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John Crawley of Penn Farm at Harvest time painted by Sonia Villiers



OCTOBER 2024

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Beginnings – Editors Page

Dear Readers,

I usually love this time of year when the sun is still warm and the paths are hard and dry for walking the dog when she was still with us. Sometimes even one of our cats would follow us around too. And we could all enjoy some blackberries. Not this year though apart from having no cats or dog anymore we have lost the warmth and the sun has deserted us! **We do have lots of opportunities to get together this October.** **The Soup and Pudding Lunch**, organised here by Irene to help fund the 'UN Women' charity working in Gaza with the women, who may need maternity care and children there who need food and clean water to drink and all a safe place of to sleep We have all seen the news each night when they have yet again been moved around Gaza. This is on **Thursday 24th October, from 12.30.** Then also the **Big Breakfast event** run by Tim and his contacts at the Rotary Club who provide a delicious cooked breakfast until 2.00 pm to fund the local Rotary Charities. This one on **Friday 1st November** Then also **the Sustainable Hadstock Events coming up -see Back Page and Harvest Festival on Sunday 6th October - All In the Village Hall!**

Take Care.

Best wishes,

Sue

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Jeremy writes September is, as always, a busy month; full of all the meetings and events that the new school term generates. I'll let you in on a secret: I'm always glad when it is over. Now we come to October and the Church can pause for breath and take a look ahead at the various celebrations and commemorations to come in November through All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday, and beyond those; Christmas.

In October the Parishes of Debden and Wimbish, and the whole Team, will be welcoming our new minister, Rev Lynda Sebbage. Lynda will be licensed by Bishop Guli on Thursday 24th October at Debden Church. Please hold Lynda in your prayers. Lynda is an experienced Priest who brings with her many gifts that will strengthen her two Churches and support the wider Team. It may be tempting to hope that things will continue as before now a replacement priest is installed. But Lynda is not John. We entrust that just as God called John elsewhere, God also called Lynda here, with her particular gifts and character. This is part of God's work of re-creation: "Behold, I do a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19).

At the end of September, we shall have said goodbye to Matt Williamson. Matt has worked in the Team for a number of years as our Youth and Children's Leader. He has done a terrific job of engaging with young people of all ages, in our churches, schools and the wider community. As with many ministers, much of his best work is hidden away from public gaze. I know that he has touched the lives of many with Gospel hope, and I am thankful for that. He goes to be Youth, Children and Families Advisor for this Diocese. Please hold him, and the family, in your prayers at this time. How shall we continue and grow what Matt has been leading? I hope we will recruit a new person, but their role will be necessarily different from the one Matt was recruited to. What should it look like?

I suspect that many churchgoers have a secret suspicion that their faith is irrelevant in a modern world; that they have nothing to say or offer.

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That is why their faith has become private and internalised and its expression must be preserved at all costs.

Instead, we should have confidence to own our faith in the God who calls and sends, and seek to apply it in relevant ways. However, becoming outward looking can seem like an enormous task; one too big to tackle. We shouldn't be discouraged. Our Church celebrations and commemorations in Autumn only have meaning if we are able to look beyond them to the story of Christmas, of God getting off his throne and mucking in with our world in all its faded glory. That's the beginning of the salvation story. God entrusted his Church to continue with what he had started; to put rich meaning into the events of life by getting our hands dirty a little. When we do that we church-safe Christians may find that we are indeed standing on Holy ground, wherever God may call us to be.

“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19

Jeremy



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SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S
OCTOBER 2024



Sunday services this month are all at 9.00 am

Sunday 6 th October	Harvest Festival Led by Andy Colebrooke
Sunday 13 th October	No Service in St Botolph's
Sunday 20 th October	Home Team Led by Janice and Rob
Sunday 27 th October	No Service in St Botolph's

Morning Prayer takes place in the church each Tuesday at 8.30 am.
The church is open every day between 9am and 4pm for private prayer.

The Friends of St Botolph's Church is a registered charity so any donations are eligible for Gift Aid. Charity number 1096540.

Lou Symes Thompson, Chair

Jeremy Trew is Team Rector for Saffron Walden and Villages Team
Area Dean for Saffron Walden, part of the Diocese of Chelmsford
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*You can read more of Jeremy's Trew's letters on the St Mary's website
www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org where there are other interesting items too.*

Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club

September Winners 2024 -

No.12 Andrew Gittins £25.00

No.33 Stephen Nodes £25.00

Congratulations!

