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*Chloe looking forward to
Manhattan
By James Abbott*



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Visits: If you would like the Vicar to visit you at home or in hospital, or know of anyone who would like him to visit them, please let the Vicar know.

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From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Neil McLeod,

Priest-in-Charge of Newport with Widdington, Quendon and Rickling.

As I write this I am looking out of the study window to blue skies and sunshine. I don't see the sun, as that hits the back of the vicarage, and my study can still be quite cool. After the weather went very cold the weekend before last, with hailstones, I'm hoping that spring has finally arrived. Although I'm not going to hold my breath.

The weather has been, once again, extremely unpredictable again this year. Last year we endured the "Beast from the East" and whilst we didn't have a great deal of snow it was bitterly cold. This year our weather went briefly to the other extreme. In March I had friends visit me, and we went to London on the Saturday as one of them had never been there. It was sunny and very hot, and at the end of March I was clothed in shorts and t-shirt. Utter madness! Is the result of climate change? I cannot say that for certain as I'm not a scientist but it is clear that the weather just isn't following standard patterns or even seasons. Do we even have standard patterns or seasons any more? Flowers bloom very early, then suffer because we have frosts again. There were very few, if any, April showers but fortunately we have had much needed rainfall in May. Otherwise it will be hosepipe bans and droughts in the summer.

If it is climate change then we all need to take notice and consider what impact we are having. Sometimes I think that one person cannot make much of a difference considering the amount of office blocks in cities who leave lights on in empty offices overnight. Sometimes I think that Las Vegas (which I have visited) could make a huge difference if it didn't burn so many lights 24/7. Sometimes I think what hope do we have when the US President backs out of the Climate Change Agreement.

Yet we all have a responsibility and we have been given it by God. After he created the heavens & the earth, and all that lives on it God created Adam and Eve. God created human beings. Then he said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it." God gave us responsibility for everything that grows and lives on the earth. The word 'subdue' is what we struggle with, because it sounds like we have dominion over the earth. But dominion can sometimes exist without responsibility, and subjugation can involve abuse. Humankind has abused the earth. The earth is God's gift for us. We need to use our resources wisely so they are there for generations to come.

Can one person make a difference? Not by themselves, but one person acting with another person, who acts with another person, who involves another person, etc. can make a difference. Come on, let's make a difference together.

Neil

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 2nd June

9.30am Newport Contemporary Communion

11.00am Widdington Christingle Service

Sunday 9th June

8.30am Widdington BCP Communion

9.30am Newport All Age Worship

11.00am Quendon BCP Communion

Sunday 16th June

9.30am Newport Holy Communion

11.00am Widdington Holy Communion

6.00pm Quendon BCP Communion

Sunday 23rd June

8.00am Newport BCP Communion

9.30am Newport Morning Worship

11.00am Rickling Holy Communion

3.30pm Newport Messy Church

Sunday 30th June

10.00am Widdington Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 7th July

9.30am Newport Contemporary Communion

11.00am Widdington Family Service

Sunday 14th July

8.30am Widdington BCP Communion

9.30am All Age Service Newport

11.00am Quendon BCP Communion

Sunday 21st July

9.30am Newport Holy Communion

11.00am Widdington Holy Communion

6.00pm Quendon BCP Communion (Said)

Sunday 28th July

10.00am Newport Benefice Holy Communion

In addition to these services, prayer meetings are held as follow:

Quendon, Mondays 4 30 pm

Rickling, Thursdays 9 00am

Widdington, Tuesday 9 00am

Newport, Wednesday 4 30 pm.

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Rickling: Lisa Huxtable 01799 542995

Treasurer - Quendon and Rickling: Mrs Sandra Arnold 01799 543075

Police contact information

For crimes and suspicious activity NOW phone	999
For non-urgent incidents and reporting a crime that has already happened	101
Alternatively you can report non-urgent incidents or suspicious activity and crimes on-line at https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-on-line/	
To give information anonymously phone CRIMESTOPPERS or report it on-line at www.crimestoppers-uk.org	0800 555 111

HELP REQUIRED URGENTLY

Quendon Church is in urgent need of volunteers to help dust/sweep or vacuum the church once or twice a year.
Do you have 2 hours to spare?

