

WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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**A Merry Christmas
To All
Our Residents**



LOCAL COUNCIL
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The Parish Council meet the second Wednesday of the Month (via Zoom at present) . You are very welcome to come join as we have a public session at the beginning of the meeting, where residents can address the Council. Cllr. Jones Cllr. Tatum & Cllr. Brand are our Planning Representatives.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CLLR. KAREN JONES



As I write this we have all just very recently been released from our second lockdown - I hope everyone has remained safe and well.

Residents should have now received the CCTV/ANPR Consultation through their doors. I cannot stress enough how important it is that you take the time to respond to the consultation and register your vote. Please do this by 31 December.

The Parish Council have asked the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE), who have a great deal of valuable experience with community consultations, to independently review and verify the responses we receive from residents. RCCE will compile a summary of the results for the Parish Council to consider at its meeting in January 2021.

This year has been an extremely challenging one for everyone, and as it comes to an end, I thought it might be an appropriate time to recap on the achievements made over the course of the year, in spite of the restrictions.

The Parish Council's commitment to tackle the long standing issue of speeding and antisocial behaviour in Middlemead has always been high on our agenda and we have during the year continued to work with Essex Highways, Essex Police and Essex & Suffolk Water. The Parish Council, together with Cllr. Ian Grundy at Essex County Council and Cllr. Sue Dobson at Chelmsford City Council, had a series of meetings with Essex Highways and the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) to discuss the problems in Middlemead. All of these meetings were constructive, and the possibility of installing average speed cameras along Middlemead was raised and discussed. As a result of these discussions, Essex Highways agreed to put the average speed camera scheme forward as a priority to the Essex Local Highways Panel (LHP) for review and validation and we are currently awaiting the outcome of this.

At one of the meetings with Essex Highways, we had the benefit of a senior officer from Essex Police to discuss what could be done to try and curb this behaviour in the short term, and it was agreed that Essex Police would begin to carry out some specific and targeted covert operations. In order to do this effectively, intelligence was requested and gathered from residents as to the best days, times and locations to target. So far these operations have yielded some results; however, due to the time of year and the winter weather, there are naturally fewer incidents.

Our meetings with Essex Highways are ongoing and we are currently awaiting a date for the next one, which will now probably be in early 2021.



The Fisherman's car park is still a contributing factor to the problems in Middlemead and the Parish Council have always been firmly of the view that Essex & Suffolk Water should be doing more to alleviate the problems that take place there. I reported in our last newsletter in September that we were pushing hard for an early meeting with Essex & Suffolk Water in order to reopen discussions about the possibility of obtaining planning permission to move the entrance gates to the car park closer to the highway. Since then, the Parish Council, along with Cllr. Sue Dobson, have had a couple of meetings with Essex & Suffolk Water to discuss this issue - we stressed to them that doing nothing about the entrance to the Fisherman's car park was not an option - and they agreed to look seriously at how moving the gates could be achieved that would be acceptable to Essex Highways, and thereafter submit a planning application to do this. Whilst this solution is being considered, Essex & Suffolk Water is arranging to install some large concrete lego blocks around half of the entrance, which will reduce the size of the current available refuge area, but still allowing the required access for their vehicles. Essex & Suffolk Water is expecting the Lego Blocks to be delivered and installed very soon, and my hope is that by the time you read this, the Lego Blocks will already be in place.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to extend my thanks to our Clerk, Karen Kuderovitch, for her diligent work over the course of this year, and thanks also to all my fellow councillors for their work and commitment, especially Cllr. Paul Galley for his sterling work on the CCTV/ANPR project and Cllr Jim Sims for coordinating the support provided to residents during the first lockdown. However, I particularly want to extend a very big thanks to the residents of West Hanningfield, and particularly those who helped and supported our vulnerable residents during the Covid19 crisis and those who assisted with the Middlemead issues; by providing hard data to Essex Police about the amount of speeding and antisocial behaviours and those who took action, mainly over the spring bank holiday, to try and stop the speeding and which had some degree of success and certainly refocused the minds of the various organisations and reinvigorated efforts to putting an end to the problems that have adversely affected the lives of so many of our residents.



