

Chevron

Gardening Volunteers Wanted



If you have a few hours free a month, why not come and join our group of enthusiastic volunteers helping to keep Clare an attractive town in which to live and work. Once a month for a couple of hours on the first Wednesday of each month we garden together to keep the churchyard borders and the town's flower boxes looking tidy and colourful. Come and meet us outside the Ancient House - bring your trowel and gloves

All Welcome

Contact: Chairperson Nickie Carpenter
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This growing season for Clare in Bloom will begin without one of our most energetic and committed supporters. **Janet Burge** died just before Christmas and we will miss her intensely. Janet was such a generous friend and shared her gardening knowledge and cuttings from her own garden with all. Her commitment and enthusiasm kept us gardening whatever the weather.

We are hoping to plant a living memorial to our lovely friend Janet.

Tourism Clare

This is the name of a new working group of the Town Council which has been formed to promote **Clare as a tourist destination**. It includes members from the council, the Clare Business Association, the churches, the Country Park and the Ancient House Museum.

We understand St Edmundsbury District Council will be creating a new tourist organisation in the autumn. We will ensure Clare is ready to join that venture.

Parallel with this, representatives from Clare, Hadleigh, Lavenham and Long Melford have formed an association to promote the attractions of the historic **wool towns** of Suffolk.

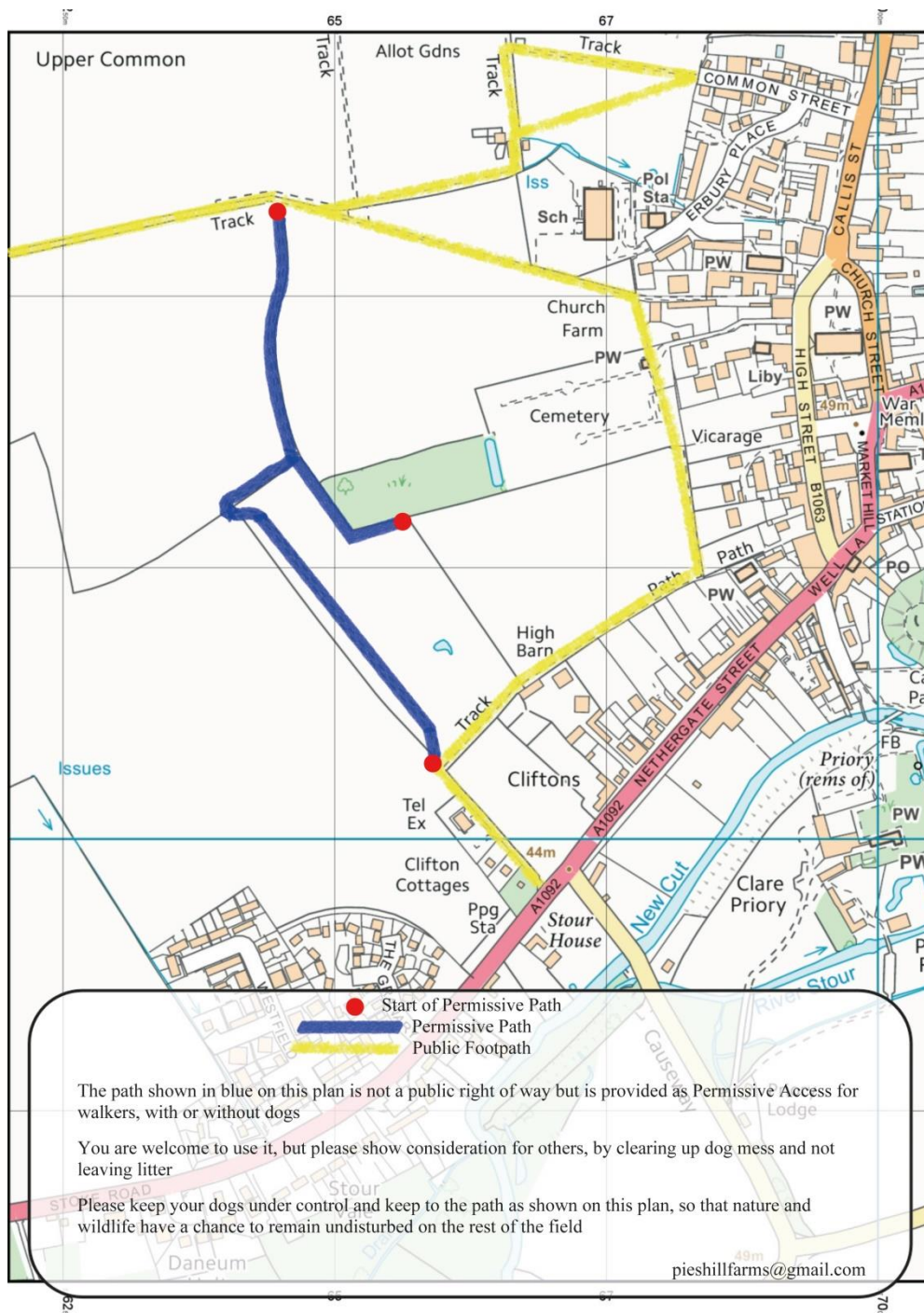
New leaflets, websites, mobile apps, information points are amongst the many ideas that are being actively examined - as well as taking up funding opportunities.