CANASTA

There is a Canasta Group in Hadstock and they are back in action now! If you are interested in joining then please call Irene on 01223 891 385

Players and Beginners welcome.

ASHDON PRIMARY SCHOOL - Ashdon, Essex CB10 2HB - School Office - 01799 584219 - Website www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk. Ashdon Primary School is the catchment school for Hadstock Village with Essex County Council, currently, providing free transport for those children living in Hadstock to attend the school.

The school also has a before and after school childcare provision from 8am in the morning and until 5:30pm in the evening.

Visits to the school from Parents and prospective pupils are welcomed

Ashdon School has a new Head Ms Reynecke-Reybould

Hadstock Village Gets Together on Pub Nights on usually the last Friday each month 6.00-11.00pm at the Village Hall with a bar, crisps, nibbles and sometimes a food truck (watch Hadstock info for details) Card machine available for payments or cash.

It's a chance to meet up with your neighbours and friends!

Next one **FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER**

Then November's one is on Friday 22nd November - (not the last Friday due to a booking of the hall)

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES and Fun in 2024

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 2nd ,16th and 30th October for **Black & Brown** bins

Weds 9th and 23rd October for **Green & Brown** bins

Green Skip:-11.45 to 12.45 First 15mins at Bilberry End then Village Green 45 mins 'The Green Skip' collection will be on the Saturday after the Black **Brown** bin collection (so every 2 weeks). 5th then 19th October

Hadstock Parish Council

Next meeting in the village hall on Thursday 31st OCTOBER at 7.45pm

Contact the Parish Clerk Sara Beckett hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk for agenda details which are also sent out on Hadstock Info and put on the Village notice board by the old shop. Details of the agenda are also published on the Parish Council section of the village website which is:-
www.hadstock.org.uk

Hadstock Society – Community History and Heritage.

Secretary: Maggie Hartley at hadstocksociety21@gmail.co.uk

Hadstock Village Hall see ad in this magazine for how to hire it. And the video on the Hadstock Village website – www.hadstock.org.uk -Village hall

Hadstock Silver Band meets on Tuesdays at the Village Hall for practice

Contact: Lesley Jenkinson 07766 54092 *Listen out for them*

Bell Ringing practice night at St Botolph's on Thursdays. Contact: Gilbert Rowlandson 01223 892882 or Janice Snell 01223 892338 – **You can't miss them**

Linton Area Learning Alliance (LALA) meets on Tuesday mornings in the Village Hall in Linton. Autumn and Spring terms. Contact Sue Mudge 01223 89273

Linton and District Historical soc. Meets Tuesday evenings Linton Village Hall. Monthly. Contact Margaret Creek 01223 893915 or email:ldhscamb@gmail.com

Uttlesford Foodbank

<https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/>

Uttlesford Foodbank provides emergency food and care parcels to individuals and families during times of crisis. It operates out of a

warehouse in Shire Hill Saffron Walden. They are

always looking for donations of food or money and volunteers. Most of the Supermarkets in S.Walden and Haverhill have a food donations box If you need help look at <https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/> or

phone 07531 436335. Local contact Lynne Smith - 4 Moules Lane, [Tel:07707 766197](tel:07707766197)



Haverhill food bank at Reach Community Projects

Wisdom Facilities Centre, 42 Hollands Road, Haverhill CB9 8SA

Opening times: Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm

Tel: 01440 712950 or Email: info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

Website: reachhaverhill.org.uk – for more information

Art Classes in Hadstock for adults on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings and afternoons in termtime; Sundays once a month, and children's' after-school art during termtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Sonia 07890 50916



Kemi Badenoch MP

holds regular advice surgeries offering help and support for local residents.

If you would like to contact Kemi, you can email

kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk or call 0207 219 1943

Hadstock's Local District Councillor - Ashdon Ward:

Councillor John Moran of the Conservative Party

Contact :- cllrmoran@uttlesford.gov.uk or tel. 07496006467

or you can write to him c/o Uttlesford District Council

London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER

Book Club

On Monday 2nd September Hadstock Book Club met to discuss

His Bloody Project by Graeme Macrae-Burnet

It is set in 1869 and relates the peculiar case of a brutal triple murder committed by a seventeen-year-old boy in the remote crofting community of Culduie, Wester Ross, in the north-western Highlands of Scotland. The fact that Roderick Macrae is guilty of the heinous act is never really called into question.

