

# West Bergholt Parish Council

# NEWSLETTER

from PC Meeting of October 2024

## Parish Christmas Trees

## Plans for two Christmas trees

Cllr Chamberlain has kindly agreed for his company to donate two Christmas trees to the Parish this year. A real tree at the Chapel Road/Colchester Road junction by the village sign, as previously and an artificial one, that can be used year after year, at the Orpen Memorial Hall. There are hopes of having a tree lighting ceremony at the one based at the hall, as it will be safer to gather around than the village sign one.

## Winter preparation

## The Parish Council gets ready for winter

The Village Handyman have been busy getting the parish ready for the winter weather, cleaning the signs along Argent's Lane and will be checking the ditch there shortly. No new salt was ordered this year, as the PC has plenty in stock from the last couple of mild winters, but Cllr Stone will soon be checking on his Snow Patrol volunteers to ensure they are ready to spring into action, if needed. If you would like to be a member of the snow clearance volunteer team, please email Cllr Harry Stone on [cllr.stone@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.stone@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk)

## Inclusive play equipment

## Inclusive roundabout for LD playground

The Parish Council agreed to the addition of an inclusive roundabout for the Lorkin Daniell playground, off Lexden Road by the Orpen Memorial Hall. The addition of this equipment will add another item to those that are fully accessible to those in wheelchairs in this well-used playground. The roundabout will be funded by section 106 (development) monies and reserves the PC had already put aside for this project. A suitable contractor will be chosen at upcoming November meeting.

## WB Community Hub

## Work paused at Orpen Memorial Hall

Work started, as planned, on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the hall for the new WB Community Hub 6m extension to the side of the John Lampon Hall. However, an unknown gas pipe was hit during the initial excavation work and now waits to be diverted by Cadent, the gas network company, before work can continue (even they were unaware it was there).

**Read the minutes of the meeting in full at [westbergholt-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/meetings/minutes/](https://westbergholt-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/meetings/minutes/)**