

Wickham Market Parish Council. Clerk's Report 20 April 2026.

1. Wickham Market News.

- 1.1. The May/June issue contains a 12 page pull out Review of 2025-26
- 1.2. Print deadline for the July August issue is 11 June. Distribution will start on 13 July

2. Spring Cleaning. The following has been completed

- 2.1. Bus Shelter
- 2.2. Road Signs
- 2.3. Children's Play Area

3. Grants available to support some of our 3 year plan priorities

- 3.1. There are a range of grants available from East Suffolk this year. These include:
- 3.2. East Suffolk Thriving Places Investment Fund which has a number of themes
- 3.3. ESC Cllr Noble Enabling Communities fund
- 3.4. ESC Outdoor Play space fund managed by Sarah Shinnie

4. Correspondence from residents:

- 4.1. I have had 30 emails from one resident on subjects including: Planning (ESC make the decisions), Annual Parish Meeting (advertised widely), Criminal Damage (a Police matter), Suffolk Means Business (an ESC initiative), Councillors use of the George (a personal choice), Roadside planters (a SCC highways issue), Boundary Fencing (a domestic legal issue), personal intimidation (a police matter) together with suggestions of Freedom of Information requests and forwarding emails and videos "to others".
- 4.2. There was a request to purchase land outside the industrial estate which SCC highways have confirmed is part of the visibility splay.
- 4.3. There was a suggestion that litter bins along Little Lane could be changed. This will be investigated over the next month.
- 4.4. There was a report of children using the old Simon's Cross play area which has been reported to the land owner.

5. Community Payback Team

- 5.1. Have done more work on Glebe allotments to clear brambles from the entrance
- 5.2. Have started to clear excess soil and growth off the surface of FP9 (George to Spring Lane. This has reinstated the original path width. Work is ongoing.
- 5.3. Other projects going forward will include litter picking, footpath work on Little Lane, clearing weeds around the village hall and approaches, removing rabbit spirals.