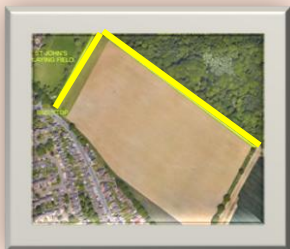


PUBLIC FOOTPATH APPLICATION



The committee has been supported by one of our residents to submit a **new footpath application**. We have applied to make the paths along the playing field and in front of Bullock Woods public footpaths. We are awaiting an outcome of the application from ECC.



WORRYING INCIDENTS

Some residents have reported smelling and seeing fires in Bullock Wood.

Please remember....

 It's a protected nature site (SSSI) because it's important for wildlife.

 It has rare types of trees (hazel and sessile oak)

 It supports lots of different plants and animals

POTHOLES

To report a pothole, use the QR code or visit the website

<https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us>



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KEEP ST JOHN'S TIDY

Did you know that you can report your concerns regarding our streets and environment to Colchester City Council. Issues such as overflowing bins, graffiti and fly tipping can be reported using the following link or QR code.

<https://www.colchester.gov.uk/StreetCleaningRequest/>



NEWSLETTER

1st Edition – Summer 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Residents,

I hope that you will have noticed that since July 2025 St John's Residents Association has once again become active. This is our Summer newsletter, and our first edition, which we hope will provide you with updates on community issues, activities and what is happening in our 'Save Our Fields' campaign.

'Save Our Fields' has been met with an avalanche of community spirit and support, which has been fantastic, and we thank all of you who have contributed to our cause so far. In this issue we will specifically focus on providing you with an update on the campaign and how you can get involved.

Neil & Sarah Evans, Co-Chairs St John's Residents

ST JOHN'S SAYS NO



Our 'Save Our Field' campaign, is battling to protect the piece of land shown on this map, it has been identified for future development. Sadly, potentially 2000 houses could be built across this site and into Welshwood.

We are opposing the Colchester City Council's Local Plan to hopefully stop any development. We are currently in Section 18, the public consultation period, which closes on 26th August 2026.

We will update you in our Autumn Newsletter on the outcome and next steps.

LOCAL PRESS AND PUBLICITY SUCCESS

See the related newspaper articles for our contribution to the National Day of Action



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TELEGRAPH

Photo by John McLennon

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NEWS ON COMMUNITY EVENTS



BINGO - £3,000 RAISED



QUIZ NIGHT £1,000 RAISED

Thank you so much for all your generous donations and participation in our fundraising events. With your support, so far, we have managed to pay for ecology, arboriculturist and a specialist planning report that were all submitted in objection to the Colchester City Council Local Plan.

As already mentioned, we are in Section 18 of the Local Plan process which is due to finish in August this year. Following this, Section 19 will commence and during this process we may need the support of further specialist reports to battle against any development.

For this reason, it is important for our fundraising efforts to continue.

Please enjoy the community spirit while raising money for our cause.

DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We are a small committee who are always ready to welcome new members to join us. So, if you feel that you have some spare time to help your community please get in touch.

CURRENT VACANCY - SECRETARY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wimbledon Bingo Night

St John's Community Hall

£10 per person Friday 17th July (7-10PM)

Join us for another fun fundraising event at St John's Community Hall (next to St John's Church). This time we'll be doing a Wimbledon themed bingo night. Please bring your own nibbles and drinks. Strawberries & cream will be available on the night.

Children welcome Fancy dress (optional)

To request tickets please email stjohnsfieldsra@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 29th June
Town Hall

'Have your say'
Email us if you are attending

Friday 17th July
Bingo Night
Email to reserve tickets

Friday 4th September
AGM

Friday 27th November
Barn Dance
with live band