

East Suffolk Call for Sites

Early preparation has begun on a new East Suffolk Local Plan. This will set out how and where development, including new homes, employment land and infrastructure, should take place up until at least 2044. The new plan will replace the existing Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Local Plans. The new Local Plan is anticipated to be adopted in 2029.

A Call for Sites was held between Monday 20 October 2025 and Friday 9 January 2026 and invited submissions of sites for consideration for inclusion in the new Local Plan. This is the earliest stage of the Local Plan process and it purely helps East Suffolk Council to know what land is available for our consideration.

East Suffolk Council have published a map showing the submissions received during the Call for Sites.

The published map has been placed on the website and will display the sites' location and the use proposed by the submitter (for example housing or employment).

At this stage the map has been published for information purposes only and comments are not invited, however there will be opportunity to comment on these sites when communities are consulted later in the process. Anyone who wishes to be notified about future consultations, can join the mailing list. Please visit: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-local-plans/new-local-plan>

It is important to note that:

- No assessments have been undertaken and no decision has been made on which sites will be included in any future Local Plan, this map simply displays the submitted sites. It is important that this map is shared early for transparency purposes.
- The new Local Plan, including any future allocations, will be informed by a range of evidence, assessments and the outcomes of later public consultations.
- **The sites have no planning status** (other than sites which are already allocated or permitted, in which case a submission does not alter this status).
- Sites have not necessarily been submitted by the landowner – submissions were invited from anyone who wished to submit a site.

It is recognised that communities may wish to express their comments on sites, however East Suffolk Council will not be formally inviting or considering any comments received at this time. Submission of comments should be reserved until future consultations.

Full details are available on <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-local-plans/new-local-plan>

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Policy and Delivery team at planningpolicy@eastsuffolk.gov.uk or on 01394 444557.

Alternatively, please visit <https://tunstallparish.gov.uk/blog/east-suffolk-call-for-sites/> to view the proposed sites in Tunstall.

Diary dates

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Thursday 4 June at Tunstall Community Hall.

The Mobile Library

Tunstall Green:

Wednesday 27 May 10.25–10.50

Tunstall Common:

Friday 29 May 15:50-16:05

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Please send or give all material to the editor: Tiffany Pollock 688 816, tiffpollock@hotmail.co.uk by **15 May 2026**

Tunstall Gun Club. Where is the trophy ?

A request from a Tunstall resident:

I have been told by a resident that the sandpit adjoining the Old Rectory was at one time a rifle range used by the villagers. There was a shed used by the participants. This is long gone. However, there was a trophy for the top shot and my informant led me to believe that the trophy is still in the village.

I would be fascinated to know any more information about the existence of a Tunstall Gun Club and the whereabouts of the trophy.

By way of background, The Old Rectory was built in 1920 as a relocation for the rector then living in the former rectory now renamed Tunstall Hall. It would be interesting to know if the gun club existed before the Old Rectory was built?

Please contact the Clerk if you have any information on 01728 688816 or clerk@tunstallparish.gov.uk

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Tunstall Parish Council

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

A representative from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme will be attending the Parish Council meeting on 4th June, please come along and hear what joining the scheme will mean for our village.

Tunstall Parish Plan Questionnaire

Thank you to all residents who have completed the questionnaire, if you haven't yet completed yours there's still time. The deadline is 22nd May and it would be great to have as many opinions and suggestions from residents as possible.

It is important that you have your say, the results of which will be forwarded to East Suffolk District Council. While the results are not statutorily binding, they should help inform the planners of local opinion and potentially influence their thinking on future development in Tunstall Parish. We hope all residents will get involved.

If you need a copy of the questionnaire please contact the Clerk using the below details, or alternatively complete the questionnaire online at <https://tunstallparish.gov.uk/blog/new-blog-entry-3/>

Help the village ducks!

Tunstall is as much a home for the Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) as it is for us. The village ponds, like those behind Street Farm Close are vital habitats where these ducks and other animals can thrive. However, because this area is such a treasure for local dog walkers, maintaining the balance between our recreation and their survival is a community effort.