Currently our church is cleaned monthly by two people. Please come and help our dwindling numbers of volunteers.

If you are able to help or would like more information please contact

Christine Osbourn 01799 543367



Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quiz and Fun Bingo



**Wednesday 19th June 2019
and**

Wed July 17th 2019 Wed Oct 16th 2019
Wed August 21st 2019 Wed Nov 20th 2019
Wed Sept 18th 2019 Wed Dec 16th 2019

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

**Please contact: Angie and Carole
01799 543807/218061**

**Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon, CB11 3XQ**

Quendon Churchyard

We still desperately need more volunteers to keep the churchyard tidy.

The larger section around the church building only takes around a couple of hours to mow. The smaller section grows more slowly, but looks splendid when kindly tended!

So please join us in this undemanding but rewarding service to the community.

Contact John Watkinson, **01799 543350**,
johnwatkinson@tiscali.co.uk

or

Robert Arnold, **01799 543075**, robert@arnold-q.uk

Road Works expected 1st - 9th August

Contractors on behalf of Gigaclear are to attend near Walnut Tree Cottage, Belchams Lane in Rickling Green to replace defective road reinstatement there. This will involve delays and road closures, so diversions will be in effect. Make sure that you follow the right ones (well, there are so many)!

PAVILION FOR HIRE!



There's a pavilion in Rickling Green,
Well kept, spacious and clean,
So for 10 quid an hour,
It's under your power,
For parties, or whatever's your scene.

Call **07758 240332**

or email johnlodge@ntlworld.com
to enquire about renting the pavilion or cricket pitch.

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Thank you to everyone who has purchased numbers for this year's 100 Club. Unfortunately, as numbers are slightly down the monthly prizes for 2019/2020 will be as follows; first - £35, second - £24, third - £14.

Congratulations to the May winners

1st Michael Atlee

2nd Lorraine Chandler

3rd Margaret Tissot

If anyone else would like to participate an application form can be downloaded from the Village Website (www.quendonandrickling.co.uk). Remember this generates a good source of funds for the Village Hall and both our two churches, All Saints, Rickling and St Simon & St Jude, Quendon.

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

Parish Council Elections over

We welcome two new councillors, Carrie Williams and Katherine Nuthall, plus re-election of four previous councillors. That leaves one space remaining and the Parish Council will be looking to co-opt another councillor within the next month or so. Look out for the notice. Full details of the new parish council and councillors' responsibilities will be posted to the website very shortly.

Community Special Constables

This is a repeat from last issue, but I think it is worth repeating. The co-ordinator of this scheme has been invited to address the June parish council meeting so if you want information from the horse's mouth it will be on the 12th June. Come along and see if this is something you think may benefit the village.

District Council elections

Neil Hargreaves and Anthony Gerard have been re-elected and their party, R4U, has by far the largest number of district councillors. They will therefore be forming the next administration.

Other news from the Parish Council meeting

As you may well know by now, Brandon Chapman and Tony Jones have stepped down as councillors after many years of loyal service. I would like to thank them both for all their efforts on behalf of Quendon and Rickling, and also their help in my early days as parish clerk. They have been great assets to the village.

The time for the annual audit is rapidly approaching and I have been preparing the necessary papers. I will shortly be forwarding the return to our internal auditor. We do not require an external audit this year as both our income and expenditure for the last financial year was below £25,000. However, as always, all the financial papers will be available for inspection by any resident and details of this will be on the website.

Potholes near the school remain a problem, but there are

moves afoot to remedy the situation.

I understand there is some serious interest in re-opening The Cricketers Arms. So keep your fingers crossed and your eyes on the pub.

Football Field

This proceeds at apace, with an official inspection due next month. Ted Crow has refurbished the goal posts which will soon be in situ.

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. If any newcomers to the village have not received a copy of the pack, do please let the Clerk know on the contact details below and a welcome pack will be dropped off to them.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Will be on 12th June at 7.30pm.

Highway Problems

The Essex Highways website is available for anyone noticing a problem to report it: <http://www.essexhighways.org/Report-a-problem.aspx>
A tracking facility for all reported faults is available.

