

Bures Joint Parish Action Plan 2023-24				
Underlying principles				
1	Community spirit and communication – the plan is informed by the Essex and Suffolk strategies for Health and Well-being https://www.livewellcampaign.co.uk/news/about-us/ https://www.babergh.gov.uk/communities/health-and-wellbeing			
		Action	Detail	What's involved
i)	Mental Health and Well-being	Promote and Support District Council and Community led Mental Health and Well-being schemes.	Identify relevant schemes & training. This can be all encompassing clubs, sports facilities/ equipment.	Continue initiatives such as Good Neighbour, Rural Coffee Van, and pop-up shop. Identify new initiatives such as Dementia Friends sessions.
ii)	Parish Council Communication with residents	Bures St Mary Community Notice Board. Visible Parish Councils representation at the Bures Common Market. Create Village Community magazine.	Quotes for free-standing/wall-mounted noticeboard Councillors to attend the monthly market to engage with residents. Amalgamate/supplement the existing Parish magazine.	CIL funding Establish rota of councillor attendance. One councillor from each parish council per event. Volunteers. Agree Scope and/or content.

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2	Environment – the plan is informed by the following: https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/reports/20-actions-parish-and-town-councils-can-take-climate-and-nature-emergency https://treecharter.uk/pdf/Tree-Charter-Principles			
		Action	Detail	Who's/What's involved
i)	Hedge and Tree planting schemes and areas for wildlife encouraged. Wildflower verge planting	Survey of current significant trees and identification and agree planting sites. Identify suitable sites throughout parish boundaries.	Continuous action. Agency guidance. Secure grant/ donation of seeds.	Tree wardens and volunteers to lead. Volunteer action e.g. working parties
ii)	Liaise with Bures Transition Group and BCLT for the future development of Jubilee Grove, Bures Hamlet.	Agree programme of future projects and funding for projects for 2024.	Tree planting/ replacement/mulching Paths Grass/Wildflowers Seating Pond Information board Maintenance equipment e.g. grass cutter.	Grants Woodland Trust Essex Wildlife Trust Stour Valley and Dedham Vale Project /AONB expertise Volunteer network ECC Forest Initiative tree /hedge planting tom.moat@essex.gov.uk
iii)	Colchester Road Water Meadows.	Safeguarding of water meadows currently up for sale.	Potential community purchase.	Support BCLT in their application to purchase.
iv)	Public Rights of Way	Essex Service Level Agreement approved.	Annual review to ensure cost effectiveness.	CLLr for PRoW, the Clerk and identified contractor.
v)	Reduce pesticide and weed killer use	Promote/ introduce new weed management products. Increase contractor time to manage the roadside gutters and pavements to control	Agree/allocate extra funding for product/ contractors' costs.	Monitoring weed growth around village Volunteer working parties to help with weed control.

		weed growth		
vi)	Speeding traffic.	Investigate and introduce speed mitigation schemes.	<p>Promote Speed Watch</p> <p>Increased speed signage.</p> <p>Pedestrian crossing on Colchester Road.</p> <p>Share the SID across the two Parishes, subject to Essex Highways approval.</p>	<p>Volunteer action.</p> <p>Parish Councils to provide evidence of community support (speed watch), commission traffic surveys</p> <p>District and County Councillor support.</p> <p>BSM to allocate sufficient funding in the meantime to maintain operation of the SID in conjunction with Sudbury Town Council Services.</p>
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3	Community Assets, services and enterprises – the plan is informed by: https://www.babergh.gov.uk/.../support-and-advice-for-businesses/open-for-business https://www.braintree.gov.uk			
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i)	Recreation Ground	Continue to liaise with Essex and Suffolk Police on Design Out Crime. Re-examine sources of income for leisure activities.	Annual Plan produced.	Provision for Dispersal Order to be activated as required.
ii)	<i>Lighting and Pavements</i>	<i>Replace three bollards in Eves Orchard ready for transfer to SCC</i>		
iii)	Community Centre/ Recreation Ground Car Park	Repair damaged fencing.	Quotes, identification/engagement of contractor.	
iv)	Bus Shelters	Parish Councils or other groups of residents will act to improve community assets.	Repair damaged bus shelter in Church Square.	Review existing quote for repair of the bus shelter. Explore possible quotes from other companies