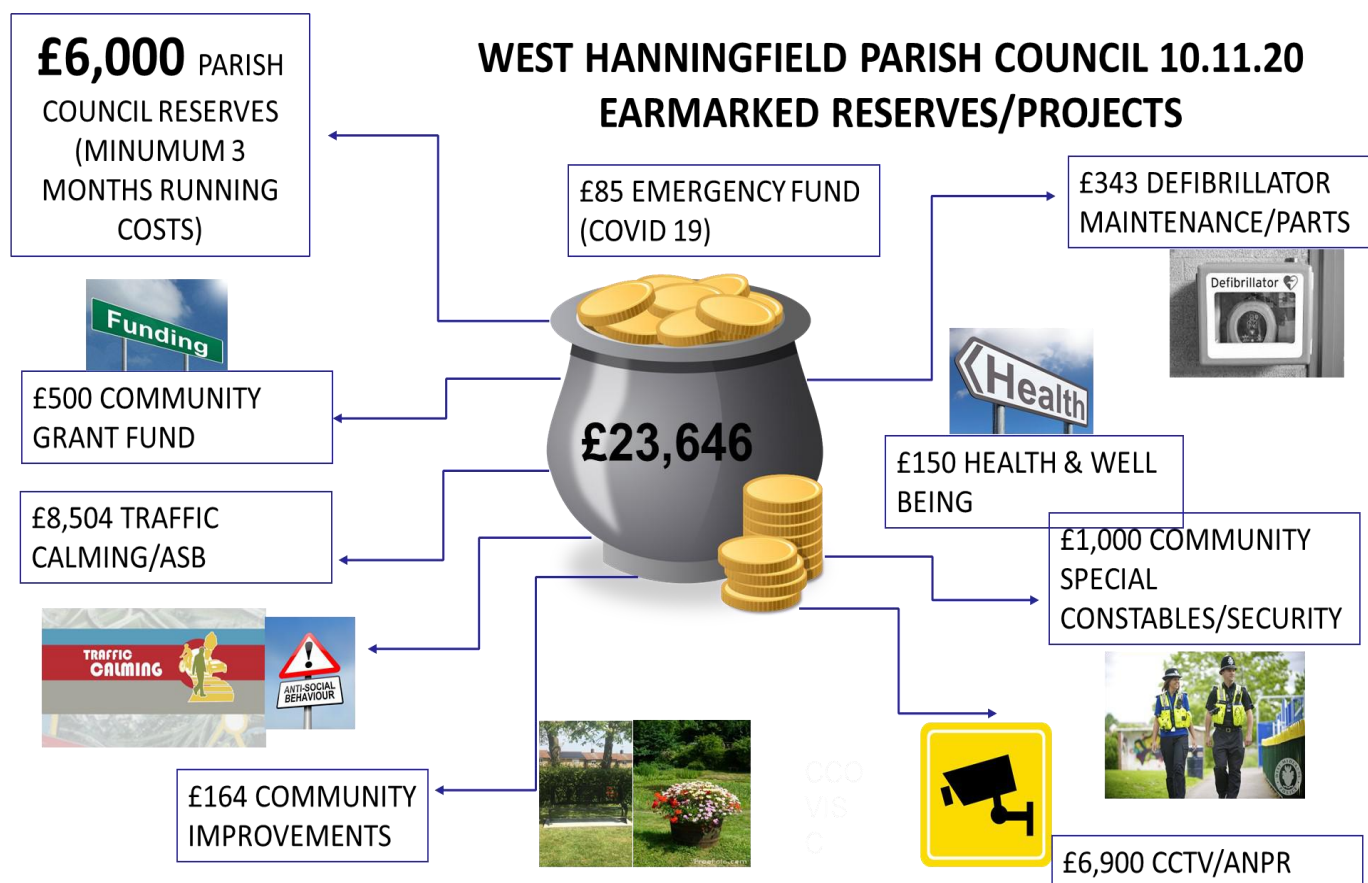
With the very welcome news that one of the vaccines for Covid19 will begin to be rolled out very soon, we can now hope that 2021 might be a better year for us all. It now only leaves me to wish all of you a very merry - and safe - Christmas, and a happy and healthy new year.



CLERK'S REPORT—KAREN KUDEROVITCH

Finance

The Parish Council have not yet reviewed the Budget for Precept for 21/22, it is pending the results of the CCTV/ANPR consultation which we hope to have back by 31st December 2020. The date for the review & decision will be Wednesday 13th January 2021. Below is a summary of where our project funding is allocated at present (20-21):



CCTV/ANPR Public Consultation

Thank you to those who have responded so quickly. Once we have received all the responses we will hopefully engage the services of the Rural Community Council of Essex to review and compile a report which can then be shared with residents.

Councillor Vacancy

We have 1 place to fill so please think about a new venture in 2021 and considering joining us.



Health & Well Being/Mental Health

Some of us attended 2 separate sessions on these very important topics especially in the times we find ourselves in. The sessions were very informative and we will share the information from these sessions once we receive it from the Essex Association of Local Councils and act upon any ideas from these sessions that we can.