Police/Crime

The Essex Community Messaging Service provides useful information to the public about policing and safety issues. It is free to register and information is given relative to your postcode, thus providing accurate and up-to-date community safety information and crime prevention advice. Users can choose to receive information via e-mail, text or voice-recording and can select what information to receive – based on where they live and work and on issues of interest. For further details and to sign up, visit www.essex.police.uk/ecm.

Contact the Parish Council

The Clerk, Keith Williams can be contacted by e-mail quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com or by telephone **01279 814473**

From the Chairman of the Parish Council

Dear Villagers!

It is all change for the Parish Council in 2019! Two of our Parish Councillors have moved onto pastures new, the "old" (not that old!) Chairman, Brandon Chapman and Tony Jones, both of whom have devoted over 10 years of their lives to the ups and downs of village life in Quendon and Rickling! I would like to thank them both very much for their commitment, patience, wisdom and their sense of humour! They are still residing in the village though and Brandon is very involved in the Neighbourhood Plan.

I am taking on the mantle of Chairman, although in an acting capacity only at the moment, in the hope that one of the new councillors will take over when they have settled in! I have lived in the village of Rickling Green for 8 years, have a very patient husband, 2 children, both at university although rather a long way away, 2 dogs and I am passionate about our villages and that they remain great places in which to live.

We have three new councillors, which is remarkable considering a lot of villages around the country are struggling to fill their positions. Tony Dear, who lives in Snowdrop Road and Katherine Nutall and Carrie Williams, who both live on Cambridge Road in Quendon,

I will aim to update you every month in *The Link* with a summary of our meetings so you will all be aware of what is happening! Please also read our monthly minutes as this will keep you informed in far more detail.

In May's meeting, the following main points were raised:

Foxley 2, as we will call it, will be putting in a planning application shortly to build 9 houses. This site has been identified in the Neighbourhood Plan for some time as suitable for development so we will keep a very close eye on this. The developers have offered to come and talk to us about their application so please let us know if you would be interested.

A resident in Ventnor Road has raised serious concerns regarding the speed limit of 50 mph outside the two new developments on the B1383. The Parish Council can't understand why this speed limit was not reduced to 30 mph at the time of build and we have been nagging Essex Highways ever since. It has now been agreed that it will be reduced to 40 mph not 30 but we will continue the fight! Apparently it takes so long because there has to be an investigation phase, involving a 7 day speed and volume traffic survey, a design, a site investigation to

check what is under the ground, cables etc and then a legal process requiring a consultation. We have been told this will be done in this financial year! We will also continue the fight for a footpath along the main road.

The road leading up to Rickling School and The Cricketers is badly potholed, as I am sure everyone is very aware and we have been working on a way to improve it for over a year now, without much success because of the huge expense involved. Some of the parents have kindly taken it upon themselves to mend these potholes at half term, 27 - 31 May. Please make a note in your diary if you use this road. We have put in for funding to the County Councillor so fingers crossed we will be successful as this is an expensive exercise but very necessary.

We have had several viewings of taxis and delivery vans attempting to drive up the bridleway alongside Bluebell Wood to Quendon Hall. Everyone concerned is now aware of this problem and hopefully signs will be going up soon to divert traffic back along the main road.

One of our councillors, Ted Crow, has been doing a sterling job with the village football pitch. Many of you will have noticed a lot of care and attention is going in to the preparation of an amazing "new" pitch, with refurbished posts going up soon. There is considerable interest in this pitch from local teams so it will be lovely to hear teams playing in the village again so after long. Ted is very keen for everyone in the villages to use the pitch, so grab a football and a picnic and wander along!!

Finally, the cricket season has started and spectators are always very welcome. Unfortunately Rickling England Cricket Day has had to be cancelled due to the temporary closure of The Cricketers Arms, which is a real shame as the day is always a big attraction for the village.

The Cricketers itself is in the process of being sold and I have been told by the marketing representative that there is considerable interest so hopefully we will see the pub up and running over the course of the summer!

I can assure you that all 7 of us, plus our long suffering clerk, are here to do our best for the villages. If you have any questions/queries, just give us a ring or come along to the meetings! You can also follow us on Facebook or just email the Parish Clerk and we will respond as quickly as possible and to the best of our knowledge.

