

WICKHAM MARKET

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From Wickham Market
Parish Council

July 2025

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

Meets on the third Monday alternate months

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Parish Council Committees and Groups

Finance & General Purpose Committee: Meets on the first Monday alternate months. Responsible for grants and managing financial reporting and budgets.

Planning Committee: Meets as required and reviews and comments on all planning applications for the Parish.

Staffing and Personnel Committee: Meets as required and advises the council on all employment matters.

Sizewell C Committee: Advises the Council on the impact of Sizewell C.

Village Hall Modernisation Committee: Meets on 1st or 2nd Tuesday monthly. Schedule published on our website. Working to modernise the village hall.

Environment & Leisure Working Group: Meets on the second Monday alternate months and advises on the Cemetery and other environmental issues.

Climate Change Working Group: Responsible for the Climate Action Strategy and advising the Council on Climate Change actions.

Emergency Plan Working Group: Responsible for developing plans to manage emergencies in the parish.

Welcome to Wickham Market!

There is a lot going on in our vibrant village this summer! We have Markets, Country Shows, Family Fun Days together with all our regular clubs and activities.

Our village also supports over 40 businesses who can be found using our business listing pull out in the centre pages.

We have over 100 allotment plots which, as you can see from the front cover, are very productive!

We also know that our roads are

going to get busier now that Sizewell C has had its funding confirmed. To mitigate this, there are plans to make changes to the village through routes to improve safety for pedestrians.

We have engaged a contractor to maintain two key footpaths through the village, Little Lane and George Lane to King Edward Ave. Jennie, our litter picker, is also doing a great job with keeping our village tidy.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer!

Ivor French

Chair, Wickham Market Parish Council

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WILDLIFE CORNER SOMETHING BRIGHT FOR SUNNY DAYS.

We have busy lives and there are many people who struggle from day to day, caring for families and making ends meet. Perhaps they feel they have no energy or time in their lives for anything else.

However, we can still make a difference, if we all do one positive thing to help nature this spring and summer. This one thing will amount to something better for wildlife.

Why not buy, or grow something from seed and pop them in a window box to watch them grow? It will make your home prettier, and provide pollen for invertebrates. If you can put a shallow bowl nearby with stones in, it will create an attractive landing spot for our pollinators to safely drink from too! If you have children,

this is something they can do, to give them focus and something fascinating to watch close up (if they can sit still long enough to wait for the bees to arrive!)

Have you seen our lovely 'Bee cafés' recently? They've been replanted, refreshed and updated, thanks to the joint hard work of locals and Councillors.



For the next edition of our parish magazine, it would be amazing to see some people's photographs, or artwork, showing what they have done for nature! We would love you to please forward your images to me at hedgehogcottage18@gmail.com, and we can include them in our next edition. Let's flood it with our own village's colourful images of nature fighting back, be it a bee on a flower, birds eating berries, or even a creepy crawlly that you've let live another day, as it's not harming your best vegetables!

Everything that you do to help nature instead of harming it, will make a difference to our village environment. We can use nature to our advantage; she's been around a lot longer than we have; let's learn from her, she is beautiful!

For the sake of our children, grandchildren and our future, please live with nature and not against it; we are all part of the same world.

Remember, water equals life for our wildlife!



Niki Fowler



WICKHAM MARKET GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME



AGM: At our recent 18th AGM we heard that over the past year our 34 volunteers carried out 1,417 jobs, helping 52 people. This included 288 visits to various medical appointments (hospital, GP, dentist, optician, physiotherapy); other tasks cover shopping, fetching prescriptions, dog walking, minor DIY, visits to the hairdressers, day care centre, and social and community groups and the befrienders visits and phone calls.

The befrienders party for those living alone took place last September in the village hall and was a great success with the attendees enjoying a good chat and afternoon tea. The event was facilitated by a grant of £250 from the Council's Partnership Group. We also held a volunteers garden party last June and the committee had a pub lunch, these two events were self-funded.

