

West Bergholt Parish Council

What has been achieved
in 2023-24?

Your Parish Council:

11 Councillors

6 Members of Staff

Chair Brian Butcher



Vice Chair Harry Stone



**Responsible Financial Officer
Andrew Savage**



Cllr Manya Barrow



Cllr Paul Chamberlain



Cllr Sara Cullis



Cllr John Gili-Ross



Cllr James Owers



Cllr Katie Pulford



Cllr David Short



Cllr Bob Tyrell



Parish Clerk – Laura Walkingshaw

Clerk's Assistant – Julie Gillott

Hall Administrator – Victoria Beckwith-Cole

**Handymen - Simon Forrester, Matt
Harkness and Nigel Weall**

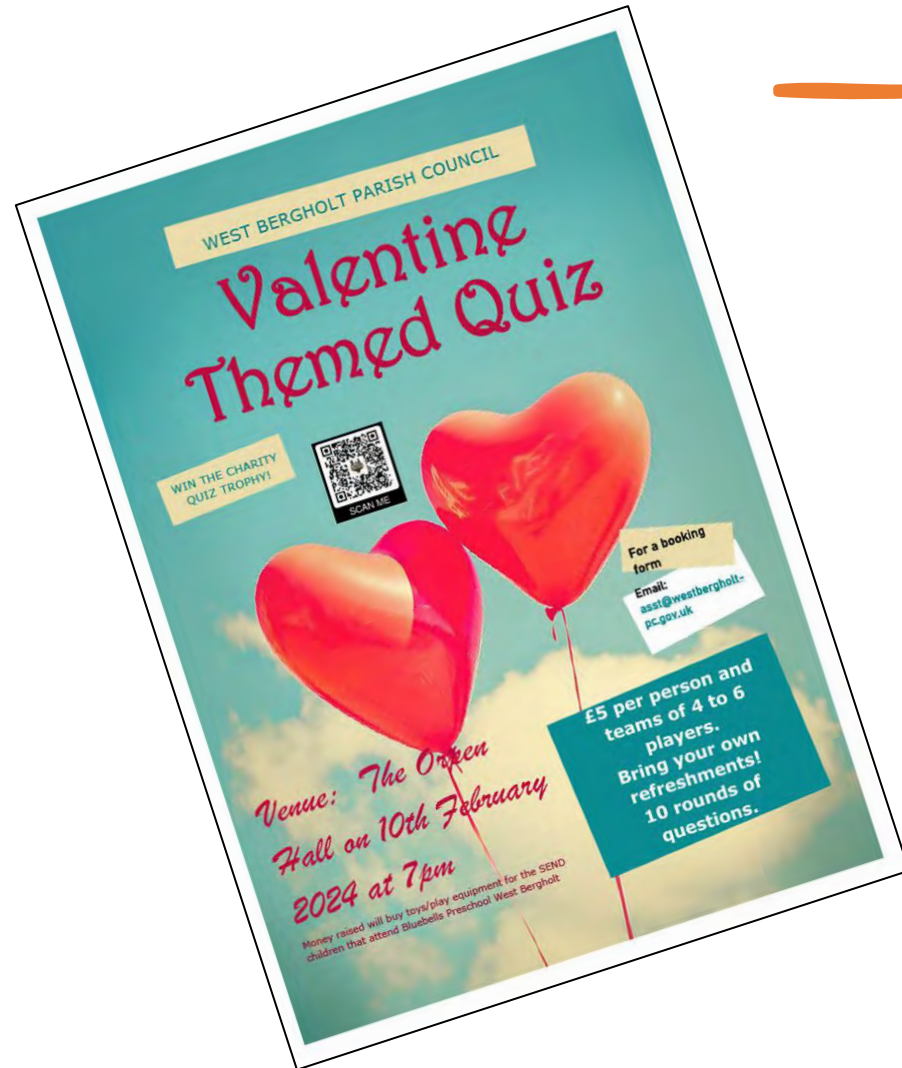
New Councillor Elected

We are delighted to welcome Paul Chamberlain onto the West Bergholt Parish Council.

Cllr Chamberlain was co-opted at the September Parish Council Meeting.



Another great Village Quiz organised this year!



New inclusive playground equipment

Me-to-you swing, inclusive swing, sensory panels and new railings all installed.

