



filby

in bloom

a lovely place to be

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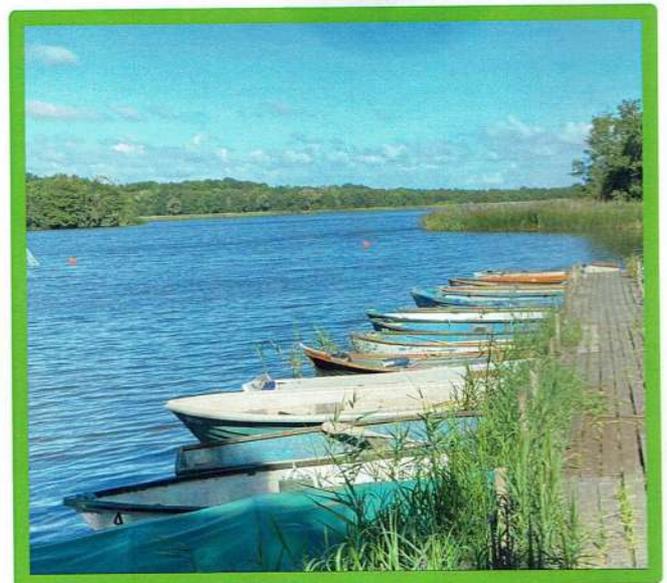
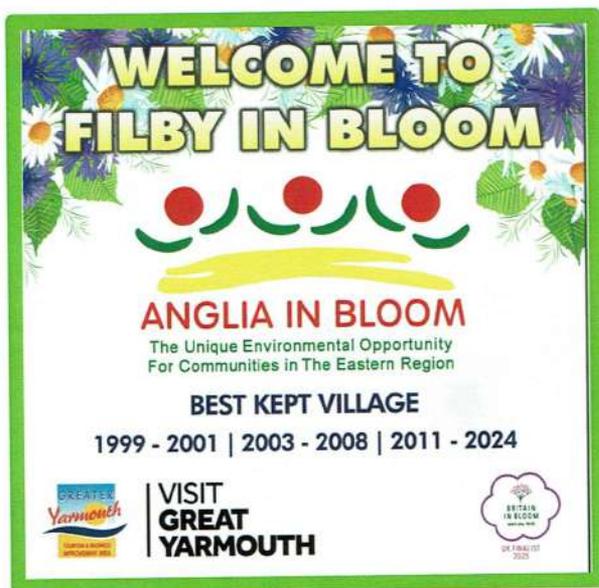
ABOUT FILBY

WELCOME TO OUR SMALL BUT BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE OF FILBY

What sets Filby apart? The answer is simple: Set on the edge of the The Broads National Park Britain's largest protected wetland. It covers fens, marshes and woodlands making it a vital area for nature and biodiversity. Add to this the extraordinary community which thrives under the leadership of a passionate and diverse group of individuals from all walks of life. This unique blend of energy and creativity has helped Filby shine, with its stunning Broads, fresh air, expansive skies, scenic walks, and breathtaking floral displays. Together, these qualities make it one of the country's most desirable places to live and visit. Boasting almost 25 years of Gold Standard awards for being the best-kept village, Filby shows no signs of slowing down or resting on its achievements. Instead, the community remains committed to continuous improvement!

HOW OUR PAST EXPERIENCES - HAVE HELPED US PROGRESS

Our first occasion showcasing our village, took place in 1995 and proved to be a steep learning curve with results that were less than inspiring. However, at Filby, we are quick to adapt and improve! Many of the dedicated members who carried the torch before us have, unfortunately, passed on. These hardworking individuals laid the groundwork for the many successes we have enjoyed since, and we remember them with gratitude and respect. We are also deeply thankful to the numerous judges who have generously given their time to visit, share their expertise and provide valuable advice on how we can continue to grow and excel.



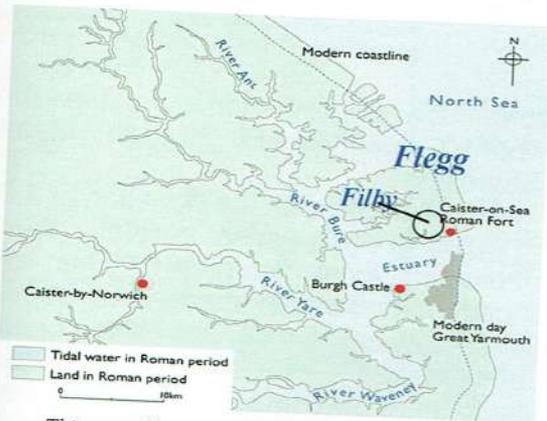
A BRIEF HISTORY OF FILBY

ROMANS - VIKINGS AND BLOOMERS! Filby's lands were once part of a small, inaccessible island in the North Sea, known as the Island of Flegg. Over time, the sea receded as it silted up, creating more land mass, and bridges were built to connect it to the mainland. Today, Filby is situated in the heart of East Anglia's fertile and thriving agricultural region. This area is renowned for producing soft fruits, vegetables, poultry, grains, and sugar beet, among other crops. Farmers here have been feeding communities for centuries, a tradition deeply rooted in the region's history.

