

## Depden Parish Council Footpath Report May 18th 2021



### **Footpath 1: (A143 through to Depden Green)**

- All clear with no problems with this footpath. Extra waymark posts and signs added. Footpath fingerpost has fallen on Depden Green near to the road that goes through the middle of the Green. Reported to the Rights of way officer who added this to the work list but not replaced so far.



### **Footpath 2: (Footpath from old road up to Church)**

- Footpath up to the church is all clear and passable Muddy in places. Missing Waymark post where it crosses footpath 3 have now been replaced.



### **Footpath 3: (From A143 behind Rookery Farm, across field Joining Footpath 1 at Depden Hall)**

- This footpath is in good condition with no issues identified, Path clearly marked across field and Waymark post replaced.



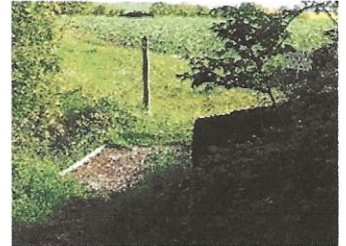
**Footpath 4: (From near the Church, across the field joining Footpath 1 at Depden Hall)**

- All clear and passable, Path clearly marked across field. Extra Waymark signage added to this route to assist walkers in keeping to the path.



**Footpath 5: (From Beech Hall behind Highweek joining Footpath 3)**

- All clear with no issues all clear and dry, well maintained.



**Location of newly installed Waymark Posts**



(Peter Ebbens (18/05/2021))

## **Depden NeighbourhoodWatch Annual Report for Depden Parish Council meeting on 25 May 2021**

### **Monday 4 May 2020.**

The first incident happened at a property in Ousden. Sometime between 07:45am and 5:30pm offender/s forced entry via a kitchen window and stole a laptop, a set of distinctive Paul Smith gold-coloured cowboy cufflinks, a small St Christopher necklace a, Mont Blanc pen and a quantity of cash.

The second burglary took place sometime between 10:00am and 3:30pm at an address south of Genesis Green, Wickhambrook. A ground floor window was forced open and a number of items of jewellery were taken including a gold bracelet, ring and chain.

The third incident took place at a property on Lower Street in Stansfield sometime between 3:45pm and 4:45pm. Offender/s forced entry to a window at the rear and stole a black safe containing personal documents and a quantity of cash, a silver coloured Acer laptop, a Tissot V8 watch, and a Nixon Super Rover stainless steel watch.

### **Thursday 14 May 2020**

Reports of the occupants of an untaxed white Ford Transit panel van **HY16 OFO** being disturbed on private property in Wickhambrook that afternoon and were also seen at the village hall. They were alleged to be attempting to steal things and were reported to the police.

### **Sunday May 17 2020**

Suspicious van and car seen in Wickhambrook and Ousden area may have been connected to a drone being flown over farm buildings.

### **Friday 22 May 2020**

LS64 DZC Plumbers van from Haverhill was caught fly tipping in Stansfield/Hawkedon.

All householders are responsible for the legal and safe disposal of their household waste and must take reasonable steps to ensure that anyone removing waste is licensed for its transport and disposal.

### **Tuesday 2 June 2020**

Thurlow Sports Club was reportedly broken in to in the early hours CCTV footage shows a high top Ford Transit panel van pulling out of the car park around 2.45am.

### **Monday 8 June 2020**

**EA67 XXT** This blue Ford Transit van reportedly drove onto a Taylor Wimpey site around mid-day and broke into 8 vans, stealing tools.

### **Sunday 28 June 2020**

A man died following a single-vehicle road traffic collision in Stradishall. The vehicle was a black KTM 1290 Super Duke and the rider – a man aged in his 20s - sadly died at the scene despite the best efforts of paramedics and a member of the public who came to his assistance. It occurred just after 11.30am that morning, on the A143, between HMP Highpoint and the Cherry Tree Public House.

### **Thursday 9 July 2020**

The incident took place on Thursday 9 July at some point between 3.45pm and 7.10pm when 17 dogs were stolen from Fiveways Boarding Kennels and Cattery in Tuddenham Road, Barton Mills.