Further information is available from Cllr Phil Gryce
☎ 01787 278 193 ✉ phil.gryce@clare-suffolk.co.uk



New permissive paths

A local landowner, David Byford has clarified rights of way over his land by creating permissive paths, under the Highways Act 1981, section 31. A map which has been posted on the land is printed below.



A track has been created out of the west end of the Nuttery, passing through a small belt of trees to the north. This path will be widened and a foot bridge installed in the near future with the co-operation of the Stour Valley Volunteers.

The meadow which lies to the south of the Nuttery will be cut occasionally to control the growth of scrub. It is home to crested newts, many nesting birds and to barn owls. Dog owners are asked to respect the wild life by keeping dogs on the paths.

All walkers are reminded to take care: agricultural equipment will make use of these tracks.

Horse-riding is not permitted on these permissive paths.

Many people have enjoyed walking these paths - with mutual respect we trust this situation will continue for many years.





CLARE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Helping to organise events for the people of Clare
to bring the community together

for more information
including how you can become involved
visit www.clareca.org.uk
or
contact Nikki on 07788 296535 or
email: nikkisiggery@live.co.uk

Bringing the Community Together

The CCA is back!

The new Clare Community Association has been formed by a group of local residents who have come together with the aim of helping to facilitate events for the people of Clare. We hope to not only offer help and advice to anyone who comes up with an idea for an event but also to coordinate some family-oriented events ourselves.

We have already organised a children's Scavenger Hunt in the Country Park followed by arts and crafts and refreshments - including yummy cakes - in the Social Club to provide some fun during half-term.

Our next proposal - and it's a biggy - is to celebrate the **Queen's 90th birthday** with a party which will be held in the Country Park on Sunday 12th June. There will be live music, games, competitions, refreshments, stalls and lots of fun - all with a 1920s theme!

There is more information about this and other ideas, including how you can become involved, on the website and on our Facebook page, so keep checking for updates.

The CCA is for **anyone and everyone** who would like to help make Clare an even more special place in which to live!

www.clareca.org.uk
www.facebook.com/ClareCommunityAssociation

Bye-Laws

Bye-laws have been written for the Country Park, the Nuttery and the Playing Fields. They are available on line at www.clare-suffolk.co.uk and www.clare-uk.com. Residents are invited to comment on these regulations before they are approved by Clare Town Council and subsequently by the Secretary of State. Kindly send your comments to the Clerk: clerk@clare-uk.com.

The laws on dog-fouling still apply to all these grounds; St Edmundsbury District Council will prosecute offenders.





CLARE CASTLE COUNTRY PARK

We would like to thank publicly these organisations who have provided us with awards or grants since our December announcement:

Havebury Housing Partnership - £2,000 for tables/chairs in the Park Centre

Suffolk Foundation - £3,500 for a mini-tractor

SEBC Alaric Pugh's 'locality grant' - £1,000 towards security equipment

Tesco - £8,000-£12,000 towards the cost of restoring the moat

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Thursday 24 March
Thursday 28 April
Thursday 26 May

Suffragette
The Lady in the Van
Bridge of Spies



Tickets: £5 Box Office & Venue: Clare Library Screening 7pm: Doors Open 6.30pm