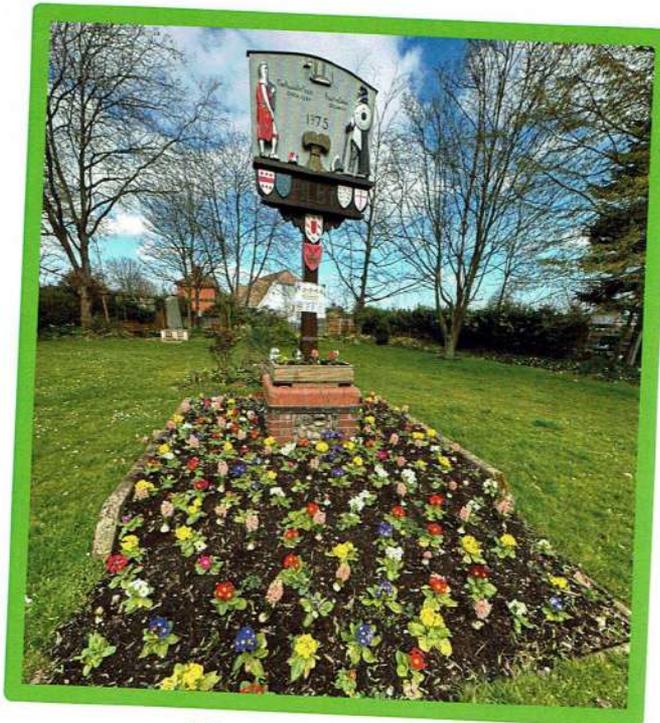
Evidence of human activity in the area dates back to around 200 AD, with a Roman Shore Fort located just two miles away in Caister. This fort served as a garrison for up to 1,000 naval and army personnel. After the Romans left around 400 AD, the land was settled by Vikings, and artefacts from both Roman and Viking eras continue to be discovered today. The village itself takes its name from File the Dane, reflecting its rich and layered heritage.

FAST FORWARD TO 2025 Bloomers ARE THE DRIVING FORCE!

A1,B1,C1



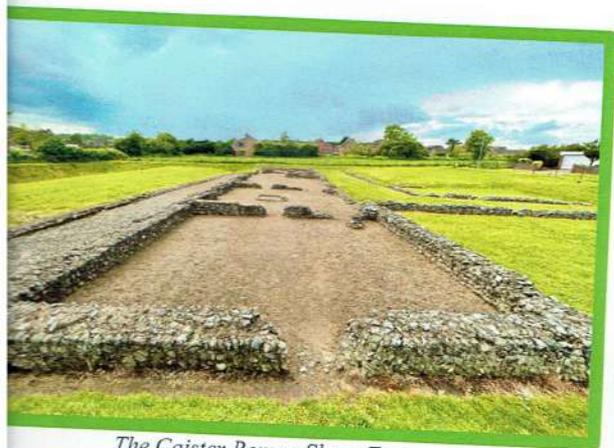
This map illustrates The Island of Flegg, with Filby close to the the Roman Fort, in 200AD



The Village Sign

The Sign depicts File the Dane and Sir Ralph de Fileby. In Medieval times this area was used to hold stray cattle. The owners paid a fee to recover their stock. Today it is a pride of place, a centre piece of the village with a memorial to the Prisoners of WW2.

