

Community and Recreation

It has been quite a busy year for Community and Recreation with a number of projects completed or in the process of completion.

- A Play and Open Space Working group was set up as a result of last year's Annual Town Meeting.
- 2 Defibrillators were purchased and installed at the MJH and The Bell Inn and 2 community training sessions were held for clubs and organisations meeting near to the two venues. Funding was received from The British Heart Foundation and our 4 District Councillor's Enabling budgets.
- Confirmation was received from the Land Registry that Oak Meadow has been formally transferred to the Town Council. A meeting has since been held with SCDC to discuss the possible transfer of a small play area – Holly Gardens and options for transfer of parts or the whole of Grange Meadow, which are currently owned and managed by SCDC.
- A bench has been installed on Long Strops for dog walkers/football spectators from Cllr Mower's Enabling Budget.
- After last year's Annual Town Meeting – articles went into Kesgrave News and on the Council's Website about responsible dog ownership and how to report people not clearing up after their dog. These have been repeated a number of times. PCSO Mike Sarbutts has been looking into a national initiative that is to be re-launched in Suffolk called "Paws on Patrol" which uses intelligence from responsible dog owners to deal with irresponsible dog owners and other anti-social behaviour.
- Barriers and bollards have been erected at the entrance to the Millennium Jubilee Hall Car Park and bollards at Cedarwood Walk, Peart Grove, The Woolnoughs and a pedestrian guard rail at the entrance to Oak Meadow from Ropes Drive. These efforts are to control or restrict access by motor vehicles onto public open spaces.
- A condition survey of trees on public open spaces that the Town Council is responsible for has taken place.

- An all-weather surface was put down at Oak Meadow for the football kick-about area with funding from SPARK, this has freed up space for further play equipment which will be installed there in April, thanks to our 4 District Councillors Enabling budgets and the Section 106 funds held for Kesgrave by Suffolk Coastal District Council. A tarmac footpath is to be laid from the existing footpath across to the main entrance and bike stands moved to the entrances.
- Outdoor Exercise Equipment has been installed at Oak Meadow – section 106 funds
- Notice boards were erected at MJH and beside Pilbroughs Walk/Ashdale Walk.
- A number of events were organised:
 - The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Fun Day at MJ Sports ground.
 - The Senior Citizen's outing.
 - Remembrance service.
 - Christmas Lights Switch-on
 - Evening of Reflection
- Building on the popular family event Christmas Lights Switch-on, there will be more lights in the Rupert Fison Centre for the Christmas Lights Switch-on and a synthetic Ice rink will be in place for the weekend of 25/26 November with free sessions for children attending Kesgrave Primary Schools, thanks to funding from our District Councillors Lawson, Lynch, McCallum and Mower.
- This week the volunteers we have recruited will undergo training to supervise the Mobile Skate park to enable children and young people to enjoy skateboarding sessions during the Whitsun holiday at Cedarwood Primary School. Funding for this was from Suffolk Coastal's Holiday Activity Fund.

Annual Town Meeting – 4th April 2017