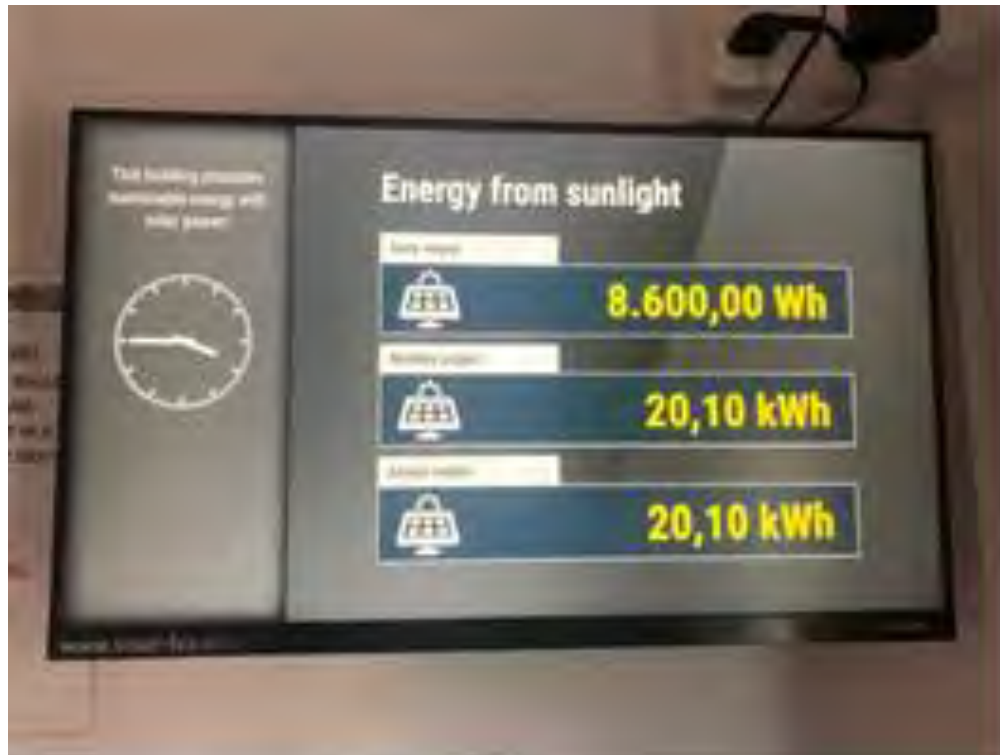
Thanks go to:

- Colchester City Council Hyperlocal Grant
- City Councillors Locality Budget
- Contributions from the previous West Bergholt Village Quiz
- Funds raised from tea/coffee sales by the Orpen Players at their performances.



Final additions to solar panels PV on Hall Roof

Real-time display unit had been fitted to the entryway to Orpen Hall



Parish Christmas Tree

Many thanks to Cllr Paul Chamberlain of Chamberlain Homes for donating this year's tree.



New toilet opened at Orpen Hall

Visitors can now use the externally accessible toilet with baby changing and inclusive facilities anytime during daylight hours.

Thanks to funding from the Enover Landfill Communities Fund and Section 106 monies.



Ways to save energy & keep costs down.

A £10K grant from the National Lottery Community Fund has enabled us to add an extra battery to our solar energy system and install energy-efficient LED lighting throughout.

A NEST smart heating system has also been added throughout the Orpen Hall complex and the smoke/fire alarm system has been updated.



Improvements to the Hall





Village Handymen

Come rain or shine our village
Handymen work hard to keep our
village tidy and safe – **thank you!**

Work to Queen's Head Pond

Maintenance of Hall & Lexden Rd Ponds

Tree work to Heath, Poor's Land & Field

Sign repairs

Grass cutting throughout the village

Clearance of gullies at bottom of Chitts Hill

Litter picking throughout the Parish

General upkeep of the village and hedge trimming

Making areas safe until ECC or CCC partners arrive

Other Parish Council events in 2023-24:

Honour board on display in Orpen Hall

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Young Photographers Winter Photo Competition

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Celebration of the King's Coronation

Looking Ahead:

After school
Drop in Café for
young people

Community Hub
& Parish Office

Sturdier flagpole
outside Orpen
Hall

Possession of
new William
Sims Sports Field

New booking
system for tennis
courts/MUGA

Further energy
efficiencies to
Hall