We also promote our work through our presence at the summer, Christmas and spring markets on The Hill.

The Parish Council was thanked for their annual grant which helps with the main expenses like insurance and phone payments.

Sadly, it was decided at a recent committee meeting to remove befriending as one of our services to new clients. Recent requests have been beyond our remit and require more than a weekly telephone chat or visit. Volunteers are unable, unwilling or unqualified to take on a more demanding role. Also, it has become increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to recruit new volunteers. We still have 3 very loyal volunteers who go above and beyond their initial commitment. This is reflected in the huge amount of visits, phone calls, transport to appointments and, when suitable, social outings these three have undertaken between them. Their total commitment is commendable and they have indeed become good friends with their clients.

It was noted with sadness that Phil Wilsher, a regular volunteer driver, had died suddenly in March. Thanks were expressed for all his work for Good

Neighbours. Also, a former regular client and one of our befrienders, Peggy Morris, died in April.

Our guest speaker was Claire Cox, Community Police Officer, who had recently taken over responsibility for Wickham Market, Woodbridge and other small villages.

Pc Cox is part of the community policing team and her role involves engaging with the community, finding out what is happening, and seeking to solve problems. Over the next few months she plans to do more foot patrols. She was aware of some anti-social behaviour and neighbour disputes. She will be holding surgeries once a month in the Resource Centre. A new project for young children called 'Right Choices' is being rolled out to primary schools.

The evening was nicely rounded off by a glass of wine and nibbles!

What the Good Neighbour scheme can do for you.

We can provide a helping hand now and then for things such as: collecting your prescription from the pharmacy; we can change that battery or light bulb you can't quite manage; we can do local shopping for you; or we can help with that minor DIY job that is a little too much for you. This is all in addition to our driving you to appointments, clubs or society meetings or to visit a friend or relative. Whatever it is, give us a call. If we can't help you ourselves we might be able to suggest someone who can.

If you need our assistance, or would like to volunteer – we are always in need of more drivers – please call us on 07914 494108

The phone is manned Monday – Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm (not bank holidays) or you can leave a message. Please give us several days notice to arrange a lift (if you can) and longer for hospital or other longer appointments.

Please note that we only provide our services to residents of Wickham Market parish, we do not cover neighbouring villages.

WICKHAM MARKET 74TH ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW 2025

THEME OF 'THE SEASIDE'

**SATURDAY 2ND AND SUNDAY 3RD
AUGUST at the VILLAGE HALL**

We are pleased to confirm the details of this event and share the poster on P20. Do pick up a schedule (with entry form) from the Post Office, Library, Revetts Butchers, Café 46 and Hair Affair.

Show entry deadline is Tuesday 29th July! Please return last years trophies to us by Tuesday 1st July.

The show is about our community, a celebration of growing, making and baking and bringing people together for creative fun! You can show your vegetables and fruit, flowers & floral art, handicrafts, baking, chutneys, jams, photographs, artwork and other creations. Children can enter any classes too. There are prizes and trophies to be won.

How can you get involved? We always need lots of help so please come forward if you can help with a role in setting up the hall, setting out the display area, serving refreshments, selling raffle tickets and much more please contact Anne or Alison. We have a new chef in post this summer to serve lunches and teas.

Having announced the theme for 2025 as 'The Seaside' we are pleased to offer the following themed classes:

PHOTOGRAPHY

Colour photograph
Colour or black/white photograph
Colour photograph
Colour or black/white photograph
Colour or black/white photograph

Beach flora and/or fauna
Reflections in water
Trip to the seaside
Still life
Suffolk seascape

FLORAL ART

A foliage arrangement
The seashore (no oasis)
A cottage garden (no oasis)
Picnic at the seaside (no oasis)
A petite exhibit in a shell
A display of floating flowers/foilage in a bowl.



No show is complete without a showstopper cake! For 2025 we challenge you to bake a **Sandcastle Showstopper Cake!** Check out the schedule for all the details.