The primary thread of the book is Roddy's account of what drove him to the murders, namely increasing persecution and bullying from which there was no escape.

Though the subject matter was off-putting for some, everyone who read the book agreed it was well-written, and it provoked some fascinating and wide-ranging discussions about its relevance today.

In fact, we talked about the book for much longer than usual.

Sonia Villiers

Defibrillator training.

We had a smaller turn out for our defibrillator training on the 6th September in the village hall than at our last session. Nonetheless, Ari gave another excellent demonstration, and some village residents participated in act of resuscitation of the unfortunate 'patient'.

Our thanks to Ari for sharing his valuable time and expertise to us all.

The dummy used was kindly lent by the Newmarket jockey club and we were very grateful for the loan.

At present there are no more training sessions planned, but if there is more interest, - then another opportunity to be taught this valuable skill could be planned.

Cllr Denise Wells

The Defibrillator in the phone box on the village green is now back and working again

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Footpaths

This exceptional 'growing' year - particularly it seems for nettles, brambles and bindweed - has seen encroachment on village footpaths far exceeding levels in past years. We have just (Friday 13th!) cleared the elevated stretch of footpath along the Linton Road for the third time this year - something I don't believe we've ever had to do before. The stretches along the 'horse paddock' fields leading to Len's Path have also (over)grown profusely and Len's path itself has needed more attention than usual.

Essex CC are supposed to keep all Public Footpaths clear, however any action they do take is unannounced and once a year at best, and the Uttlesford 'Rangers' who we could sometimes call on for help in the past have now been disbanded.

This means that - as has been the case for years - the Parish Council tries to maintain the core footpaths in and around the village and - finances being tight - relies on volunteers. I want to thank the selection of village residents (who also helped dig out the ditch on the Linton Road a few months ago) who assist the PC members - but I also want to appeal for more people to come forward, so that we are not always dependent on the 'usual suspects' Invariably, these are convivial sessions with a satisfyingly evident job well done afterwards. Next time we put out an appeal in the village Mag or on 'Hadstock Info' please consider helping! Thank you

PS The Parish Council is still looking for additional members - perhaps you might consider joining to keep a check on the footpaths.

CLlr Keith R Nuttall Chair, Hadstock Parish Council

Please note that the Defibrillator in the phone box on the village green is now back and working again.

Church Flint Wall Repair

It's an ill wind...

On the evening of 6th July three idiots driving into the village from Saffron Walden lost control at high speed, left the road, ploughed into the church flint wall and then the telegraph pole. Having spun back onto the road, they then fled the scene. Fortunately, nobody else was involved.



The upshot was that a team worked all night to reinstate the pole and the Parochial Church Council needed to make a claim under its insurance policy to repair and rebuild the wall.

Two prices were obtained and I am delighted to say that our own home-grown flint wall specialist, Robert Foster, was the successful price. He stepped in and in a couple of days completed the successful rebuild, making it look so easy in the process.



We are delighted with the result which goes to show just what a skilled craftsman Robert is.

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The Finished wall

Other examples of his work can be seen in the village. Photos show before, during and after, to give a true flavour of what was involved.

Tim Boyden

A Hadstock Rainbow - Sent in by Keith Nuttall



Hadstock Golf Day 2024 Winners



Hadstock Golf Day 2024 took place at Barkway Park golf course on Friday 6 September.

Congratulations to the winning team who were presented with the Hadstock Golf trophy at the post - match meal which was this year held the Bell at Balsham.

Well done, Scott Taylor, Rob Pickard, Phil Corfield, holding the trophy and Jim Abbiss.

Thanks go to Tim Plumridge for organising this golf event for the village golfers and friends.

Saffron Walden Rotary - Big Breakfast Friday 1st November - Village Hall

**Enjoy a Traditional English
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Details: www.rotary-sw.org/event/big-breakfast-brunch

Proceeds in aid of Rotary Charities

The proceeds will be used to fund donations to local good causes and charities from the Saffron Walden Rotary Trust Fund account.