New tree bench

The Parish Council have purchased a new bench outside the Three Compasses which will be installed soon.

West Hanningfield Village Hall

Following a Zoom meeting with Parish Council & representatives from the JW's and the Working Party, we were delighted to receive details of an offer of support up to £20,000 from the JW's to go towards the final stages of the rebuild project.

Thanks

We have a fantastic team of Councillors, who all work together well, appreciate each others views with respect and I am delighted to work with them. Giving your free time, often without any praise is in my book admirable. I have just completed 5 years service with the Parish Council and hope that from when I joined to now we



Councillor Profile—Cllr. Jim Sims

I have served on the Parish council for 6 years, 3 years as Chair which I thoroughly enjoyed . I have lived in the parish for 12 years I served in the London Fire Brigade for 30 years and retired 11 years ago after reaching the rank of Station Officer. I now pass the time as a Painter and Decorator. I had been a school governor at St.Peters for approx. 6 years until George my son left for Sandon.

My wife Lorraine still works there as a teaching assistant. As you may gather I like to get involved and enjoy the challenges life can give you although I am trying to slow down a bit.....My dogs Betty and Bertie seem to think otherwise I look forward to serving you to the best of my abilities.

COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY



The COVID -19 virus continues to dominate pretty well everything at ECC but at least the vaccine news is encouraging and recovery plans for business are being developed with partners.

With many places of education requiring home working and online activity, ECC have donated 500 reconditioned laptops to schools and colleges around the county. It has now donated a further 160 laptops with a further 200 in the pipeline, all to be distributed to young people who do not have access to this technology. This is a great scheme and I hope will be continued once the virus is under control.

Loneliness and isolation has been a great concern to members and I was particularly pleased to hear about the Rapid care-phone rollout. ECC have deployed over 1700 devices to sheltered housing and individuals in their homes enabling them to make video and voice calls to their families and friends. Our officers are also working hard with partners to provide additional support both to enhance mental health and well being generally. This includes providing targeted additional support for adults and children who have been identified as being at risk. As you can see there is a lot going on!

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy and Safe Christmas.

COUNCILLOR SUE DOBSON



Since being elected in May last year, I have been kept busy getting involved in some of the issues that have affected the parish, most notably the issues with Middlemead and I, along with the Parish Council, have been working hard to try and get a satisfactory resolution to this ongoing problem.

I know that this has been going on for several years now, and despite the tireless work that parish councillors have already done, we seemed to be no further forward. However, we were fortunate in that Essex County Councillor, Ian Grundy, was able to secure a meeting earlier this year with the Deputy Portfolio holder for Highways, Cllr Lesley Wagland, along with Highways officers and the Police to see what could be done about the issue.

Cllr. Sue Dobson continued..

Following on from those meetings, the Police agreed to carry out covert operations at the likely busy times – mainly Friday/Saturday evenings and during the day at weekends – although it appears now that the weather has changed for the worse the anti-social behaviour has lessened from that during the summer, especially during lockdown. It is likely that we will aim to recommence these covert operations in the spring when these people are likely to resume their unpleasant behaviour.

As I write, we are awaiting a date for another follow up meeting with them to discuss progress, and in the meantime I and the Chairman have met with Essex and Suffolk Water to discuss the car park issue. They have agreed to install large concrete blocks at the entrance to the car park to reduce the available space for these people to park up, and these should be in place shortly. Whilst this won't stop the speeding issue, it should at least deter them from hanging around which will be a great improvement for those living nearby. During all these meetings, the message from both Karen and I has been 'doing nothing is not an option' and we will continue to work together to get a satisfactory outcome for residents.

The other notable issue that has arisen recently is the possibility of several solar farms springing up around Essex and other parts of the country. One application that affects this parish is on a large portion of land on the East Hanningfield/West Hanningfield borders and this is one of several in Essex that the applicant is promoting. At the moment, it is in the early stages but if and when a planning application is lodged, we will be looking at this carefully and responding accordingly – link to the project is:

<https://sandonbrooksolarfarm.commonplace.is/>.

Another smaller-scale solar farm is also being informally consulted upon on behalf of Essex and Suffolk Water near their Canon Barns operation. Again, this is in the early stages and we will see whether any planning application will be forthcoming. This is the link to this project:

<https://www.enzygo.com/consultations/canonbarnsroadsolarfarm/>

I aim to attend every Parish Council meeting if I can, and if there are any issues you would like me to look into on your behalf, please contact me on my email:

sue.dobson@chelmsford.gov.uk.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas, and hopefully a more 'normal' 2021!



