

What's Important to You in Stansfield?

...Footpaths certainly are!

An increase in dog fouling along the footpaths some of the most popular footpaths around Stansfield, as well as their overgrown state, has been commented on to the Parish Council by a number of residents.

Dog owners are respectfully reminded to take bags to collect their pet's excrement when out on walks, and to use the bins provided in the village rather than dropping them on the verge as has happened recently on the stretch between High Street and Lower Street where four bags were retrieved and placed in the nearby special bin by a community-minded resident.

This very wet spring has brought forth unusually lush growth which made walking more difficult on some of the paths.

Ensuring the footpaths are kept clear of overgrowth and obstructions is the responsibility of Suffolk County Council (SCC)*. They should clear paths especially where they cross a road verge, and can act to ensure landowners clear the paths in some places, particularly where they go across a field. Cllr Slater is working to clarify responsibilities.

Residents can report footpath problems to SCC* and/or landowners.

The Parish Council (PC) also reports problems when they are identified to them, but has no power to enforce action. Also the PC does not have any personnel or equipment to tackle any clearances, or any funds for this. Community-minded volunteers have sometimes helped, which is welcomed by walkers.

**Suffolk County Council have a very easy to use Reporting Tool:
highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk*

Summer Fun Event

This village event is scheduled for **Saturday August 17th** at the Village Hall and is in planning stage. The PC plan to run a **BBQ** and to have a **Council Corner** where residents can raise any village matters with councillors, and give their thoughts and ideas. The Village Hall are planning to run a bar, and Good Neighbours volunteers plan to serve coffee, teas and cake.

Full details of all the fun competitions and events will be on a flyer to be circulated to each household.

Anyone who would like to help with this event, or who wishes to raise any village matters please contact the Chairman, Rex Barnes at rexstansfieldsoc@gmail.com or 07778 058425.

The clerk to Stansfield PC is Annie Lines at stansfieldpc@outlook.com.