Organised by:



Celebrating 100 years of
Saffron Walden Rotary in 2025

For more details contact Tim Boyden or just turn up for breakfast!

Harvest Festival Bring and Share Feast

on Sunday October 6th 2024 in
Hadstock Village Hall at 1.30pm

Everyone welcome, especially new
families and children, the more the
merrier ...

Please let us know what **hot** savoury food you can bring from this list,
or your own ideas even better!

Roast chicken, pork, lamb, beef - Vegetarian option - Roast potatoes

Carrots - parsnips - peas - cauliflower cheese - Mashed potato - swede - Gravy -
stuffing, mint sauce

(We already have enough offers of pudding - fresh fruit - cream - custard - cheeseboard)

Bring your own drinks

email me at soniavilliers@icloud.com -

also any offers of help setting up or clearing up after greatly appreciated

Sonia xx

Please note revised time for lunch - now 1.00 for 1.30pm start

Some Good News!

The National Lottery Community Fund has
agreed to fund a large part of the cost of
repairing, repainting and then installing

secondary double glazing to the windows at the Village Hall.

This will help keep the hall warmer, reduce our heating bills and reduce
our carbon footprint.

We are excited to start the work

Kirsty Hutchinson.





Sustainable Hadstock News

October 24

Thanks to all who completed our Survey – it's now our turn to deliver!

The Survey Results are reviewed by Brendan Burchell and Jonathan Hutchinson in this magazine.

Home Energy Surveys/EPC

For those who have shown an interest in a Home Energy Survey and EPC assessment we will be contacting you during October to arrange times for Adrian Rowlands, Home Energy Champion, to visit you and carry out the review.

We are also engaging Jonathan Ashe, surveyor, who specialises in working with traditional/listed buildings to run a session and carry out a number of retrofit reviews.

We will be asking people to make a small contribution towards the cost of their Home Energy/EPC review so that we can make them available to as many people as possible.

Our thermal camera

We have acquired a thermal camera which will be made available for loan from November.

At our October Event (Friday, 25th), Dr Chris Doyle will run a session on how to use the camera and more importantly what you will see and how to interpret the images.

We would ask anyone who wants to use the camera to come to this session.

Autumn/Winter Events

The first of these was delivered in September as a discussion on the Survey results and a chance to ask questions on Home Energy topics.

Events will take place each month as advertised in this magazine and on our website.

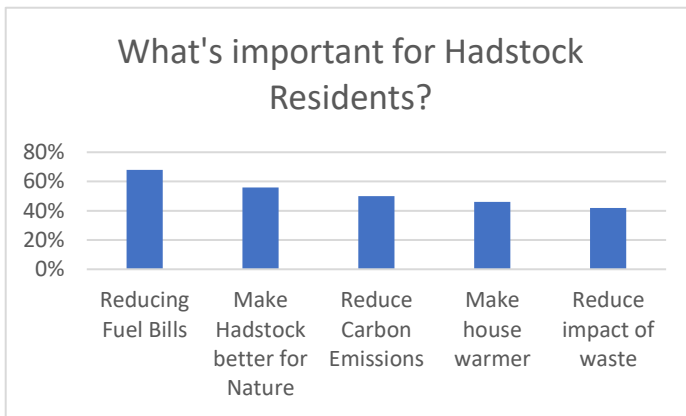
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Results of the Sustainable Hadstock Survey.

Thanks to the 110 households in Hadstock who completed and returned your questionnaires over the last couple of months. This has enabled us to build up a comprehensive picture of the current status quo for housing, and gives us an insight into the improvements that can be made to our housing energy efficiency and the nature around our village, as well as the obstacles that we need to overcome as we move forward.



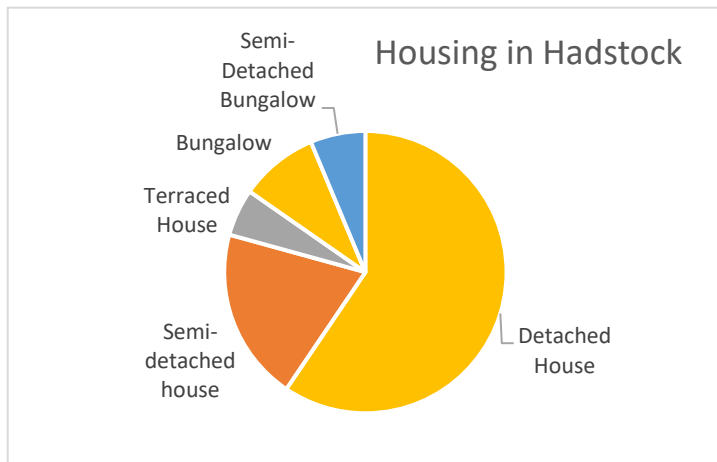
The first question we asked was about what people wanted to get from the Sustainable Hadstock project. This graph shows the combination of first, second and third choices.