How you can help

Keep dogs under control: Because Mallards nest in the tall grass right next to the paths, keeping **dogs under control** (and ideally on a short lead during nesting months) is the only way to prevent accidental nest destruction. A dog's nose is far more effective at finding a hidden nest than a human's eyes.

Stay out of the water: It is equally important to **keep dogs out of ponds** where ducks are nesting. A dog splashing in the water isn't just "playing" to a duck; it is a high-speed predator invading their sanctuary.

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May at 6pm in Tunstall Community Hall.

An Annual Parish Meeting is not a Parish Council meeting; it is a meeting of the Parish where parishioners are invited to get together to hear how key village organisations are doing, hear reports from District and County Councillors and also put forward ideas for village projects. We welcome all residents to come along to hear about the work of our local community groups.

This year a representative from Community Action Suffolk will be joining us to discuss rural affordable housing.

Tunstall Grapevine

Let us know your email address and we will keep you informed of the latest news.

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Flea treatments: Most spot-on flea and tick treatments contain potent insecticides. When a dog enters a pond, these chemicals wash off their fur and skin directly into the water. Even if the treatment was applied days ago, it remains on the hair and can be rinsed off. Research suggests that a single flea treatment for a medium-sized dog contains enough pesticide to kill 60 million bees. When that washes into a small pond, the concentration can become incredibly toxic to the food that ducks rely on.

Feeding: The best food for ducks includes healthy, natural options like frozen peas (defrosted), oats, corn, rice, and specialized duck pellets. Leafy greens and chopped vegetables are also excellent, providing essential nutrients. **Do not feed them bread, crackers, and junk food**, as these lack nutrition, cause malnutrition, and pollute water.

Watch your speed: Please drive slowly through the village and be aware that our duck population likes to wander between ponds. By giving the ducks their space and keeping our four-legged friends on the path and out of the water, we ensure that the Tunstall ducks remain a welcome and much-loved part of our village life for years to come.



Belonging

“Ancient wisdom taught that people truly thrive when they place the needs of their family and community above their own self interest.”

Our modern world often seems to have turned away from that wisdom. The dominant message today can feel very different: *“I’ll do what I want, and everyone else can like it or lump it.”* One tragic consequence of this so called “enlightened” attitude is that many people find themselves increasingly alone and lonely.

If that resonates with you, and you’re looking for something different, the Bible offers an alternative: **Church.**

When the Bible speaks about church, it isn’t referring primarily to a building. Buildings matter—they give us warm, dry places to gather—but in Scripture, church is first and foremost about people. It is a community not focused on putting individual needs first (as modern wisdom suggests), nor even simply prioritising the needs of others (as ancient wisdom taught). Instead, church is a gathering of people who are **trying** to put Jesus first—secure in the knowledge that, at Easter, Jesus went to extraordinary lengths to put us first.

Jesus himself described the outcome of this way of life: *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”* (John 13:35).

That love, and the sense of belonging it creates, should lie at the heart of every church. At Grace Church, we are seeking to live this out, and we would love to welcome you to join us on that journey.

And yes—we really do mean **trying**. No church gets this right all the time. There will always be stumbles and missteps along the way. But we, along with many other churches, are committed to **trying**, and we would be delighted to welcome you as we do so together. With love from all at Grace Church

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Saturday Police Surgeries 2026 Tunstall Church

Come along for a catch up on what’s going on in your local area.

If you have any Police related issues such as crime, ASB, or for information on careers in policing

30th May 10:00-11:30

13th June 14:30 -16:00

25th July afternoon 14:30 -16:00

22nd August morning 10:00-11:30

12th September morning 10:00-11:30

17th October afternoon 14:30 -16:00



Activities

Coffee Cake and Chat

For all, including toddlers
Every Wednesday during school term time at Tunstall Chapel
9:30am -11:30 am

Friday Club

For primary school children.
Every Friday during school term time at Tunstall Chapel
6:30pm-7:30pm

Youth Group

Secondary school young people.
Every Friday during school term time at Tunstall Chapel
7:45pm-9:00pm

Weekly Morning Service

We meet every Sunday at 10.30am in Rendlesham Primary School.