The sign was generously and immaculately restored by Nick and Susan Dawes during the Covid Lock-downs of 2020/21



The Caister Roman Shore Fort

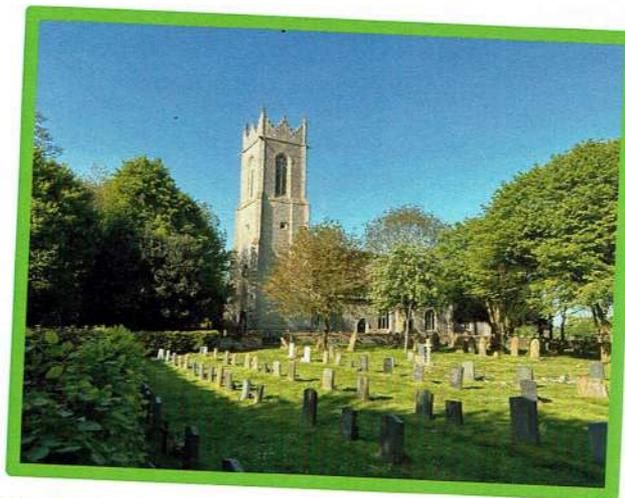
English Heritage carefully preserve and maintain this unique part of our local history The Flint Built Roman Fort.



The Jam Shed

The Hub of the Bygone Raspberry Industry in Filby

was once renowned for its market gardens, produced over six tons of raspberries each. The fruit was transported to the Jam Shed—built over 150 years ago—by horse and before being sent onward by road and train to London's bustling fruit markets. Today, the Jam Shed is honored with a vibrant wall, a delightful attraction for both residents and visitors to enjoy.



Filby's Parish Church was largely constructed in the Fourteenth Century with the tower completed by the 16th Century, the Church was significantly restored during the 19th Century. Part of the roof is thatch. The Recently established Charity will allow the restoration of the Bells plus a 6th Bell in order that a full circle can be performed and a full peal involving some 720 changes = 4320 rings.

BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Over the years, Filby has built a stellar reputation for its breathtaking floral displays and warm, welcoming atmosphere, making it one of the United Kingdom's most desirable places to live. Our well-supported Facebook page—regularly reaching over 20,000 views—received hundreds of heartfelt messages from visitors last year alone, a testament to the pride our team takes in their efforts to brighten someone's day. Many locals and travelers alike have shared how they intentionally take a detour through our village on their daily commutes, preferring its serene charm and uplifting ambiance over a shorter, less scenic route.

Inspired by this goodwill and the positive impact it creates, the FIBT took the initiative to extend its efforts to neighboring villages. The goal was to collaborate with local organisations to enhance floral and

environmental improvements in the three neighboring parishes—Fleggburgh, Mautby, and Stokesby.

The initiative began with the donation of 3,000 spring bulbs to each parish, carefully planted by dedicated local volunteers. This effort continued with vibrant spring and summer bedding displays, bringing seasonal colour to the landscape. In addition to beautification, practical improvements were also made, including the installation of dog waste bins in each parish.

Further enhancements soon followed, with the introduction of a scheduled bus service, new road surfacing, and a pedestrian crossing—making the area greener, safer, and more accessible for everyone. Over the years, the number of spring bulbs planted has grown into the tens of thousands, leaving a lasting legacy of natural beauty and community spirit.



OUR HARDWORKING BLOOMERS

This small and dedicated hard working team meet each Saturday morning throughout the year for cleaning, planting, painting, sweeping, mulching, weeding, watering etc. When they break for coffee ideas are discussed and volunteers happily take on different projects. We work well with a **Horizontal Hierarchy** as everyone is equal, we each have a common goal in making FILBY **village a better place in which to live.**

However, it doesn't just stop with a Saturday morning, many of the members can be seen during the week carrying out extra projects, including repairs, emptying Bins, litter picking and taking part in other aspects of caring for this extraordinary village.

We extend our appreciation to **Filby Bridge Restaurant**, managed by Louise and Tony Elms and Richard Barns for hosting the Monthly Quizzes, raising valuable funds for In Bloom and All Saints Church Filby.

Sadly, one of our longest serving members, Percy Hudson passed away in March 25 aged 93. Percy will be sorely missed for his continued hard work and creative skills which are evident throughout the village.

On the 26 August 2019 the Floral Display Border, at the junction of Thrigby Road and Main Road, The Mayor of Great Yarmouth named this "**The Percy Hudson Bed**" in recognition of the many, tireless years of hard work carried out by Percy with his creative mind.

OUR ENTHUSIASTIC FILBY IN BLOOM TEAM

FILBY HALT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS A UK EVENT SITE

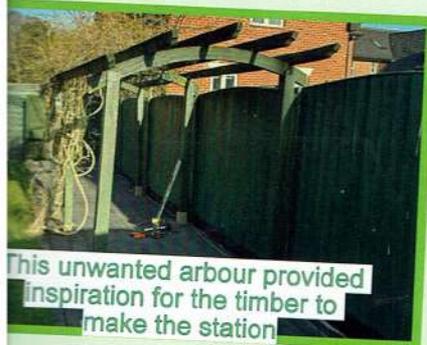


Adorning our Newly Built Railway 200 Platform Display

Joy, Julie, Debbie, Mervyn, Marie, Jo, Juliette, Ian

Glenn, Ted, David, Nick, Tom, Adrian

Ray, Annette, Eoin, Derek, Barry, Charles, Jenny, Lewis, Michael, Amber and many more in the waiting room!