Sixty-eight percent of people included 'reducing fuel bills' as one of their options, but there was also widespread support for all the other objectives including improving Hadstock's nature and biodiversity, reducing our CO2 emissions, making houses cosier and reducing the impact of our household waste.

We were particularly keen to assess what people were keen to get involved with or learn more about, and there was plenty of enthusiasm on all fronts. We'll be responding with a number of initiatives including surveys of energy efficiency for some houses, and we will be purchasing a thermal camera so anyone who is interested can see where the warmth is escaping from their homes

We will also be running information sessions on the topics where there was most interest, for instance to disseminate the results of *the Hadstock*

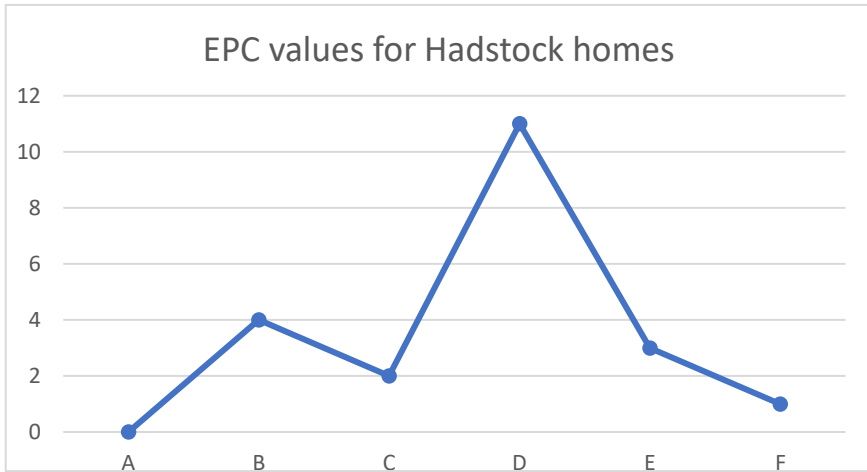
Biodiversity and Nature Study, to discuss recycling and waste plastics reduction and to give details of the means-tested grants that will be relevant to some residents for home insulation and draught-proofing.



Hadstock has a lot of types of houses and many historic houses; almost half of all respondents lived in historic houses built before 1920 (and quite a few much older

still). There was a lot of concern that it was much more difficult to make energy-saving changes to listed buildings. We'll respond to this by bringing in an expert who specialises in energy efficiency for Traditional Buildings to discuss what can be done now and what changes are likely in the future. We will also be sharing experiences from householders – for instance even though double glazing is often not allowed in the original windows of listed buildings, there are new types of secondary glazing that are practically invisible and very efficient.

Currently 72% of homes use a gas boiler as their primary source of heating, and a further 18% have oil boilers. Five houses have wood burning stoves as their main source of heating, but (to our surprise) about two thirds of homes also burn wood in open fires or stoves to supplement their central heating. We are currently analysing the barriers that are stopping residents from moving towards less costly and more environmentally friendly ways of heating their homes. Initial results from the survey suggest that the non-listed buildings are just as likely to have oil boilers as listed buildings, but residents with oil boilers are less interested in making changes to their energy efficiency than others.



As this graph shows, only a small minority of Hadstock homes report having EPCs in the B and C range and none have an A rating. (*EPCs, or Energy Performance Certificates, give a summary of the energy efficiency of a building, and also suggest where improvements could be made to improve the rating*). A quarter of respondents didn't know whether their house had an EPC rating, but a lot of residents were keen to get an EPC and discuss what they could do, and this project will plan to provide as many as possible of these opportunities. By the end of the Sustainable Hadstock project we hope that many more houses will be in the B-C range by making improvements to insulation, draught-proofing, lighting, etc.

