

# Combs Parish Council

Info for our parish during the Coronavirus situation  
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## Online Parish Council Meetings :



Although we cannot all meet in person our Parish Council meetings have still been happening on Zoom (an online meeting app). In addition to our monthly meetings we have also been meeting once a week to ensure there aren't any issues regarding the Coronavirus lockdown and our residents. Although restrictions have been relaxed to enable those that can to return to work if safe, please be rest assured our helpline and volunteers are still here for those that are still in isolation or vulnerable.

Here is a photo of our recent AGM. If you wish to attend a Parish Council meeting (via Zoom) please contact our Clerk, Tony Bamber, 48 hours before the meeting and he will advise on how to join us.  
[combsparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:combsparishcouncil@gmail.com)

We see this as being the only safe way to meet for the foreseeable future.

## Stowmarket Recycling Centre:

Stowmarket Recycling Centre is now open, but you need to book a slot before you go, either by going online [www.suffolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres) or by calling **0345 606 6067**



## Click and Recycle

- No access to site without pre-booking
- Cars only - no vans, trailers or commercial-type vehicles
- One adult to unload, unless 2 adults needed for heavy items
- No staff assistance to unload vehicles
- No chargeable waste accepted (soil, rubble, hardcore or plasterboard)
- No trade waste
- No textiles or re-use items accepted
- Only for essential waste and recycling that cannot be stored safely at home
- Please adhere to social distancing rules and follow instructions from staff

Please do not come to site if you have symptoms or have been diagnosed with Covid-19

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres)

The brown bin collection has now resumed and will now continue every other Thursday. For those that have taken the time to set up a compost bin we encourage you to continue and reap the benefits of nutritious compost for your gardens next year.

## Fire Etiquette:

Hopefully now that the recycling centre has reopened the need to burn rubbish will subside. However we thought it was a good time to remind ourselves to be mindful of our neighbours when lighting bonfires.



# Guidance on Controlled Burning

There are no byelaws as each district/borough council has its own regulations; but in general, the following guidance applies.

### Domestic Bonfires

There are no laws preventing anyone from having a bonfire, but local authorities recommend that waste is either composted or taken to a local amenity site.

If burning is the only option, the rubbish to be burnt should be dry to give off less smoke, and people should ensure that any smoke does not cause a nuisance to neighbours.

If a nuisance does occur, and is persistent or likely to happen again, local authorities can take action under the Clean Air Act 1993 or the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

### Commercial Bonfires

Dark smoke emissions from bonfires on industrial or trade premises (including demolition sites), or agricultural premises, is prohibited under Section 2 of the Clean Air Act 1993. This needs to be witnessed by an officer from the local council's Environmental Health Department.

**For further information, please contact your local district/borough council.**



## Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service

Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX

Tel: 01473 260588

Email: [fire.businesssupport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:fire.businesssupport@suffolk.gov.uk)



## Dog Litter Bins:



We have Dog Litter Bins throughout Combs Village, Moats Tye and Little London. Due to the Coronavirus situation we are seeing many more people with dogs visit the village and surrounding countryside. Please point dog owners in the direction of the Dog Litter Bins to avoid unnecessary mess on the footpaths.

## Barclif July issue, a message from Anthea the editor:

Dear Residents of Combs

I hope you and your family are well and coping during these strange times. I am going to do Barclif for July but not in the usual format. I would like to reflect the thoughts and experiences of the people of Combs and Battsford during the pandemic & lockdown. How you are coping, things that have happened etc. VE celebrations, home schooling (maybe some pictures from the kids) people who have been working - from home or essential workers. The village shop, the hand clap, people who have been volunteering etc etc Lots of photos would be good including pictures of your garden. Please spread the word to your neighbours and friends. Articles can be short or long - its up to you. You don't have to put your full name or address if you don't want to, though a first name would be nice. If you are going to mention someone by name, i.e. to thank a volunteer, please ask the permission to include their name. If you give me a hard copy please include a contact number. Please send to [anthej@btinternet.com](mailto:anthej@btinternet.com) or deliver to Honeysuckle Cottage, Straight Rd (near Village hall) if you would like to me to collect I can. If you can't send photos I can scan hard copies and return to you - please put your details on the back. You can call me on 675161 or 07958223265. I am looking forward to reading your stories. You have until 14th June to get them to me.

Meanwhile - Keep Calm and Carry on was never so appropriate Take care; Anthea (Barclif editor)

## Make, Do & Friends:



Make, Do & Friends is a partnership project between Suffolk Artlink, Dance East and the Rural Coffee Caravan.

Together they devise programmes of creative social events for adults (55+) in villages and towns in Mid Suffolk and Babergh. They were due to come to Combs village with the Rural Coffee Caravan but then the Coronavirus Lockdown happened.

The creative events are delivered by a team of experienced artists: from poets, dancers and image makers to paper, theatre and printmakers.

As soon as they can get out there again, they'll be back on the road, running creative events and celebrating all these wonderful ways they've discovered to Make, Do & Friends.

They are thrilled to announce the arrival of the Make, Do & Friends blog site - a new, and slightly experimental way of delivering the creative sessions they had planned to run over the coming months in Combs.

As they can't meet face-to-face, the artists have come up with activities to put on a blog, and they have devised ways of gathering your contributions, from emails to snail mail and even the odd telephone call. It's all explained on their blog.

AND THE BLOG SITE IS: - [makedoandfriends.blog](http://makedoandfriends.blog)

# Need information or advice? Give us a call!

**Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk** can give advice on problems at work, help people struggling to pay their bills and work out if people are getting all the financial help they are entitled to.

They are a local charity and their advice is **free**.

They are open  
Monday – Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm  
and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm

During the Coronavirus lockdown the office is closed  
for drop ins but you can call them on

**01449 676060**

or contact them via their website:

**[www.midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us/](http://www.midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us/)**



If you are unwell or feeling vulnerable and need help with medicines or shopping or need company via phone, please remember you can call our helpline  
Tori Whitehead, Moats Tye: 01449 770488 or 07880 712175  
David Thorpe, Park Road: 07867 521393  
Tony Bamber, Bildeston Road: 01449 613255  
Email: [combsparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:combsparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Please look at the village website for the latest information  
<http://www.combsvillage.org.uk/>