This unwanted arbour provided inspiration for the timber to make the station



The Team clearing the railway track of a heavy planter



Old pallets used to create platform



Recycling old planters for station



Tom Planing the platform

REVIEW OF OUR YEAR

JUNE 24

Ray and Annette Hurt knowledgeable filbee beekeepers carefully extracting a Batch of Honey, ready for our Judges. To sample.
70th Playing-field Anniversary celebration.



JULY

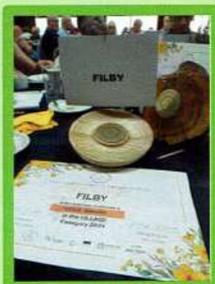
Bloomers celebrating 60 years of Britain in Bloom with our hippies convertible, flower power Mini.

Filby residents Open Gardens Event record number supported.

AUGUST

Jenny Thompson showing Judges the new charity shed shop which raises thousands for those in need and helps our Village fund raising.

August Bank holiday Monday Fete, The biggest fund raising event of the year.



SEPTEMBER

Filby attended two awards ceremonies and scooped up golds in both. Here is the coveted best Village award.

Our apiary has performed very well this year thanks to all our beekeepers.

OCTOBER

WE RECYCLE EVERYTHING!!
This planter was donated and will be sawn in half to make two planters for growing School Veg.

FIBT Clearing the Ditches to prevent Flooding.



NOVEMBER

Annual Firework Event Raising £7000 EXCELLENT attendance. Fun Fair & Over 50 volunteers attending.

Engaging village primary School Children with litter reduction initiative scheme.



DECEMBER

Well supported Free Children's Christmas Party with Santa at the Village Hall

Our Illuminated Christmas Tree erected at the Village Pound

JANUARY 25

BT Met on 4 Jan for maintenance improvements and strategy planning.

EW fencing erected around Village Hall/Club Room/ Bittern



FEBRUARY

Planting Spring flowers from previous years, recycled stock.

Pancake Face-off with Jo Our Esteemed Vicar. Some Potential pushing was observed!

MARCH

of the most outstanding seasons experienced, the from the Hyacinths was ordinary

ericy Hudson Border planted narcissus, crocus & hyacinth d a long season.



APRIL

Late March Early April sees the arrival of the 25000 plug plants for team to plant on.

Introducing the Sunflower project to the excited school children who sowed seeds.

Commemorations at Village Tree Event Picnic in the Park

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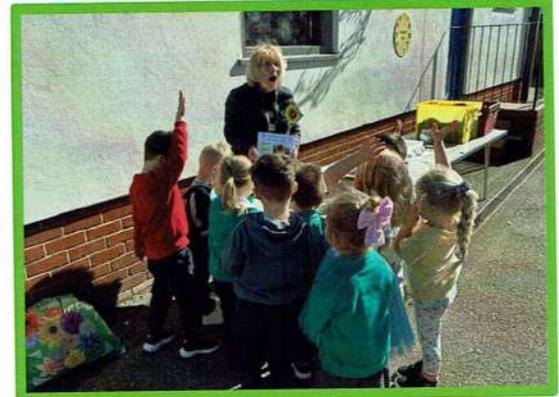


HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

Teaching the gardeners of tomorrow.

CHILDREN PLANTING SUNFLOWERS A1, A2, B2, C2

An attempt to engage and educate parents with horticulture we decided the route would be to educate every Filby school child in how to grow vegetables and sunflowers. Each child planted two Sun flower seeds in fibre pots. One to take home to parents and one to grow in the village as part of our displays and our bee apiary. Written care instructions, and plant part name sheets were created and taken home and the children's reaction with their parents was perfect. **Jean Unstead FIBT** here instructing and teaching the children.



