

Chair's Annual Report Presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 6th May 2026.

Pleased to report following our extensive efforts of last year that no flooding incidents were reported from the Lark following our wet winter, so we will continue to monitor the maintenance strategy going forward.

Our funded Suffolk Council new hard standing bus stop in Old Bury Road for passengers travelling in the Mildenhall direction (sited road opposite Holden Road), these works were successfully completed.

We also received funding to cut back the overgrown hedge that was encroaching onto the path and restored the full path-width along the A1101 leading into Old Bury Road.

Speeding continues to be a major issue throughout the village, we have had 3 recent accidents although not all attributed to speeding, but a likely factor and we keep pressing for more enforcement by the police and they have advised will increase attendance with their mobile teams and vans, this is not only affecting Lackford, but the majority of other villages in Suffolk and a working group has been formed to coordinate efforts in trying to get calming measures introduced and reduced speed limits, but likely these costs will fall onto local budgets, but with combining works with other Parish Councils should make it competitive.

On behalf of everyone I'd like to extend a big thank you to our clerk Joanne Kirk, for her services in advising and keeping us councillors on the right track and controlling and advising us on the mountainous paperwork generated these days. Please contact her for any item that you wish to raise. We have a new email address clerk@lackfordparishcouncil.gov.uk or ring 07880 686069 Monday – Wednesday.

I'd also like to thank our County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger (SCC Councillor) and District Councillor Susan Glossop for their continued support. They have greatly helped us with locality funding and advice, and we wish them both reselection success in this week's local elections.

The Council works hard each year to support and improve aspects of the village, and we will endeavour to continue to do so.

We continue to support our Church with a donation towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard and for hiring the meeting room for meetings.

The Parish Council is elected to represent the members of the Lackford community, so it is important that residents make any concerns they have felt to their elected representatives.

There are 4 Parish Council meetings each year, not counting planning meetings, and anyone is welcome to attend and have their say at the beginning of each meeting. Advertisements are always placed on the village noticeboards giving advance notice of each meeting, or you can look on our Lackford Parish Council Website: <https://lackfordparishcouncil.gov.uk>