We are keen to have as many young people involved as possible, the following classes are available to young people, many of whom will enter via the primary school involvement but are welcome to make additional entries.

JUNIOR: UP TO 12 YEARS

Painting or collage inspired by the seaside
An original handwritten poem – A Day at the beach
Seaside finds in a tray or container

YOUNG: 12-17 YEARS

Build a boat from recycled materials
Handicraft - any medium
Painting/Illustration inspired by the Seaside

Please contact:

Anne Westover @ ennaoverwest@btinternet.com or
Alison Calvesbert-Rearden @ acalvesbert@gmail.com
or go to the dedicated Facebook page 'Wickham Market Village Show'.
We will also send out updates in the Wickham Market round robin email from news@wickhammarket.co.uk www.visitwickhammarket.co.uk





POLICE SURGERIES

At Wickham Market Community Rooms,
Chapel Lane, Wickham Market
2025

Wednesday 25th June 10:00 – 12:00

Wednesday 30th July 10:00 – 12:00

Wednesday 20th August 10:00 – 12:00

Thursday 10th September 10:00 – 12:00

If you have any Police related issues or
would like advice on Crime, ASB or careers,
please come along.

PC 799 Cox & PCSO 3166 Billett

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FALLEN TREES: 0345 606 6171

HIGHWAY FLOODING: SCC
0345 606 6171 or 0300 1235000
www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

STREET CLEANING/CLEARING:
0333 016 2000

POWER CUTS: Power Networks call:
105 or 999

DANGEROUS STRUCTURES:
01394 444 219 or 0800 440 2516

MANHOLE PROBLEMS that are
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0345 606 6171

WATER LEAKS: Anglian Water: 24/7
0345 145 145

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL Emer-
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220 High St 01728 746970
highhouse1@hotmail.co.uk

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68 High Street 01728 746267

WICKHAM MARKET POST OFFICE

and Stores
36 High Street 01728 746201

USEFUL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

CITIZENS ADVICE EAST SUFFOLK:

14 Colonial House, Station Rd, Leiston
IP16 4JD. Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 10-2pm

Wickham Market drop in service:

Resource Centre (next to the Library)
Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30 pm.

www.leistoncab.org

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

01728 832193 or 0808 2787868 (Free)

Disability Advice Service

(East Suffolk): 01394 387070

Good Neighbour Scheme: (GNS)

Available to residents in Wickham
Market parish only. Transport to
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Friendship and support with shopping,
posting letters, filling forms, comput-
ers, dog walking, DIY, 07914 494108.

Wellbeing Tree Café at The Aspire

Centre. Relax, chat and make new
friends over a hot drink and cake.
Wednesdays 10.30 - 12.30.

Men's Shed: Behind the Village Hall.

Social and creative centre.

Mondays 2 pm

www.wmshed.org.uk 01728 747782

INTERESTS

Youth Football Club, Simon's Cross

Playing Field, IP13 0ST.

Steph: 07778 880735.

Football Club and Social Club, be-

hind the Village Hall. 01728 747731

www.wickhammarketfc.co.uk

Tennis Club, Simon's Cross Playing

Field: 01728 746736

Bowls Club (playing Field):

01728 746715

Red Triangle Bowls Club:

01728 604491

GLEVERING HALL IP13 0EU

Badminton Club at 7:30

Thursday: Ladies / senior school students

Monday: Men / senior school students

07860 402288

VALLEY FARM

Pony Club <https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/pony-club>

Tots Pony Club <https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/riding-tiny-tots>

Young Equestrians Club

<https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/young-equestrians>

VILLAGE HALL

Lettings:

lettings.wmvillagehall@gmail.com

Also at the Village Hall

Bingo

Tuesdays 6pm

Tina Clack 01728 746846

Community Club: social activities
and support for those new to the area,
Friday mornings 01728 747078

Val Mann: val@penpal.me.uk

Gardening Club:

Monthly third Thursday 7:30 pm

wmgardclub27@gmail.com

Toddler and Baby Group

Wednesdays during school term

9:00 - 11:30 (£2.50 per family)

stephanieworne@gmail.com

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Chapel Lane, IP13 0SD. Open

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Saturday: 10 - 12.30 then 1 - 4.30

library.help@suffolk.gov.uk

01728 587108

Regular Events at the Library:

Family History Guidance By Ap-

pointment: Tuesdays 10am - 1pm

Morning Book Group:

1st Tuesday monthly 10am,

Tots Rock: - active songs and

rhymes for preschool children:

Thursdays 9.45am - 10.15am,

Sewing Group:

Thursdays 1.30pm - 4.30pm,

Lego Club:

Saturdays 10am - 12pm.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

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Lane, IP13 0SD: 01728 747782

Resource Centre Gardening Group

2nd Wednesday monthly at 10am.

Barbara Harrington: sbharrington@outlook.com or come along.

ARCHIVE CENTRE:

Local history, archives and artefacts

Philip Tallent 01728 746058

WHICH COUNCIL DOES WHAT?

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL:

Highways, Recycling. 0345 606 6067

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>

Reporting any highways issue in-

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hedges, gritting, pavements [https://](https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/)

highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL:

Waste collection, Pay car parks, Plan-

ning <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/>

0333 016 2000

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District Councillor for the Wickham
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WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL:

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dren's Play Area, Allotments,
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WICKHAM MARKET'S LOST PUBS

We continue this series on the lost Pubs, Inns and Hostelries of Wickham Market with a look at The White Hart, which was probably the most important hostelry in the village.

It had its own Bowling Green from a very early date; kept its own brewer; was the place patronised by the local aristocracy - the Glovers of Ashe High House, the Dukes of Hamilton from Easton Mansion; and was the place where village meetings and celebrations took place; it had an Assembly Rooms, which was the drill room in the Crimean War for the local Volunteers; Lord Nelson stayed there; it was the Coach Office and Posting House; and at least two murders took place there. In 1986/7 the brewery closed it down, and it is now divided into flat and three commercial units.

Historical records start in the reign of Henry VII:-

A 15th century will refers to "Bequest of "beddes and bedding used at the Harte for the convenience of travellers".

Pre 1504 - Richard Briggs, owner occupier, who changed the name from "The Harte" to "The White Harte"

In 1640 a reference says William Buttrum paid tax "for his Inne the White Harte and tayntour field"

In 1641 it is recorded that William Glover of Campsey Ashe High House was "unhappily slain at the White Harte, Wickham Market, 1641 by two persons". There is also a record which says "Their father was slain at the White Hart Wickham Market cowardly by 2 persons as he was pissing 1641 and was buried in the chancel under a black gravestone".

The following references have been found in the Parish Records:

In 1652 "Pd at the White Harte for one night's quarter for 9 soldiers at 4d a man 3/-".

In 1653 "A man child borne and murthered at ye White Hart born the January 27 buried February 3rd".

In 1654 "Beating of the Bounds at the perambulation, the men had dinner at the White Hart, the boys bread and beer".

In 1764 "Meeting at the White Hart to discuss the relief of the poor".

In 1766 "12/6 pd. at the White Hart for killing a mad dog". June 17th

Various directories list the former landlords of the hotel:

1844 Edward Tice proprietor, posting house, Post Office. (Mr Tice is buried in a prominent grave to the south of the church, by the gate to the Medical Centre, together with his wife, son and granddaughter).



The White Hart, circa 1912, with G Zissel standing at the entrance

1846 William Jackson, Commercial Inn and posting house, Coach office.

1855 Susan Chase, proprietor.

1888 Owen Albert Diver, proprietor.

1912 George Louis Zissell (He was German, and disappeared at the outbreak of war in 1914. Apparently when some British soldiers discovered that he was German, they took all his furniture onto the Market Square and burnt it).