Sally Kitcat

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The Editor, by e-mail with attachments as necessary, robert@arnold-q.uk or call 01799 543075.

On June 20th our monthly meeting will be held in St. John's Church Hall, Stansted, 1.30 for 2.00pm. Sylvia Keith will be giving a presentation on one of her many travels.



The Walking & Nature Appreciation Group's visit to the Bluebell Woods in Quendon and Rickling on 1st May.

In June the Philosophy group will continue to discuss the work of Kierkegaard. The Bus Pass Group will travel to Rayleigh on Market Day. The Art Appreciation Group will visit the Henry Moore Foundation to view Henry Moore's Drawings and the Literature Study Group will discuss "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles.

Our many other interest groups will continue to meet regularly and may be starting their preparations for our

U3A Showcase, to be held in October. We hope that at the Showcase each group can put on a display of their activities for both members and visitors. More detailed information about each group can be found on the "Groups" page of our website, by phoning the number above or from the Activities Leaflet.

Booking has already started for the day trip to Sandringham House on July 1st. The visit takes in the house, gardens, church and parkland. The cost for those 59 and under is £30.50, for those 60+ it is £26 although for members of the RHS it will be £18. If you wish to book please email Jenny Wraith. Booking starts in June for the day trip to the Brick Lane Music Hall in October. Although booking for the September Holiday to West Sussex and Brighton started in February there may still be places left. Further details are available on both the "Trips and Event" and the "Day Trips and Holidays" website pages.



www.hundredparishes.org.uk

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

One of the aims of The Hundred Parishes Society is to raise awareness of our rich and diverse local heritage. It is exceptionally preserved in the rural and town landscapes handed down by past generations and there is also a rich vein of local history, culture, customs and legends. Amongst the legends are a couple concerning dragons.



Henham's dragon is commemorated on the village sign and in the name of its parish magazine, The Henham

Dragon. The appearance of this "flying serpent" was reported in a pamphlet published in 1669. The creature was described as eight or nine feet long, having been seen by several men. In recent times, the legend has been dismissed as a 17th-century hoax, while local Saffron Brewery produces a Flying Serpent beer to celebrate the story.

Where there were dragons there were also dragon slayers. We all know St George, whose slaying of the beast has been painted and sculpted many times. I can

think of only one such image within the Hundred Parishes: in Bartlow church where conservation of a 15th-century wall painting revealed the dragon but not St George. I would be interested to learn of other images of dragons or St George within the Hundred Parishes.



A local dragon slayer, Piers Shonks, died in 1086 AD and lies at peace in an ancient tomb within the wall of Brent Pelham parish church.

There is a brief account of his story, and why he is buried



in the wall, in the Hundred Parishes book and on www.hundredparishes.org.uk within the parish page for Brent Pelham and Meesden. There you will also find a link to a Hertfordshire

Archives account and audio recording of the legend of Piers Shonks.

Do enjoy our local area – and keep an eye open for dragons.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Report from District Councillors Anthony Gerard and Neil Hargreaves

This year it was District Council elections on 2nd May. The pre-election makeup of the council was Conservatives 24 seats, Residents for Uttlesford 11 seats and Libdems 4 seats. The new council is R4U 26 seats, Libdems 7 seats, Conservatives 4 seats and Independents 2 seats. R4U didn't stand in all wards, but where it did stand candidates R4U captured 56% of the vote with the Conservatives 25% and Liberal 13%.

At the first new Council meeting in May R4U announced a new Cabinet structure, and the committee memberships and their chairs, and the Council Chair and council Leader were agreed. The cabinet system is not our preferred option as it concentrates decision making with a handful of councillors, previously just five out of the 39 councillors, albeit with checks and balances such as having a Scrutiny committee and a call-in procedure where decisions can be challenged. To change it back to a system where more decisions are taken in committees requires consideration of the different ways to run the council, and a referendum. Councils which have changed to a committee model see the advantages as being that it is inherently more democratic, with more councillors directly involved in decision-making. Opposition members have more say and their voice is more strongly heard.