It is believed the offender/s entered the property from fields at the rear of the site, removing hinges from gates to steal the dogs. The dogs were housed in a purpose-built kennel on the site.

### **Tuesday 14 July 2020**

**DU02 WPF**, the driver of this untaxed silver Jeep Grand Cherokee drove, from a standing start, at a horse rider on a narrow lane just outside our area, shouting through his window as he passed within inches of the horse and rider. This is considered the incident to be an assault and are looking to speak to the driver.

#### **Thursday 16 July 2020**

The occupants of a black Subaru estate registration FD08 VDM (or similar\*), were reported in connection with a number incidents in Hundon, Stradishall and Wickhambrook, including the theft of a white Mitsubishi pickup, driving dangerously, offensive language and suspicious behaviour.

#### **Friday 7 August 2020**

An untaxed grey Subaru Forester estate (SC09 DGY) was being sought by Essex police just to the South of Haverhill with possible connection to dog thefts.

#### **Wednesday 23 September 2020 – Hare Coursers in Depden/Hargrave area.**

At least 2 men and 2 dogs were seen in Depden and then departed towards Hargrave area in a white SUV at around 16.45. It was reported to the Police on 101 and RSW for circulation.

#### **Thursday 24 September 2020**

Hare coursers returned this evening, this time with reports of a silver Mercedes with no rear number plate and 3 dogs. The coursers made a mess of crops in fields and drove through a hedge at one point.

Between 4.15pm and 6.15pm they were seen variously in Kentford, Gazeley, Kirtling, Wickhambrook and Cowlinge. At Great Bradley this morning, the bodies of 4 hares were found, presumably killed yesterday.

The police expect an increase in coursing activity over the next few days and with two visits in 2 days, we may see more in our area over the next 3-4 days.

#### **Saturday 26 September 2020**

Hare Coursers spotted in the area in a Silver Mercedes 4x4 LY03 HWK. At 4pm this afternoon, the police were out searching for the above car, reported in the Wickhambrook area

#### **Tuesday 29 September 2020 - A very busy afternoon for hare coursing.**

##### Silver Mercedes 4x4: W628 ALA :

was used for hare coursing to the south of our area a couple of weeks ago and appears to have been used in Cowlinge on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> until it went through a hedge too many.

##### Silver VW:

The police intercepted a silver VW Passat hare coursing near Lidgate and confiscated the car, leaving the 4 occupants to trudge into Wickhambrook with their 2 dogs for a coffee while they waited to be picked up by a white pickup from Kent signwritten 'St Valery Roofing'.

##### Silver Skoda Octavia estate: KU02NVH

Previously coursing to the East of our area on 5 September reappeared in the same area today but made off towards Essex. Essex police successfully intercepted.

##### Battered Black Mercedes 4x4:

Appeared at Wickhambrook shop shortly after the VW Passat;s occupants were collected in the white pickup, then headed off southwards. It is this vehicle that may have been the subject of a report between Stradishall and Clare shortly afterwards.

##### A White Mercedes 4x4 WX54 BHF & Silver Subaru estate ST51 KNS:

These two spent much of the day in each other's company hare coursing and, as the police searched for them, reports came in of them in Gedding/Tostock, Lavenham, Cavendish, Clare, Chilton Street, Kedington. The Merc matched the description of coursers and CCTV in Depden/Wickhambrook last Wednesday.

All of this was made possible by multiple reports by farmers, RSWPs and members of the public. Well done to all. Three coursing vehicles apprehended.

#### **Thursday 1 October 2020**

Possibly linked to hare coursing activity, a silver Toyota RAV4, registered S822 RVX was spotted late this morning in two locations to the South of our area.

#### **Friday 2 October 2020 - Hare Coursers intercepted in Elveden**

An untaxed green Jeep Grand Cherokee - **KY04 GPU** - was reported hare coursing and threatening witnesses this morning (Fri, 2 Oct) to the north-east of our area. Yet another lot of coursers driving dangerously around the countryside destroying wildlife, farmers' crops (our food) and gratuitously threatening any member of the public in hailing or ramming distance.

