March 2026 Holbrook Parish Council

Training/Meetings attended: Parish Council Annual Meetings (**SALC**)

Fitness classes: I still haven't heard about the outcome of our grant application to try and keep the fitness classes going at The Academy for a further year until a more permanent solution can be found.

Thermal Imaging Camera: we were supposed to have the camera from 4th March to 10th March, but it wasn't available until the 6th. So far, there have been few requests for surveys, which have been carried out by members of GHGW.

Stag Beetle Signage - this is now in situ at Hapenny Field, thanks to Andy Sutton.

Call for sites: details of the sites included in the recent Call for Sites, have been circulated.

Suffolk Archives – I have been in touch with Suffolk Archives about depositing some of the old minute books of the Council. Signed minutes of Parish Council meetings have to be kept indefinitely and there is limited space both in my house and in the archive cupboard which Fran Williams keeps in the village hall. I need to pursue this further in due course, but it may make sense to have all the Minute books and records held here in Holbrook sent together to Suffolk Archives. Your thoughts would be welcome.

Water testing – Harkstead PC have found a new water testing kit which they are going to use to test the waters at Harkstead. I am looking into whether we could do the same at Holbrook if we can enlist a suitable volunteer.

Waste bin emptying – I have been chasing the outcome of the overpayment of waste bin emptying and this week I was informed that a refund has been agreed. The refund will be credited to the next invoice for bin emptying.

Training – just a reminder to let me know if any councillor wishes to attend any of the training courses or events circulated on a regular basis. I will ensure that a place is booked.

Playground inspection: we have asked Babergh to undertake the inspection this year and are awaiting a report

Councillor Vacancy: following the resignation of Cllr Ingleton, the required notice to the public has been published and I have been informed that no members of the public have come forward to call an election and therefore a co-option can go ahead if a suitable candidate comes forward. Holbrook Parish Council now has two vacancies and both are open to a co-option.

Community Speedwatch: we have managed to recruit a new volunteer. There are only 3 or 4 active members, all of whom are very busy, so a few new recruits would be most welcome. Please let me know if you can think of anyone who would be interested. The commitment is approximately an hour every fortnight.

Jo Hazlewood – March 2026