For the moment R4U has increased the number of Cabinet members to ten, each with their portfolio but still involved in all the key decisions. This means we now have cabinet members with new specific responsibility for green issues and equalities, for infrastructure, transport and Stansted Airport, for investment strategy, and for education, libraries, culture heritage and tourism. Planning was previously included with Environmental Services (bins and street cleaning etc.) but is now given its full weight along with the Local Plan under the responsibility of John Lodge, the Council Leader. I am cabinet member for Finance and Budgets, and Anthony for Residents & Community Partnerships, Police & Emergency Services.

And on the five committees (Planning, Licensing and Environmental Health, Scrutiny, Governance Audit & Performance, and Standards) members from the other parties, and the Independent members from Chesterford, were offered some key roles. So, Conservative Mark Lemon is deputy chair of Planning, Independent Neil Gregory chairs Scrutiny, and Conservative Edward Oliver from Clavering is continuing as chair of Governance Audit & Performance. In order to be inclusive and seek

to make use of everyone's skills and experience regardless of their political affiliation, positions were offered to the Libdems, but they have taken the view that their job is to be an opposition not to be part of the administration, so they declined the offer.

The big challenges facing the new administration are to seek a better deal from the Stansted Airport expansion, to bring the Local Plan to fruition and to deal with the long-term issue of reduced government finance.

At present, with the adopted Local Plan 8 years out of date, and without the required five-year supply of housing permissions, national planning policy switches the balance towards accepting whatever planning applications come forward. This leaves our villages and towns vulnerable to unplanned and inappropriate development. The tensions of course remain. Many of those who voted for R4U across the district may be expecting development to be moved away from wherever they are.

The Local Plan has been with the Inspectors since February and a key factor is what they have to say about it and whether they think it largely viable, or needing a major rework, or unviable.

The new administration will be dealing with all these matters, and others, over the coming months. The new Council Chair is Richard Freeman, who has previously been Saffron Walden mayor and so we have an experienced hand in charge of the meetings. At the first meeting it was good to see many residents present and Richard did a charming welcome to new councillors and returning ones. But he did make clear that the agenda item for 'Questions' was to mean that and was not for councillors to make statements, and that time limits on us speaking will be enforced. There is much to do, so best to set out the rules on the first day!

Councillors' Surgeries.

We are available every Thursday morning from 10.30 to 11.30 in Dorrington's in Newport and we take turns to attend the parish council meetings in the Village Hall. We are also active on the village Facebook group.

Neil Hargreaves



Saffron Walden MP welcomes scheme to improve village halls

Kemi Badenoch, the Member of Parliament for Saffron Walden, has welcomed a £3 million Government fund to improve village halls and better connect rural communities.

"I received representations from constituents in Wicken Bonhunt and Great Canfield, among others, about the issue of village hall restoration. I lobbied the Government on their behalf to protect these community assets. Village halls across our constituency provide vital hubs for communities to connect, collaborate and celebrate.", Mrs Badenoch said.

"This fund will not only help to enhance and improve the facilities and make a big difference for a large number of communities but also mean that village halls can remain as important meeting places for many years to come.

"Village hall committees are now able to apply for grants of up to £75,000 towards refurbishment and alteration of



their buildings, from improvement works on existing facilities through to new meeting rooms. I strongly encourage villages across our constituency to apply and make use of this scheme."

For more details and to apply, please visit: [http://](http://acre.org.uk/our-work/village-hall-improvement-grant%20fund)

acre.org.uk/our-work/village-hall-improvement-grant%20fund

Surgeries

Surgeries are an opportunity for you to meet with me, your Member of Parliament, and seek advice or assistance on confidential issues. For all other enquiries please send an email to me at kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk as it's often possible to meet sooner or speak over the phone. Should you wish to attend a surgery, please contact me at the earliest opportunity. Street surgeries do not require an appointment.

Q&R Community Updates

A Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp group ("Q&R Community Updates") has been set up to provide LIVE updates to villagers in a secure manner. This is not a "chat" or advertising forum, rather will be strictly limited (and Admin-enforced) to communications where real-time alerts are useful - for instance: emergencies / road closures / police incidents or possible criminal activities / missing pets, etc. in and around our area. This has been a successful forum to share information in other villages around us.

