

Chairs Report 19 January 2026

Delay due to sickness, belated Happy New Year to you all. As you are all aware 2026 brings with it some major changes and improvements to Wickham Market, with modernisation plans for the Village Hall in the pipeline and Sizewell 'C' traffic management scheme to improve pedestrian safety with the increase of traffic through Wickham Market, due to start later this year.

Cycle stands

We now have quotation for eight stands which will be installed at the Medical Centre and the Village Hall. These to be installed soon.

Neighbourhood watch scheme

This is still being investigated to help make Wickham Market a better place to live together.

Police report from Clare

Since the last meeting 17/11/25 to 17/01/2026 @ 21:00hrs we received 92 calls for service from area of Wickham Market

X78 Abnormal load/escort

X1 Abandoned calls

X6 Road related/RTC Road traffic collisions

X7 Highway disruptions/obstructions

Since the last meeting 17/11/25 to 17/01/2026 @21:00hrs 17 Investigations were recorded for the area of Wickham Market

X7 miscellaneous

X3 Residential Burglaries

X4 Assaults

X1 Theft

X2 Threats

In relation to the residential burglaries regular patrols of said area are being conducted on lates and nights. CID dealing and its not just Wickham Market that has been hit by these individuals.

In relation to the ASB/Arsons that took place last year - the suspect was arrested and with relevant department to decide the fate!!! Since suspect was arrested there were no further calls in relation to damage at the resource centre/library etc.

In relation to the Abnormal load/escort – related to Sizewell

I am now working back in the office and has been making a few visits in relation to the allotment breaks – I am recovering slowly but I am still not fully operational but have some adjustments depending on risk assessment being made.

Regards

Cllr Ivor French

Chair of Wickham Market Parish Council