WEST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Well, we really thought we were going to see a difference in our daily lives and freedoms...WRONG.. never mind we will get through this and in the near future be looking forward to some

exciting developments in the Village!

We had hoped to run a public consultation in partnership with the Parish Council and Village Hall Trustees before Christmas. However, the Trustees decided to postpone the consultation with you until the New Year when we will have better information on details and costings of the proposed new Hall and now feel this should be further delayed until after the Parish Council have consulted on a CCTV/ANPR installation of around 7 cameras on 10 metre high towers at various entrances to the Village. As a result, we will now be approaching you again around February/March to garner your views on designs and layouts for a new Hall and the subsequent funding requirements.

We have received the outline drawings and elevations for a number of designs, from the architect. We will have accurate cost-of-build figures once our quantity surveyor has completed his review of the design options, which we will submit to you for your consideration in the New Year.

Alongside this work, we are beginning our funding plan aimed at raising the money required to build your new Hall. We said on many occasions that a significant amount of money will need to be raised to replace the Hall, probably up to £800,000, now we have the designs coming through. The Trustees are pursuing a wide range of funding opportunities but of course in these troubled times funds such as the National Lottery and Sport England are closed to all but COVID related requests. The Trustees will therefore explore all possible avenues of raising the necessary funds, including seeking financial support through an increase to the Parish Council Precept (a small proportion of your Council Tax). We can only come to you with this request once all our preparatory work has come to fruition.

Some of you will remember that at the Parish Council Public Meeting JW.org was asked by one of the residents if they would contribute to the fund raising for our proposed Hall Project and we have continued to work on this concept. We have received good news that they are prepared to assist us with a donation in the latter stages of the project.

Our Hall is fast reaching the end of its useful life and we fear the Village will lose it if the money is not found quickly enough. Three years ago when we started the journey we told you the Hall probably had 5 years foreseeable life, if it disappears many of our residents will experience the loss and house prices are apparently

enhanced by having a thriving village hall so its loss could have an adverse effect. If we have to close we would hand back the site to Essex and Suffolk Water for whatever use they decide to put it to, so let's not lose it, work with us to get a new Hall which will provide a legacy for everyone.

On the subject of fund raising, you may already have seen the start of our campaign to raise funds through donations you will be able to make to us for free, through Amazon Smile. We have set up our charity in the system and we would benefit hugely, simply from your regular purchases through Amazon. So in future would you please purchase through the www.smile.amazon.co.uk route. We really appreciate it if you would donate to your Hall in this way, just let us know on 07802 535481 and we will send you the details of how to make it happen.

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Last month we announced that Jean Hayden had decided to stop her work on Hall Bookings and, having waited some time for the opportunity to make a proper presentation to both Jean and Ralph for their 30 years plus of running the Hall, we decided we could wait no longer for a public gathering. We presented them with a bouquet and commemorative vase bearing the words 'Ralph & Jean with everlasting thanks from the Trustees of WHVH', it is a gesture so well deserved, and we thank them sincerely for their service.



Emlyn Jones has stepped down as Chairman of the committee after nearly 3 years in the role and we thank him for driving so many things forward. The Trustees voted in Lee Davies as the new Chairman. Lee has been a member of the New Hall Working Group since the early days of its inception and will continue Emlyn's work towards building a new Hall.

We are all looking forward to working with Lee and taking our achievements thus far to new levels.

Finally you will see we have made secret arrangements with Santa to visit our Village on Sunday 20th December and we include in this edition a copy of the details plus a request to provide a donation through our Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/whvh-724, we would be so grateful for anything you feel you can afford to give towards the Hall replacement fund.

As always please do keep yourselves safe by observing the social distancing rules and advice!!

TIER 2 HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY



No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.

BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS



Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.

RETAIL



Open.

WORK AND BUSINESS



Everyone who can work from home should do so.

EDUCATION



Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, either supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.

INDOOR LEISURE



Open.

ACCOMMODATION



Open.

PERSONAL CARE



Open.

OVERNIGHT STAYS



Permitted with household or support bubble.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS



15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.

ENTERTAINMENT



Open.

PLACES OF WORSHIP



Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.

TRAVELLING



Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.

EXERCISE



Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.

RESIDENTIAL CARE



COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).

LARGE EVENTS



Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower).

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature + A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

What Does Tier 2 Mean for You?