If you have a smart phone and the "Whatsapp" app, and would like to be added to this group, villagers should

contact Carrie Williams on **07908 844056** who will verify that you are part of the Q&R community, provide a code of conduct and add you to the group. Accepted outsiders will be agreed as an exception, for example the police, but essentially only villagers will have access.

If villagers are concerned by anything they see or hear in and around our community, they are encouraged to either put a comment out through the WhatsApp group (if you have already joined) or report it to Carrie who will post it on your behalf to ensure the rest of the village is aware. Let's look out for one another.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Any additional crime prevention device can act as a deterrent to an opportunist theft, however, unfortunately not all criminals are easily put off. If you are going to fit an additional security device, it is advisable to do so with the intention of preventing the crime (or at least slowing the criminal down), and as an aid to the perpetrator's identification and capture, not just as a visible deterrent.

Before making any purchases, please consider the following:

- What do you intend to achieve? For example: a pad lock for a gate to secure your perimeter is a waste of time if you can easily climb over it, climb the adjacent fence or get through gaps in the perimeter hedge. Take a wider look at the problem and do not

focus on one thing.

- Will it do what you actually want it to do? For example: an audible only alarm will not usually be attended by Police unless there is further corroboration to show that a break-in is occurring - there are too many false alarms...
- Have you seen the device working? For example: despite what the salesmen may say, not all CCTV cameras produce good enough images at night!
- Have you done your homework? For your own piece of mind, make sure that it is an approved device or approved provider. For alarms and CCTV get some quotes and see some demonstrations.
- Will it fit? For example: not all vehicle steering wheel locking devices fit all vehicles

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE (cont.)

- Has it been located correctly? Camera vision can be impaired by overgrown trees, or being too close to some light sources, and can also be a target to damage or even theft if positioned too low or easily accessible.
- Has it been attached correctly? For example: some video-enabled bell pushes have been stolen after being fixed to door frames by only sticky pads and not the screws they came with!
- Consider what the thieves might steal, and what they are going to do with the stolen items. Making your property identifiable (and letting the thief know) will make it difficult for the thief to keep hold of, and will make it difficult to sell on. By marking, recording and photographing your property, you also stand a better chance of getting it back if it is stolen and help the Police obtain a conviction. (Frequently, if we can't prove it is stolen we can't prosecute...)
- Finally, not all crime prevention measures are worthwhile if you don't carry out the basics! What's the point of additional locks or alarms if you don't lock your doors in the first place! A lot can be achieved at no extra cost simply by making a few changes such as locking doors and windows, placing items out of sight, using garages for cars, etc.

For further advice please see the following Cribsheet for helpful websites, or you can drop me an email and I will see what I can do for you.

For those of you wishing to source your own information and have access to the internet here are a few web links below for crime prevention advice.

<https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> - a wealth of advice on different subjects, we have recently updated the Home Security section.

<https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/> - you can report various incidents to the police online.

<https://www.police.uk/> - Crime maps of your local area, advice and more.

<https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/> - Very good nationwide independent webpage run by a retired Metropolitan Police Crime Prevention Officer. Crime prevention articles by Essex Police Crime Prevention Tactical Advisors are frequently published here under the "News" heading.

<https://www.independantage.org/information/housing-options/home-security> - One of many information sheets by this organisation.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/care/home-safety/crime-prevention/>

There are also a number of organisations that provide security advice relating to that specific subject area such as <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice> and in the search box typing in "Garden Security".

For Caravans try: <https://>

www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/helpandadvice/technicalhelp/datasheets/keeping-your-caravan-motorhome-or-trailer-secure/ and

<http://www.caravanclub.co.uk/advice-and-training/taking-care-of-your-outfit/caravan-security/>

Scams and fraud including how and where to report them

<https://www.nationwide.co.uk/-/media/MainSite/documents/support/security-centre/fraud-leaflets/little-book-of-scams.pdf>

Reliable products?

<http://www.securedbydesign.com/about-secured-by-design/> third party tested security products, the organisation is run by Police Crime Prevention Initiatives Ltd.