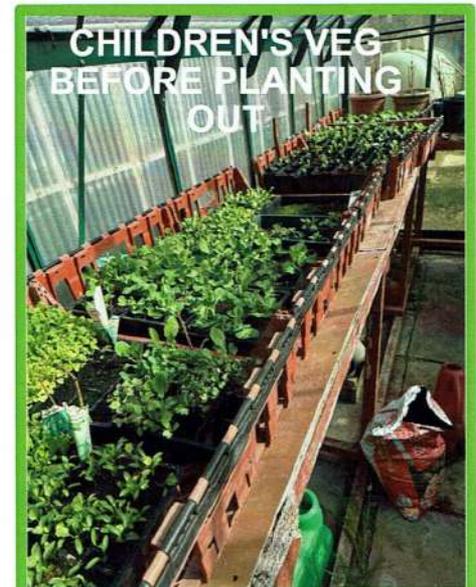
SCHOOL GARDEN A1, A2, A3, B2

Here we partner with the Filby school to grow salad and vegetables that the children will take home and eat. A local Farmer donated a generous supply of potatoes for the children to plant. These three varieties were especially selected for growing by McCaine Fries, Kentucky Fried Chicken and McDonald's. Our intentions here were to educate the children that Chipped potatoes come from growing in the ground and not out of a box! The overall aim is to engage them in horticulture and biodiversity at a young age.

Here are a group of children planting vegetable seeds in our greenhouse



School Children Planting potatoes at School Garden



A1,A2,A3,A4,B1,B2,B3,C1

CLEARING BASKETS TO COMPOST B3

This process is normally conducted in October, however, as the season was pleasantly extended by the dry warm weather, we started this operation in mid November. Having removed all the hanging baskets from their various locations and transferring them back to the Farm, they are then carefully dismantled. We aim to **recycle as many coconut liners as practical**, in addition to the metal baskets. Plants that can not be reused are then transferred to compost bins together with growing medium which we will reuse after approximately 2 years **around 1000 Begonia corms were saved for 2023**

HOMEMADE COMPOST B3

As a small village we are blessed to have the resources available provided by Thompson's Farm to create and develop, amongst many things, our own **peat free** compost by **Recycling**. This will save hundreds of pounds each year and is very important for plant health and the environment. The batch in this image had been started over 2 years ago and transferred to our new heavy duty modular composting system. The product will normally be used in borders to improve drainage reduce evaporation and increase moisture retention.

NEXT SPRINGS PLANTING A1,A2,A3

Forward planning is essential to our preparation for the various seasons. Using the green houses to their maximum efficiency, means saving time and money. The example here are polyanthus which will be used at different sites, together with previous years **recycled** plants, throughout the village. Spring bulbs remain in pots allowing the planting of them and speedy removal without damage in readiness for summer displays the tuberous begonias, they are lifted before the first frosts to be **Recycled**.

BEGONIA CORMS A1,A2,A3,B3

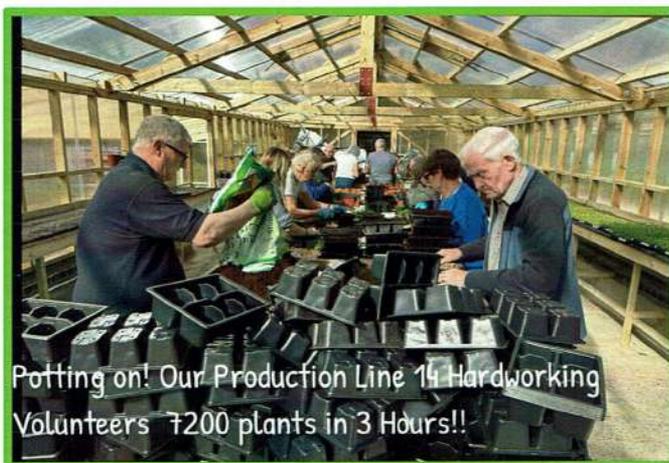
With the tuberous begonias, they are lifted before the first frosts to be **Recycled**. The dry tubers are then stored in barely moist soil in one of the frost-free sheds, which does not fall below 7°C then watered occasionally to prevent any shriveling. **We save as many as possible** from the previous year, providing 50 - 60% of our needs and purchase the balance for our planting requirements. **Our volunteer group is small** compared to many of our competitors, therefore, consideration to **display maintenance is paramount** due to the constraints of time. **We consider these plants important in our summer displays** due to their bright colours providing high impact which we are told is what our regular visitors and residents mainly enjoy and want to see.

HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

GROWING ON FACILITIES A1,A2,A3,A4.

On 1 November 24, Following the results of Anglia and Great Yarmouth in Bloom, the **FIBT met with PENTLAND PLANTS** to plan the 2025 seasons choices and planting schemes. Following the teams careful consideration These were ordered and purchased in December from Pentlands nurseries in Scotland.