St Felix Church Rendlesham Top up shop

Tuesday’s 11am – 12 noon

Refreshments 10am – 11.30am

Donations always welcome non-perishable food items, cat and dog food.

News from St Michael’s

This month, we’re looking forward to an open garden, a service for pets, a tidy up in the church grounds and our annual meeting for everyone to come and make suggestions. And in honour of the singing which you can read about below, all our headings are songs - do you know them?

Sing When You’re Winning!

To celebrate the fact that the church fortunes are looking a bit better lately, we have hastily thrown together a plan to bring forward our choir for Christmas to perform in a summer garden event (see below). We’ve got six weeks to learn two songs with harmony and a summer vibe and we’re looking for amateur, enthusiastic singers to join us. You might think you can’t sing, but pretty much everyone can, it’s just learning the confidence that’s the issue. And it is so good for the soul and the mind. Experience not preferred, as I won’t have got music to read ready in time and we will be learning by ear. So if you have the appetite for a not very long term commitment to learn to sing with others in a supportive and above all convivial atmosphere, get in touch on the details below. Practice will be for an hour or so on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 at the church starting in early May.

What a Good Year for the Roses

A villager with a fantastic garden is opening it up for visitors, with tea and cake and some stalls on Saturday 20th June in aid of the church restoration fund. More news to follow next month but we have space for 6 tables if anyone would like to book one to sell their craft, plants, honey etc. We just ask for £10 per table to go to the church repair fund.

Another Brick in the Wall

We’re about to kick off a colossal challenge to raise more than £15000 to save the East wall. If you ever walk through the churchyard, take a look at the end of the church furthest from the tower, and you will see what we’re talking about. You can help by taking part in fundraising, giving a donation of £1 a month by completing a form in the church, or a one off donation on our soon to be set up Just Giving page. More information next month.

Come Together - The Annual meeting for parishioners

In what has been a fairly significant year in our church history, we warmly invite you to join us at the annual

Tunstall Bowls Club

Well, the outdoor bowls season is finally underway and by the time you read this we will have played our first two Fynn League matches and held our open weekend. We will let you know how we are fairing in the next bulletin.

meeting on Wednesday 20th May at 7pm at St. Michael’s. The first part of the meeting always includes parishioners from the village and it’s a chance for you to find out where we are in the project to rescue the church, and also to put forward ideas and suggestions of your own. We’ll be providing refreshments so for that reason, it is useful to have a rough idea of numbers (so we have enough wine basically) so if you can let us know in advance if you’re coming it’s really helpful, but if not, please just come if you’re free anyway. We have held events that have gone well in the past - a plant sale, an open day with visits up the tower, musical events. We welcome all ideas and if we can make them work, we will.

Dog Eat Dog (hopefully not)

The Easter service, held on Palm Sunday was our last one for a while and it was great to hold this at the back of the church at the new bistro tables. The extensive sets of old crockery have now been cleared out and will be sold for a cat charity and we’ve been able to buy new matching sets with what was left over of the grant for the tables. Our next service will be our Pet and animal blessing service at 3pm on Sunday 7th June. In the past we have welcomed many dogs, but also a pair of tortoises. And some villagers who have animals no longer with them have come to the service to remember their companions. For sanity’s sake, the service itself is usually held outside at the back of the church, where there is shade as well as sunshine, and space for animals who do not appreciate ebullient dogs charging at them or chewing their muzzles, with refreshments afterwards for both animals and humans inside the church.

Whistle While You Work

Our gardening team has already held two spring-cleaning events this year. How grateful we are to all the volunteers for all their hard work. As summer approaches, we’d love to get some more colour in the grounds. If anyone has any spare plants of any kind, we would be very grateful. Flowers would be lovely, but I am planning to plant some of my spare tomatoes if there is nothing else! And if we have spares, we can always sell them for donations towards the church repairs.

For all info or to offer support or suggestions, please contact us on st.michaels.tunstall@gmail.com, or contact Sarah, the church secretary on 07900 657780

The Club would like to thank everyone who came along on 25th and 26th April and we hope you enjoyed yourselves.

For more information why not take a look at our website www.Tunstallbowlsclub.com or our Facebook page –

Tunstall and District Bowls Club