1937 G.B. Monkham.

1950's Mr. and Mrs. Palmer. Mr. and Mrs. Fisk.

The Wickham & District Farmers Club met there and as a result, the East Suffolk Agricultural Show was held at Wickham Market in 1832, 1834, 1836, 1838, 1840, 1842, 1844 and 1849.

Cornelius Welton started farming at the Grange at Wickham Market, but by 1851 had moved to Valley Farm where he lived for some twenty years, working also as an estate agent and farming 330 acres. He was one of a group of local farmers who met regularly at the White Hart, and on 21 September 1831 they founded the East Suffolk Agricultural Association, and planned the first Suffolk Agricultural Show at Wickham Market in 1832. The very first Suffolk Show took place in Wickham Market. Kitson Court and the Car Park/Medical Centre are built on the field where it was held. The Suffolk Show was then held alternately at Wickham and Saxmundham until 1845, and once more at Wickham in 1849. Cornelius Welton was Show Secretary until 1844.

The following is an extract from the Wickham Market Gazette of April 26th, 1894 complete with the original spelling and grammar:

The White Hart Hotel is one of the free houses at the present day. It has a splendid frontage and in days gone by was all utilised as an hotel where the bank and the Reading Room is now located. Those of the present day have but a faint conception of the business transacted here in its palmy days, before the Railway took so much of the traffic off the road. This was the house for the principal coaches to stop at and a large amount of posting business was done, as this was the posting stage from Ipswich.

In the early part of the present century Mr Thomas Woodward was the landlord, who on leaving resided at Limetree Terrace. He was noted for taking his constitutional as regular as weather permitted. He was succeeded at the White Hart by Mr Edward Tice, who kept a large number of posting horses and it was no uncommon thing for them to be in requisition. Some families travelled with four horses and two postillions. The Dowager Duchess of Hamilton when staying at Easton Park was supplied with horses and riders from here. Among the postillions for which the old house was famous was John Smith, Sam Self, Sam Harper, Jim Scase, John Hall, and Tom Hear. Sometimes it was as quick as the word, and booted, spurr'd and jacketted, the horses were mounted and off they went.

William Garnham in those days was ostler and the commodious stables then stood where the Assembly Room now stands. This Garnham had two sons who made their way in the world both of them entered the army, and John rose to be a Commissioned Officer of high standing and at one time held a position in the Tower of London. George, we believe after leaving the army became Governor of a Warwick workhouse. Garnham in after years became gatekeeper at the Broadwater Crossing of the Framlingham branch railway. Other old servants in the house were Sally Broom, the cook who attired in a frill cap, was as kind hearted a soul you would find in a day's march, and of which the writer has had ample proof. Few cooks at the present day can match her. Jane Leggett also plied her vocations for a number of years, while William Thurston was one of the neatest and active of waiters. In addition to the hotel proper there was a taproom, the entrance to which was from the roadway leading to the yard.

The coach houses and the cornhouse were commodious. On one occasion when Hilton's menagerie was standing on the hill, the elephant during the time of erection was put in the coach house and sniffing the corn he very soon down with the partition so that he might help himself. An elephant in this same collection had a trick played on it by George Leggett which enraged it, and it took Leggett up with its trunk, and had it not been for the keeper would soon have made short work for him. Where Bowling Green Terrace now stands and the

gardens belonging, was formerly the Bowling Green and was much larger than the present one, and gentlemen's and tradesmen's clubs were held during the season here. The Horticultural Society held its show of cottagers productions while the gentlemen's exhibit was held in the large room at the hotel, and both of them would bear very favourable comparison with the shows of the present day, and as fine a collection of flowers, fruit and vegetables were brought together as could wish to see.