This year the order consisted of **25,000 plugs** with delivery commencing from the last week in March. Our newly constructed Greenhouses, **along with 4 additional Greenhouses** provide adequate space for the village growing on requirements. The images illustrate some of the industrious Saturday team manning a production line, filling the plant trays with growing medium, indenting the pots and then adding the plugs ready for transfer to the green house. As the trays are filled they are transferred to the next greenhouse and replaced by the next tray. As a small village, with limited funds, we have to be as creative with our methods. The planters and pots are washed out and **recycled** each year **Recycling** as many alternative resources. **Here bread crates are being used to contain the plant trays** and then carefully transferring them ready for watering. **The potting up process is carried out each Saturday and continues for around 6 weeks, plus additional weekdays.** The growing medium is made up of our own **recycled** compost mixed with **peat free** John Innes No3. Images adjacent illustrate various stages



Potting on! Our Production Line 14 Hardworking Volunteers 7200 plants in 3 Hours!!

USE OF PEAT A2,B2

Since 2008 FIB have made a concerted effort to reduce and in many cases completely eliminate to use of peat. By producing our own compost and the use of John Innes Peat Free growing mediums we achieve excellent results. What little Peat used is limited to the 20inch hanging baskets for its water retention qualities and lighter weight for health and safety concerns while hanging above footpaths. Our recent tests on Peat Free are from Sylva Grow a UK Based Company which further more reduces our Carbon Miles and provide satisfactory results.



A1,A2,A3,A4,B1,B2,C1

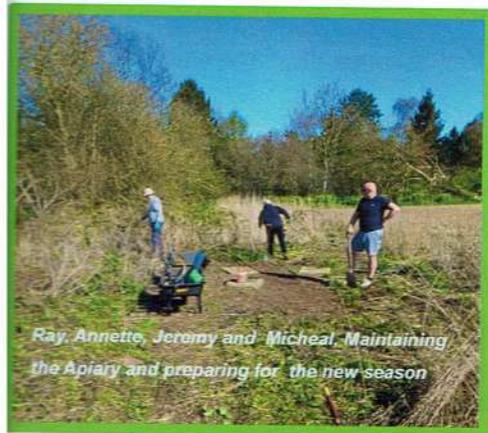
WHAT DO RESIDENTS WANT? A1,A2,A3,A4,B1,B2,B3,C1,C2,C3

In November FIBT invited Villagers to attend a meeting at the Village Hall for wine and nibbles with an aim to establish what the Villagers would like to see or how they would like the Filby in Bloom team to move forward.

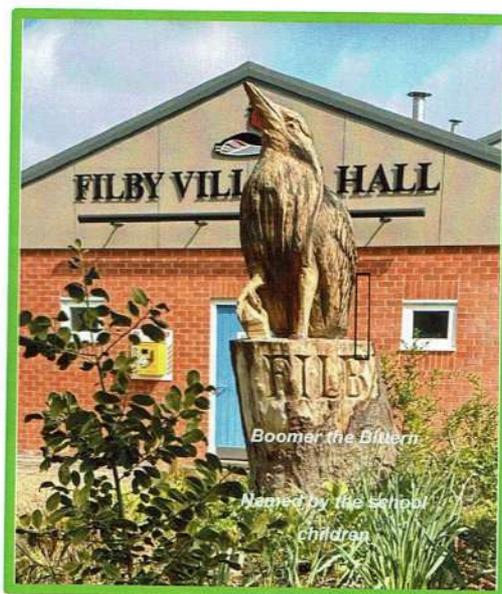
The meeting was well supported and drew additional members. An abundance of fresh ideas were raised and welcomed. In Particular the addition of far more perennial, sustainable and drought tolerant planting which would require less watering. These were purchased from Pentland Plants.



Village resident meeting to discuss how in Bloom might develop



Ray, Annette, Jeremy and Micheal, Maintaining the Apiary and preparing for the new season