#### **Thursday 8 October 2020 – Vehicle and dogs seized.**

Following earlier Alerts and reports, the police have confirmed that 4 men were arrested, 4 dogs seized and a vehicle seized late this afternoon. The police cornered the suspects near the water tower near Little Wrating. One report said the police helicopter was involved in tracking down the coursers.

The police are most appreciative of the help they received from the public as they followed the coursers (in a silver Mercedes 4x4 recognised from previous episodes) from the first report near Stradishall, to activity near Farley Green (Wickhambrook), back to Stradishall then on to Kedington.

#### **Saturday 14 November 2020**

An (untaxed) dark grey Mitsubishi Shogun - **ML56 KLJ** - stole a horse trailer in daylight just to the North of our area. The vehicle was seen in the area again on the following day. As this vehicle is known to have been involved in a crime, is untaxed, and will not be at the registered address, the police needed to intercept it on the road.

#### **Wednesday 18 November 2020**

Hare coursers out in their numbers today with police out searching. Specifically a red Hyundai Santa Fe 4x4 reg **VX53 CRZ**, also the following vehicles A Black Mercedes, a Blue Mercedes, a Nissan RAV4, a grubby silver Suzuki and a gold 4x4.

#### **Tuesday 24 November 2020**

Around 1.30pm today 2 Irishmen in this untaxed white Ford Transit panel van - **BT57 UAK** - were intercepted near a rural workshop between Hundon and Stradishall. They made the ridiculous claim that they were looking for scrap batteries.

#### **Monday 15 February 2021- Suspicious man in Depden. Reported by John Jenkins on Nextdoor.**

A late 40s early 50s man, medium height, chubby, dressed in green overalls with a light grey jacket said he was with an ambulance, clothes too scruffy to be true, came to my door and asked for a flat bladed screwdriver to reconnect a pipe on a vehicle. I told him I had one down my shed, some distance away, then after locking both front and back doors, I walked off to go to the shed but instead I just walked round the back of the house and watched what he did. He stayed waiting on my drive for a few seconds then walked off forcing his way out of the electric gate. I went to follow him but he had disappeared and no vehicle was seen.

#### **Saturday 8 May 2021**

Last Wednesday a man was filmed on a farm just to the South of our area around the time a quantity of copper and scrap metal were stolen. He drove off in a **silver Nissan pickup - AE56 YZX - with rear canopy**, crew cab and roof rack. He appears to be active during daylight hours, so keep a look out.

And Finally.....

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK**  
**5TH - 11TH JUNE**



**[ourwatch.org.uk/nweek](http://ourwatch.org.uk/nweek)**



## **Annual Parish Meeting 25 May 2021**

### **Depden Parish Council**

#### **Report from: St Mary the Virgin Church Depden Parochial Church Council**

Covid-19 has had a major impact on church services, meetings, activities, and income over 2020. Services and meetings have been held via zoom in line with Covid guidelines. However, the pet service was held in August 2020. Carols on the Green was held rather than the usual Carol Service in the church building.

The PCC has 2 churchwardens - Anne Nicolson and Evelyn Payne and 2 members – Tim Freathy and Sandra Ashman.

The church and yard are generally in good condition. We thank villagers for their support. We thank the parish council for the grant towards graveyard maintenance.

The Benefice News magazine is delivered to all households.

Expenses exceeded income by £3656.81 for 2020. Major expenses are the parish share and insurance.

Depden Bites restarts on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Anne Nicolson Churchwarden

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**Depden Parish Council**

**Report from: The Depden Poor's Estate Charity**

**Reg. Charity no. 2777477**

Meetings and activities limited by Covid-19. Village BBQ and Christmas meal not held 2020.

Current trustees are Anne Nicolson, Paul Shoesmith, Simon Rumble and Janet Grant with Rector Simon Hill.

We welcome any villagers to contact a trustee if they require support.

Hopefully, we will hold a village BBQ on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm and a Christmas meal on 9<sup>th</sup> December this year!

Anne Nicolson Trustee