<http://www.soldsecure.com/> owned by the Master Locksmith Association a source of finding tested and approved locks etc. with the appropriate level of security for your requirements.

<https://www.thatcham.org/> Thatcham Research was established by the motor insurance industry, with the specific aim of containing or reducing the cost of motor insurance claims while maintaining safety standards.

And a reliable trader?

Where possible have a word with family and friends to choose a trader by personal recommendation. Avoid contracting a door to door trader, you just don't know what you will get. Remember YOUR DOORSTEP YOUR CHOICE. Despite any sense of urgency from the trader or offer of a seemingly fabulous deal simply say "Leave me your details, I will speak to my family and get back to you if I want your services" if that special offer won't wait then it's not really a special offer!

<https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/> or **0345 4040506** - Traders checked out by Trading Standards.

Accredited locksmiths:

<http://www.locksmiths.co.uk/> - Master Locksmith Association

Intruder alarm and CCTV accredited supplier and installers:

<https://www.nsi.org.uk/> National Security Inspectorate or <https://ssaib.org/> Security Systems and Alarms Inspectorate

You can also ring the Police Non-Emergency number of **101** and ask for Crime prevention Advice or contact your local EWLO.

Paul Harris, Essex Police Staff No 42077939

Essex Watch Liaison Officer for Brentwood, Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford districts

Tel: **07738 736687** (Please avoid leaving phone messages and email me instead. Thanks)

You can also find me on TWITTER: Paul Harris EWLO@PaulEssexWatch

Recording and marking your property

Any markings on property that links and/or identifies it to its rightful owner may be a deterrent to the thief or burglar with the added potential of the return of the property to its owner.

Marked property unlawfully possessed may lead to a conviction and as such marked property is harder for the criminal to dispose of, therefore the reward or motivation to the thief is diminished.

Our county's second-hand dealers also work with Essex Police effectively making stolen property **“Too Hot to Handle”**!

Property marking can take many forms:

Overt marking that is visible to all, like ‘Cesar Data Tag’ on commercial plant to engraving, stencil painting of organisation logo to visibly endorsing the property with a post code using an indelible pen or other.

An example is ‘CREmark’ – www.creproducts.co.uk/shop/default.asp

Covert marking such as UV pens and Forensic Markers require a UV light source for the marking to fluoresce and become visible. Forensic Markers contain a trace marker that is unique to that registered owner and may in addition contain a microdot with a unique number. Reading of the post code or analysis of that unique marker and/or reading the microdot can identify its owner. As these are invisible until scanned with a UV light source to benefit from its deterrent value it is important that stickers are displayed within windows of the premises and on the marked products, additionally where a community uses these with council permission street signage may be considered.

Examples are:

UV Pens and Sticker – widely available in stores or on the internet.

Smart Water - www.smartwater.com

Selecta DNA - www.selectadna.co.uk

Asset Recording is another method where you record the details of your property either on your own recording sheet or database (but not kept with the relevant property) or on an ‘ISO’ accredited database. Your records should include a description of the article and where applicable model, serial and IMEI numbers. To benefit from its deterrent value of this system it is important that stickers are displayed within windows of the premises and on the marked products. Photographs some with a scale can also help in identifying property and can also be uploaded to some databases, for advice on photographing property see “Recording Property” at the bottom of the Essex Police Heritage Watch webpage www.essex.police.uk/advice/essex-watch/heritage-watch/

An example of a property recording database is: Immobilise - <https://www.immobilise.com/>

Immobilise can be used by members of the public and businesses to register their valued possessions or company assets, and exclusive to Immobilise all registered items and ownership details are viewable on the secure Police national property database the NMPR. This database also links to the publically accessible and second-hand dealer database ‘Checkmend’ www.checkmend.com/uk/ for restricted searches to establish if an item of property is stolen.

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BEWARE: WHO'S KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR?

We have reports of the "Nottingham Knockers" being seen in the village again.

The term comes from a scam which originated in the East Midland town; they are usually young people travelling across the country and targeting a town or district at a time. They knock on doors with a large duffle bag, produce a seemingly legitimate ID card and claim to be ex-convicts trying to mend their ways by selling everyday household products which are often of poor quality and sold at inflated prices. They may also hand over a card saying they are deaf or dumb. Kind-hearted householders often feel obliged to buy from them, believing they are helping the young people to turn their lives around.