Boomer the Bittern

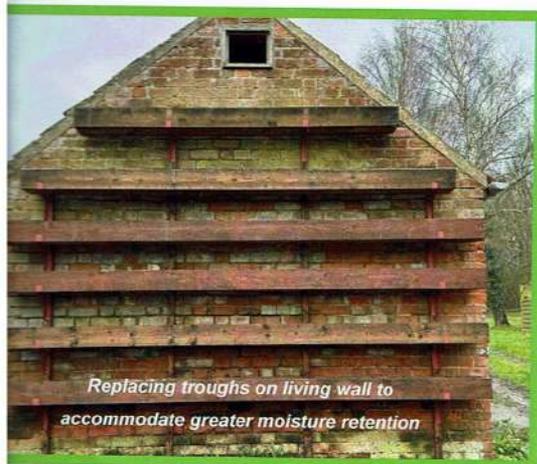
Named by the School Children

VILLAGE HALL BITTERN AND SHRUB BED A1,A2,A3,A4,B1,B2,B3,C1,C2,C3

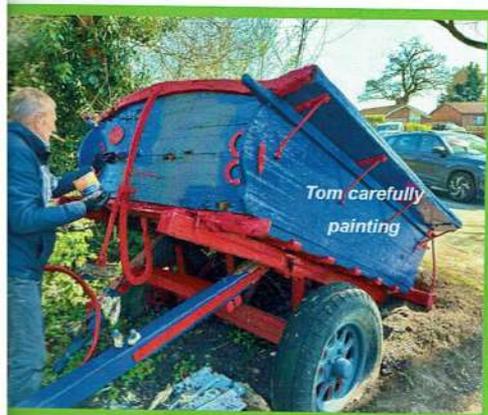
As in previous years **Hundreds of hours** were spent by the team this year, improving our displays. A creative way to **recycle** a dead tree stump with a **carving of a Bittern named Boomer by the School Children**, at the village hall.

Here **Tom** is painstakingly restoring the painted detail of an ancient horse drawn manure cart, which serves as one of our attractive displays.

Replacing the plant troughs, with larger, at the Living wall as well as the car park planters. Also Clearing the Silted Village pond to increase wild life and improve the biodiversity.



Replacing troughs on living wall to accommodate greater moisture retention



Tom carefully painting

HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

VILLAGE CLUB ROOM SENSORY GARDEN WITH SEATING AREA AND WHEEL CHAIR ACCESS A1.A2.A3,B1

Set in the grounds of a delightful 18th Century thatched cottage and in the shadow of our new Bittern Carving, built with clay from the local Clay-pit, lies our Club Room. Here we have created a cottage garden dominated by **perennial pollinators** with an area to stimulate the senses. In January it was decided to update this garden using some money from a donation, left by a former FIBT member who sadly passed away.

The plans included a retaining wall constructed from rustic sleepers enclosing a patio area that contain a table and chairs, for the enjoyment of the community. A wheelchair friendly path leading from the Clubroom car park down to the sensory garden and the seated patio area will be of benefit to those with mobility issues. The irrigation is supported by a hand made award winning water feature made from **Recycled** materials which was donated to the village a few years ago.



NEW GREEN HOUSE AND OUTBUILDING A1

Plans were submitted to Broadland District Council for the demolition of two Asbestos Constructed farm buildings, at Thompson's Farm and replaced with a 3600 sq feet purpose built temperature controlled green house and lean to which will accommodate all the growing needs of FIB for many years to come. Also an outbuilding of similar size for storage purposes. Here are some of the Blooming team at the opening in December.

BUSINESS PREMISES A1,A2,A3,A4

Despite a minimal number of businesses located in the village they all are involved in support of FIB. The Shop and Post Office is a hub of information and **retails Filby In Bloom products** including; **plant sales, postcards, key rings and fridge magnets**. There is also a donation box on the counter to attract contributions plus the 100 lottery. The Filby Bridge Restaurant with stunning views of Filby and Little Ormsby Broad is an vital asset to the community for the catering services it provides. This year New Planters have been constructed and the materials purchased from Funds raised by Jenny Thompsons Charity Shed Shop. Highlighting the Value of **Recycling!** The Restaurant has always hosted **well supported Quiz nights** on a monthly basis which generate valuable funds for FIB in addition to other Village organisations.



A1,A2,A3,B1,B2,B3,C3

PLANTING THE SUMMER DISPLAYS A2,B2,C3

INVOLVING THE YOUNG!

A standard 400mm wire hanging basket is used with coconut liner, each containing 15 plants. Trailing Begonias, Petunia, Verbenas and Calibrachoas. 180 Hanging Baskets are planned to be displayed in 2025 of which 90 will be produced ourselves and 90 from Moulton Nurseries, based near Acle. This is very labour intensive and an opportunity to encourage some of the **younger members of the community to become future horticulturists. Hopefully tomorrows Bloomers!**