Where Mr Rush now resides was formerly stables, and the beerhouse now held by him was formerly worked by the tenant at the hotel, and much of the ale consumed was home made. Will Hearn at one time was the brewer, and like a brewer's cask was largest in the middle. Will was a somewhat remarkable man and was known by the names of "Betts and Berry", as those were the names of the two horses which he once kept. He also boasted that he had tamed a wolf. On one occasion he was relating this to a stranger who could not credit it, Will took him home to see it, and when there, showed him his wife who rejoiced in the name of Wolf before she married Will. The family of this man was somewhat remarkable, although illiterate. Charles the eldest, at one time did a considerable business in rough timber, supplying the herring curers at Aldeburgh. On one occasion Charles had to appear before the Magistrates at Woodbridge as a witness, when the public press spoke of him as an unsophisticated looking rustic. Tom another son devoted his time mostly to the White Hart as an assistant ostler. Harry better known as "Major", was for many years with Messrs. Whitmore and Binyon. He was a far seeing man and a tower of strength in himself, and possessed an amount of ingenuity that many would not have given him credit for. He met his death by an accident at Cardiff a few years since.

Since Mr Tice's days the White Hart has had various occupants, Mr Coles, Mr Jackson, Mrs Delph, Mrs Chase, and its present occupier Mr O. A. Diver. Very few houses are better known to the commercial traveller, and very few present a more cheery and neat appearance. In fact, on a small scale, it is a local museum of curiosities tastefully arranged, and everything about the place denote cleanliness and order as far as an Hotel can have it. The old clock in the kitchen we should say if it could speak could tell us of events that transpired some centuries ago. Here, Lord Nelson, the naval hero, once called when passing through the town; but old time with his scythe has since then mowed many down; and for want of time we reserve our further remarks on the public houses for our next articles.

Philip Tallent, Chairman, Wickham Market Area Archive Centre

Watch out for details of our next talk at The George, on Wednesday 16th July – Suffolk Curiosities by Peter Driver.

Wickham Market Village Hall

74th Annual Show 2025

Show theme of **'The Seaside'**

Saturday 2nd August

12.30pm – 4.30pm

Sunday 3rd August

12pm – 3pm

Followed by **Presentation** of
awards and **Raffle**

Refreshments and Tombola both days

Schedules / Entry Forms available
from the Post Office, Library, Revetts
Butchers, Cafe 46 and Hair Affair

Entry Deadline Tuesday 29th July 2025

WICKHAM MARKET ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB TURNING 100 IN 2026

We are organising a weekend of celebration as Wickham Market Branch and Club will be 100 years old in 2026. We are intending to put a magazine together on the history of Wickham Market and Royal British Legion and anyone that has served.

We would love your own stories or those of family members. Please email rblwickham@outlook.com or come into Legion and have a chat.



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Royal British legion.

**BEING HELD AT WICKHAM MARKET,
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ON SATURDAY 11th & SUNDAY 12th APRIL 2026.**



Contact Steph for more details at
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WICKHAM MARKET & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

48th Annual Autumn Show

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th
September

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Wickham Market Village Hall

Refreshments available

Free entry All welcome



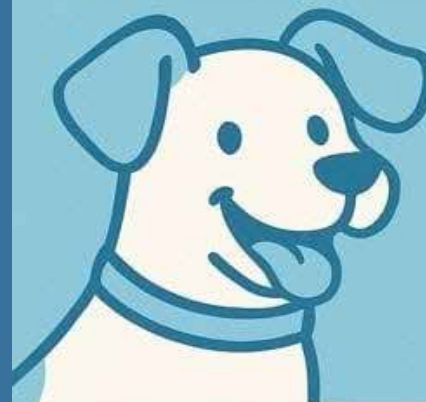
FAMILY FUN DAY

FOR SUFFOLK
ANIMAL RESCUE



30TH AUGUST 2025
12PM

WICKHAM MARKET FOOTBALL GROUNDS



- GAMES, STALLS & RAFFLES
- DOG SHOW
- FOOD & DRINK
- LIVE MUSIC
- ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

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SATURDAY
6th SEPTEMBER

9:00 - 2:00
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