



Around the Green

Annual Accounts 2014 / 2015

Receipts

Precept	£9,067.02	
Grants	£507.60	
Recycling	£674.15	
Bank Interest	£11.20	
Other	£2,063.90	
VAT Repayment	£379.09	
		£12,702.96

Payments

Clerks Salary	£3,056.31	
Admin	£1,163.12	
Grants	£575.00	
Annual Subscriptions	£247.31	
Footpath Maintenance	£300.00	
Insurance	£399.11	
Inspection	£223.00	
Maintenance	£1,236.71	
Projects	£1,945.57	
Youth Council	£99.12	
VAT Paid	£397.71	
		£9,642.96

Excess of Receipts over Payments	£3,060.00
Add Balance Brought Forward	£18,210.15
Balance Carried Forward	£21,270.15

Represented by

Barclays Community	£100.00	
Barclays Premium	£10,069.76	
Barclays Tracker	£11,100.39	
Petty Cash	£0.00	
		£21,270.15

NPC Election Result

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BOWER, Russell Brandon		118 Elected
CRAWTE, Susan Karen commonly known as CRAWTE, Sue		141 Elected
PARKER, Lee Jonathan		196 Elected
POOLE, Colin James		137 Elected
PRESLAND, Paul Frederick		155 Elected
SCHWENK, Rita Carolyn		160 Elected
TAYLOR, Philip Mark		119 Elected
YOLLAND, Andrew John commonly known as YOLLAND, Andy		103

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

NPC Meetings

The Parish Council normally holds its meetings on the second Wednesday on alternate months starting in January.

The meetings are held in Newton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm and the meetings in 2015 are:

14th January

11th March

13th May

8th July

9th September

11th November.

The Public and Press are invited to attend with the Public Forum being held at the start of each meeting.

All Newton residents are encouraged to attend.

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on **Wednesday 22nd April**.

For further information please look at the Parish Council page on **newton.onesuffolk.net**

Newton Parish Council

Paul Presland (Chairman)	379204
Sue Crawte (Vice Chair)	581715
Russell Bower	07939 060878
Lee Parker	376073
Colin Poole	376448
Rita Schwenk	210838
Philip Taylor	211265

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Annual Report

Paul Presland delivered the Annual Report at the 122nd Annual Parish Assembly "It seems like only yesterday that I gave my first Chairman's report to the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Newton but time flies by very quickly and this is the last report I will present to you before my and fellow councillors' 'terms of office' come to a close. In the circumstances, I think it is appropriate to spend a moment to remind ourselves of what our aims and objectives have been over the last 4 years.

Like all Newton Parish Councils before us, we have been committed to developing and maintaining high standards of engagement with our community and working for the good of the parish of Newton. Although Newton Parish Council is part of a tier of local government, central to Councillors' thinking is always the fact that they are directly accountable to villagers and to our local community. Throughout their time in office, it is my belief that all Parish Councillors have selflessly discharged their duties with integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness and honesty. On your behalf, I would like to thank them all for their hard work and commitment. Of course our roles and responsibilities have been made considerably easier because of the support provided by our very experienced Clerk, Dave Crimmin. Dave provides the team with excellent advice, guidance and, when appropriate, clarification on procedural matters. In addition to the help provided by our Clerk, we are indebted to both James Finch, our Suffolk County Council representative and James Cartledge our Babergh District Council representative, for the commitment they show to our village. We are fortunate that crime in Newton remains a rarity but, nevertheless, we appreciate the regular reports from our community police officers because they inform us about local issues and alert us to anything that we need to look out for eg ensuring that sheds are secure to avoid opportunist theft.

The following items are a summary of the main areas of work that Councillors have been focusing on throughout the last twelve months. A full list of activities is available from the minutes of our meetings which are always in the public domain.

1. Affordable local housing needs. Hastoe Housing Association has been selected as the preferred partner for the Local Housing scheme. They have reviewed potential sites and are currently in discussion with local land owners. However, one of the possible sites, land directly opposite the Saracens Head, has recently been sold to a Colchester based developer. No further information is available at this stage.

2. Highways issues/ Road Safety Parish Survey. 92 responses. Main findings were Gateways at entry points to village, Pedestrian Crossing, Interactive speed signage, Improvement to Valley Rd/ A134 junction, Extension of 30mph, introduce 40mph immediately after 30mph and road sign to say Community Speed Watch Village. A meeting took place in 23 January with SCC Highways and we are still awaiting feedback from that meeting.

3. NPC Byelaws. It became necessary to update and amend the Newton Byelaws. Many thanks to Dave Crimmin for his painstaking hard work with this matter; the new Byelaws came into force on the 15/10/14 and there are new signs in the village clearly stating the rules

and regulations. Unfortunately, we do have a trader still operating from the layby on the A134 and Dave is currently liaising with the DVLA over this matter.

4. Newton Youth Council. Council has met on several occasions. Chair is Stephanie Poole, ably assisted by her brother William. Two NPC Councillors also attend the meeting on a temporary basis until new members can be found. The NYC has organised the purchase of a new Sports shed and is looking for donations of equipment.

5. Village amenities. Very shortly there will be a covered bus shelter erected directly opposite the Saracen's Head. There is a new bench to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the playing field.

6. Finance. An Expenditure budget of £11,185.91 was set in November 2014 and new Financial Regulations were also adopted in November 2014. The Parish Precept was agreed to be £9067.02

7. Planning applications. The number of planning applications has remained fairly consistent with previous years; some have been relatively straight forward, others have been more complex but in all cases, Councillors have reviewed the applicants using the correct legislative criteria to make their judgements.

8. Fireworks. A very successful event, 8th November; we were extremely fortunate with the weather, windy but dry!

9. Improving Broadband speed. We held an extremely constructive public meeting which was well attended by many villagers. NPC gave us an informative appraisal of the current situation and whilst for many of us our BB speed is painfully slow, we are, nevertheless, looking forward to the 'progress meeting' which will should take place in the autumn of this year.

10. Fit -Village Scheme. New venture, initially sponsored by Suffolk Sport, starting Pilates and Nordic Walking in village, May 2015

11. Supporting local organisations. This year we have made financial donations to the Kernos Centre to help to pay for the work they do for people with mental health problems, our local church to help pay for the upkeep of the churchyard and the British Legion Poppy appeal

12. Newton footpaths and grass areas around the village hall. We remain very pleased with the way our footpaths have been maintained this year and also the grassed areas around the Village Hall and we thank both contractors for their efforts.

13. Autumn and Spring Clear ups. These have taken place and I would like to thank those residents who turned out to pick up litter. They worked very hard and thoroughly deserved their bacon rolls. I would also like to thank all those residents who are picking up litter throughout the year, your efforts are noticed and they do make a difference!

Finally, I would like to thank all the villagers who do so much for our village. On this occasion I do not want to name individuals; you know who you are. Instead, I would prefer to simply say that without your commitment and enthusiasm Newton would be in danger of losing not only its sense of community but also its heart."