- You must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or whom is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place.
- You must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the 'Rule of Six.'
- Businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a Covid-19 secure manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs.
- Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals.
- Hospitality businesses selling food & drink for consumption on site are required to:
 - 1) Provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol,
 - 2) Close between 11pm & 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempted from this),
 - 3) Stop taking orders after 10pm.
- Hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off site can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or a drive-through.
- Early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm.
- Public attendance at out & indoor events (performances/ shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 in.
Public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and out, subject to social contact rules and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 in.
Places of worship remain open but you must not socialise with people from outside your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies.
Weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees: 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stone settings.
Organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue.
Organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing.
You can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible.
If you live in a Tier 2 area, you must continue to follow Tier 2 rules when you travel to a Tier 1 area. Avoid travel to, or overnight stays in, Tier 3 areas wherever possible.

TIER 2: HIGH

No household mixing indoors
Rule of six will apply outdoors
Pubs and restaurants to shut at 11pm
Alcohol only served as part of substantial meal
Spectators allowed at sports events and live performances (limited numbers)
Personal care including hairdressing allowed

The Parish Council requested a speed survey and we share the details with you below:

Automatic Traffic Counts - West Hanningfield							
Date	Location			Posted Speed Limit	Direction of Travel	Average Daily Speed	Average Daily Volume
Oct-20	Lower Stock Road	680m East of j/w Downham Road		60mph	East bound	31.4mph	119.1
					West bound	30.8mph	114.3
Oct-20	Ship Road	70m East of j/w Stock Road		40mph	East bound	34.8mph	884.7
					West bound	35.9mph	718.3

Mean average speed and 85%ile (the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles are travelling) are the most commonly used measures of traffic speed.

Department for Transport guidance is that Traffic Authorities should continue to routinely collect and assess both, but that mean average speeds should be used as the basis for determining local speed limits. Based upon the recorded mean average speeds there would be deemed to be good compliance with the posted speed limit on Ship Road and Lower Stock Road.



This December you're invited to take on Farleigh's Festive 5K and help support the hospice's Yo-Yo Project, our bereavement service for children and young people.

This festive challenge invites you to walk, jog, run or toddle 5K anytime between the 1st December 2020 and the 1st January 2021. Sign up today and receive your free festive goodie bag including a Santa hat, hot chocolate sachet and a festive treat that can be enjoyed as you settle down to listen to a festive story, which will be sent to you direct via email. We ask each household who signs up to raise a minimum of £25.

Sign up now at www.farleighhospice.org/events

Taking care of your mental health

Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. Over the course of your life, if you experience mental health problems, your thinking, mood, and behavior could be affected.

Mental health problems are common but [help is available](#). People with mental health problems can get better and many [recover](#) completely.

Early Warning Signs

Not sure if you or someone you know is living with mental health problems? Experiencing one or more of the following feelings or behaviours can be an early warning sign of a problem:

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Pulling away from people and usual activities
- Having low or no energy
- Feeling numb or like nothing matters
- Having unexplained aches and pains
- Feeling helpless or hopeless
- Smoking, drinking, or using drugs more than usual
- Feeling unusually confused, forgetful, on edge, angry, upset, worried, or scared
- Yelling or fighting with family and friends
- Experiencing severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships
- Having persistent thoughts and memories you can't get out of your head
- Hearing voices or believing things that are not true
- Thinking of harming yourself or others
- Inability to perform daily tasks like taking care of your kids or getting to work or school

Benefits of good mental health

Positive mental health allows people to:

- Realise their full potential
- Cope with the stresses of life
- Work productively
- Make meaningful contributions to their communities

We can help you maintain positive mental health by helping you get professional help if you need it or helping you connecting with others. We can help you get more [physically active](#) or support you to help others - why not volunteer in our [Neighbourhood Support](#) service for example? Try to stay positive and ensure you get a [good night's sleep](#). We can also help you develop coping skills.

For help & support on many topics please visit:

www.essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk



SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER **SANTA HAS SENT US HIS SCHEDULE**

ALL TIMES APPROXIMATE WITH BRIEF STOPS

START POINT ENTRY TO THE VILLAGE -130 END	5.00PM
VILLAGE HALL	
ST PETERS SCHOOL	
THREE COMPASSES PH	
LOWER STOCK RD / KENTS FARM JUNCTION	5.40PM
SHIP RD / WEST HANNINGFIELD RD JUNCTION	
THE SHIP PH	6.15PM
BAKERS LANE	6.30PM
TEMPLETON PARK	
TEMPLE GROVE PARK	

BACK HOME TO THE NORTH POLE FOR A HOT CHOCOLATE

As we cannot collect this year, if you would like to make a small donation to the Hall funds in appreciation for arranging Santa's visit please go to :

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/whvh-724



WEST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL



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