We will be running events to inform you about some of the new technologies for reducing bills and carbon emissions; there was particular enthusiasm for sessions on solar panels, storage batteries and heat pumps.

We also gathered useful information on how best to communicate with people in the Village, where and when to hold meetings; Evening meetings in the Village Hall are the most popular format, followed by Saturday mornings. The Hadstock magazine is still the preferred source of information for almost 80% of residents, closely followed by the HadstockInfo email. We will be using both – please keep a look out!

Getting responses from over 80% of the homes in Hadstock shows what a vibrant community we have, and how much enthusiasm there is for the Sustainable Hadstock project.

We're particularly grateful to those people who distributed and collected the questionnaires. Thank you all.

Now we know where we stand, you will be hearing a lot more from us in the coming months with information, events and practical solutions for you to try

Please come along to hear more and ask your questions.

Jonathan Hutchinson and Brendan Burchell,
on behalf of The Sustainable Hadstock Team

Message: sustainablehadstock@gmail.com

Or look at the Sustainable Hadstock website:

<https://www.hadstock.org.uk/sustainablehadstock/>

Thank you all -such a lot of thought and work has gone into this already we look forward to the next phase. Sue – Ed



***Another
Hadstock
rainbow!
This one sent in
by Carol
Corfield
We need them
All. Thanks
Carol***

17,114 households in Uttlesford are failing to claim £40,432,011 of support each year. Are you missing out?

Pension Credit:

The Chancellor's removal of the Winter Fuel Payment for older people not claiming Pension Credit last month, highlights the importance of making sure you are claiming all the benefits you are entitled to.

661 older people living in Uttlesford are eligible for but not claiming Pension Credit

If you are just £500 over the income threshold to claim Pension Credit, **you could be better off** by having lower income and claiming Pension Credit and the Winter Fuel Payment.

Claiming pension credit unlocks other support such as Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support. It also opens up eligibility for social tariffs, the warm home discount, cheaper broadband, free TV licences and cheaper water bills.

Universal Credit:

1,015 people who are on a low income or unemployed and living in Uttlesford are missing out on this help with essential living costs.

If you receive Universal Credit, you may be able to get help with other things such as healthcare costs, free school meals, healthy start vouchers, social tariffs, cheaper broadband and water bills.

Uttlesford families eligible for Universal Credit are missing out on an extra £7,014,410 of support each year in the form of free school meals and pupil premium funding.

Child Benefit: 7,865 Uttlesford Families are missing out on £14,980,407 in child benefit payments each year. Many people don't realise the **two-child limit does not apply to Child Benefit**

Child Benefit can only be backdated for a maximum of 3 months, so if you haven't yet claimed Child Benefit for your third and subsequent children, do so as soon as possible.

You can also get support and advice at the Social Outreach Service at Saffron Walden Community Link on the last Thursday of each month, 10am - 2pm



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help@uttlesfordca.org.uk www.uttlesfordca.org.uk



Talks and Events Coming up

Thanks to all who completed our Survey – it's now our turn to deliver!

Starting soon, events in the Village Hall with plenty of opportunity to hear from Energy and Nature experts and ask all your questions.

A Sustainable Hadstock Event in February 2025. Lots planned: suppliers of home energy solutions; 'Ask the Experts'; our Village Biodiversity map and plans ... and more!

Evening talks (6.30 to 7.30pm; in the Village Hall):

October 25th. Thermal Imaging & 'Ask Chris' – how to use the camera and interpret thermal images (Dr Chris Dodge, Saffron Walden Community Energy). Chris will also share his extensive experiences of Home Energy Solutions. *Everyone welcome - please make this a priority if you wish to borrow our camera.*

November 22nd. Home Energy Solutions – how to improve your home and save money! (Kirsty Shanahan, CommuniEnergySouth). Lots of hints, tips and examples

December 4th. Our Local Woodlands (Tony Morton, Essex Wildlife Trust). At the Hadstock Society (VH; AGM from 7pm; Talk from 8pm)... and we will be arranging sessions on – **Traditional/listed Houses, the New Home Energy Technologies, Dealing with Waste, Wilding our Gardens** and more. Some of our talks will be run to coincide with the early quiet period of the Community Pub – so do come and ask the experts, have a drink and a chat with your neighbours!



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