



COGGESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk's Report – April 2024

- Water Fittings Regulations: Further to remedial work, Anglian Water certified that the Council has passed the inspections at the Cemetery, all allotment sites and the Recreation Ground.
- To continue the refurbishment and repurposing of the Fabian's Play Area, we have planted a number of trees and hedge plants to increase the biodiversity and habitat of the area, for birds, insects and small mammals. The mature trees were purchased with a grant from Essex County Council, via County Cllr Paul Thorogood's community grant scheme, and the smaller 'whips' were donated to us by Carbon Footprint Ltd. We are extremely grateful to both Paul and Carbon Footprint for their generosity and assistance in enhancing this area.
- Arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly, 'Celebration of Coggeshall's Community' are under way, with a good response having been received so far. Everyone is welcome to attend on 13 May.
- As part of the Parish Assembly's celebration, we have launched two Art Competitions – one for primary aged children and one for adults, aimed at providing community made art for the Village Halls. Coggeshall Christmas are concurrently running a competition for those aged up to 18 for the 2024 event poster. All winners will be announced at the Assembly.
- At the old Chapel in the cemetery, we have completed work to clear all the junk and rubbish from the building. This will enable us to progress plans for its renovation.
- We are really pleased to be working with Community Payback Team again this year, and they continue to turn out really good work maintaining the Garden of Remembrance.
- We are arranging the removal of some asbestos sheets found at Butt Field Allotments. If you come across something which you suspect could be asbestos on Parish Council land, please contact me immediately.
- The next issue of the Parish Council News magazine is being worked on, with a deadline date for copy being 1 May. If you have any community related news or upcoming events you would like included, please contact me.

Philippa Potter
Parish Clerk