

I do not have much to report on over the last two months. It's a busy time for parents with kids off for 6 weeks and the holiday season.

What I can talk about is the river testing that we were able to do. We were testing the river throughout the summer, especially the areas that we are aware that people paddle/swim in in an attempt to keep public safe. Just recently over the last few weeks, we took part in a river safari, which had parishes up and down the deben testing for ecoli, but also, as Ufford have recently purchased the new equipment, for phosphate and ammonia. There were very worrying results, of which I have shared with the parish council. The Woodbridge Climate Action group is heading up all of this data and intends to get in touch with the media in due course. I shall keep you posted.

We would also like to buy the equipment to carry out the testing ourselves rather than taking the samples to Ufford, we have been offered a space to keep the incubator and so once all costed, I will apply to authorise the costs for this expenditure from the climate change budget.

I attended the market organised by Alison in August and stayed on the WMPC stall all day. I took some cheez scones and fruit scones with a cashew cream and jam for parishioners to sample. I also was able to get a winner selected for the front cover of the Wickham Market Climate Action Strategy. It was Jenson Worne and a prize will be sorted for his hard work in due course. Well done to Jenson who won by quite a lot of the vote. Thank you to Mrs Johnson of Wickham Market Primary School for her classes submissions, they were all fabulous.

Well done to Alison for her organisation on the day and beforehand, there was great feedback from the parishioners and the Clerk tells me, the stall holders, on how this was arranged and set out. Brilliant work.

The community choir also went and sang for an hour, which went down really well, we loved having an audience that were engaged with our performance. Thank you to Pam Phipps who is the choir leader for shaping us into a great group! We are currently seeking more grants to cover the cost of this so that it is a barrier free group for all to attend, that is great for mental and physical health and combats loneliness, we do have a great giggle at the sessions. We will be back to singing in October, learning Christmas songs to perform at the Christmas Market.

Sally Noble and I, with a small group, found a Sunday to go to Wickham Market Primary School and tidy up their growing patch, and planted some lovely herbs, flowers, veg and a lovely cherry tree, thank you to the nursery in Petistree for their support. Pictures attached. It would be great if we could support the school with a gardening group to teach the children how to be self sufficient. This should be discussed at the climate change working group meeting.

Thanks all for your time.