However, the sellers are not involved in any officially recognised offender rehabilitation programme and most do not have a Pedlar's Certificate, which is needed for salespeople to legally sell door-to-door. According to the police, the "Knocker" is supplied with a full bag of household products and charged a minimal sum for the contents by an "employer" – it used to be £35 – they can keep whatever they make above this amount. Usually they are deposited in an area from a transit van and given a list of streets to work. An hour or so later they are picked up and dropped off in another location. They frequently operate from 9am to 9pm. These are often known criminals – police advise that in almost every case

of a stop-check the "Knockers" have long strings of convictions for burglary and violence. They use the skills learnt during their criminal activity to identify possible targets and the addresses may then be sold in prisons and pubs. If there is a later break-in, the "employer" expects a further cut of the proceeds.

Consequently, if a "Nottingham Knocker" visits you, police advice is:

DO NOT ANSWER YOUR DOOR in the first instance, keeping in mind that if cold callers don't get any sales in your area, they are less likely to return.

If you do open your door to any salesperson, the police and Trading Standards always advise residents to ask to see their Pedlar's Certificate – these are only issued to individuals under very strict conditions and are not the same as an ID card. You can contact the police station it was issued at in order to check that it's genuine. Then, **POLITELY REFUSE TO PURCHASE ITEMS** and not to buckle to pressure from salespeople to do so.

Finally, the police are keeping track of where the "Knockers" are operating, therefore **REPORT THEM BY DIALING 101** and ask for the Incident Room.

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Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
EXTEND Exercises	<i>Mondays</i>	10.30	Q&R Village Hall	Pat Turner 01799 543314
Saffron Searchers	<i>1st Monday in month</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	-
Dog Training	<i>Mondays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Pauline Everton
Rainbows	<i>Mondays</i>	16.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	(Pre-Brownies)
Prayer Meeting	<i>Mondays</i>	16.30	Quendon Church	
Pilates	<i>Tuesdays</i>	09.00-10.00	Q&R Village Hall	Jan Crawley 077421 82272
Dance Exercise	<i>Tuesdays</i>	Morning	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Dance Exercise	<i>Tuesdays</i>	Afternoon	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Armadillos	<i>Tuesdays (term-time)</i>	09.00	Rickling School	Stevie Green 01799 542734
Community Café	<i>3rd Weds in month</i>	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	Angela 01799 218061/Carol 543807
U3A Choir	<i>Wednesdays</i>	10.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Wednesday Club	<i>Wednesdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Osbourn 01799 543367
Carpet Bowls	<i>Wednesdays</i>	19.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 07804 954095
Prayer Meeting	<i>Thursdays</i>	09.00	Rickling Church	
Line Dancing	<i>Thursdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Dawn Bond 01787 460274
Rickling Runners	<i>Thursdays</i>	19.30	The Green	Stevie Green 01799 542734
Buffy Playbus	<i>Fridays</i>	09.15-10.30	Rickling Green	Term-time
Social Evening	<i>Fridays</i>	19.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 07804 954095
Whist Drive	<i>1st & 3rd Sats</i>	19.30	Quendon Bowls Club	Tony Green 01799 218796
BCP Communion	9th June	11.00	Quendon Church	
Parish Council	12th June	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	
BCP Communion	16th June	18.00	Quendon Church	
Golf Society	16-17th June	All day	Thorpeness Golf Club	Jane Waite janewaite@hotmail.com
U3A Meeting	20th June	13.30	St John's Hall, Stansted Mft	See p6
Holy Communion	23rd June	11.00	Rickling Church	

Emergency Life-saving

Should someone suffer a cardiac arrest or show symptoms of a heart attack e.g. pains in the chest, then your first action should always be to phone the ambulance service on 999. The service will refer you to our Automated External Defibrillator which is at the front entrance to Quendon & Rickling Village Hall. Anyone can save a life by using it until an ambulance arrives. In addition you can seek help from any of the volunteers listed below.

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For further information see www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/

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