



# Chevron

Conservation, Preservation, Community Use, Community Ownership

## Clare Community Country Park The Vision of the Parish Council

- Clare Parish Council plans to take ownership of the Country Park to ensure that it is **owned by the Community for the Community**. The Park will be retained in public ownership to ensure free access to Clare residents and visitors. The buildings and land will be kept for community benefit and community use. We undertake to continually improve the amenity. No element of the Park will be sold to private or commercial interests.
- The Visitor Centre will be re-designed for use by community groups. Youth organisations have shown particularly strong interest.
- The Station Master's house will be let to a family with strong links to Clare, or to the Park.
- Clare Library will be retained in the town and relocate to the Park in order to preserve this community facility for years to come.
- We will employ St Edmundsbury to deliver award-winning park management.
- All revenues from the car park will be used for the maintenance of the Park.
- **The Park will be run by local people as Trustees of Clare Community Country Park**, backed by the Parish Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council, with accountability to the people of Clare. Trustees will demonstrate viable and sustainable financial management through their annual business and development plan, which will be proposed at their public annual general meeting.
- Local people will be encouraged to participate in event organisation, fund raising and heritage activities.
- Ultimately Clare Parish Council has a commitment to ensuring the financial stability and success of the Park. We will work with Suffolk County Council to ensure that **a viable and sustainable business case** is developed and then oversee, with the Trustees, the smooth transition of ownership from Suffolk County Council to the Parish Council.

## Clare Parish Council

Clare Parish Council is your council. We are elected by Clare residents to work towards maintaining and enhancing our community. Parish Councillors serve for four years between elections. The Parish Council is experienced in working with and overseeing Charitable Trusts such as the Combined Halls of Clare and the Playing Fields Association as well as working with district and county councils to achieve common aims. All Parish Council decisions are public and are published for all residents to see.

The Parish Council has invested considerable time in pursuing a community-favoured resolution to the transfer of the Country Park into local, public ownership. We believe that this proposal represents the very best solution for our parishioners, our community groups and residents of surrounding villages. The Park will be a still more attractive destination for visitors, which will benefit our local businesses and underpin Clare as a thriving yet traditional community.



**Digging out the moats 1971**

**Clare Community Country Park will become your Country Park.**

Visit <http://chevronclare.onesuffolk.net/home> for more details



**Snow 2010**

**Notice:** There will be a **display of the options in the Park Visitor Centre** from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February, 10am to 3pm each day. A questionnaire will be available next to the display boards; people may also email their response to [countryside@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@suffolk.gov.uk), or call 01473 264 786, or visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations). Responses need to be received by 24<sup>th</sup> February.

There will be a public meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm in Clare Town Hall.  
Everyone welcome.