PLANT NOURISHMENT A1,A2, B3

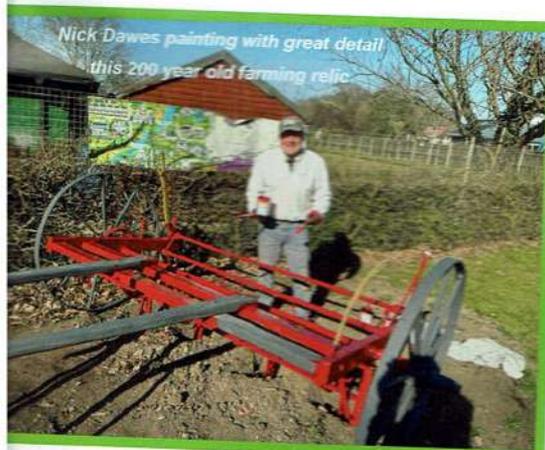
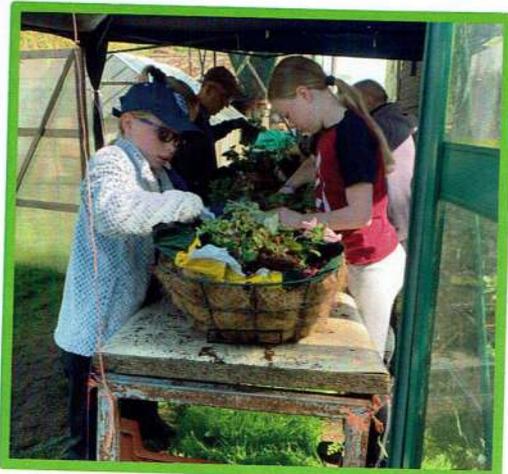
Every November, FIBT receive an invaluable gift of 5 Tons of Cattle Manure, **from John Doyle**, a local Farmer, which is used to fertilise the display beds and baskets. In addition to this we add a low level **1% mix of Doff Tomato feed** to our irrigation thus providing a gentle ongoing feed throughout the growing season. This feed is diluted direct to our **1000 litre Recycled water bowser** which is supplied direct from a bore hole at Thompson's farm avoiding the use of **potentially toxic*** tap water. * As advised by DWI

NEW BEDS FOR 2025/26 A1,A2

In order to maintain interest, FIBT, introduce something new each year. In 2021 we commemorated the 75th anniversary of VE day with a new bed outside the Bowling Club. For 2022 New Planters either side of the Millennium Clock Shelter. This year we have improved the Percy Hudson Bed at the entrance to Thrigby Road with spring bulbs and at Poplar drive. **NEW PLANTERS TO THE RESTAURANT** Together with a A further bench has been installed to overlook the Wild Life Meadow. Plus two new resin benches at the Pound. **As a nod to the the holiday destination our location is situated in and the 30 year anniversary of Anglia in Bloom**, a nearby caravan park sponsored a caravan which will be planted up and attached to our convertible mini. 30 years ago, caravans played a huge part in folks holidays in this region.

SUGAR BEET SEED DRILL A1,A2,A3,A4, B1,

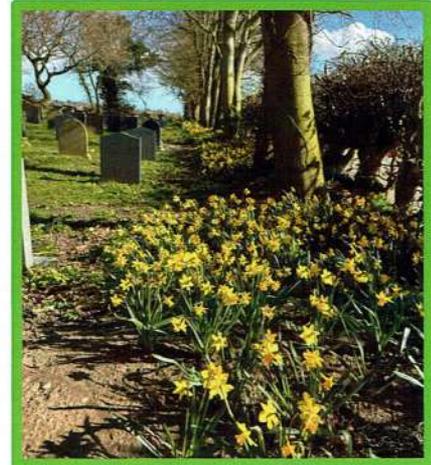
Adjacent to the River Yare in the Neighbouring village of Cantley, British Sugar have a processing plant producing over 200,000 Tonnes of sugar annually by some 800 UK Growers. The Edlington seed drill, was originally used to sow the beet seeds. FIB were gifted this wonderful **refurbished** museum piece of local history, from a local farmer who notes it was built around 1830. Here Nick Dawes is sprucing it up in Blue, Yellow and Russian Red. **The display bed is planted in spring and summer to highlight our agricultural heritage.**



HORTICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT

NEW 2025 A1,A2,A3,A4

Following the introduction of Trinity woods and the wild flower meadow, significant effort has been made, in particular by FIBT member **Ian Richardson and Nick Dawes**, tidying graves, replacing the aggregate, dressing the hedges to an attractive height and most recently the planting of Standard Rose Trees and also narcissus by **Debbie Moore and Mervyn Gibson**. This has made a striking improvement to the Burial ground to the point that some folk have said they now wish to reserve places for themselves.



BEE CORRIDOR RIGHT PLANT RIGHT PLACE A1,A2,A3,A4, B2

FIBT attempt wherever possible to select and grow the right plants for the right place. We partner with the **Norfolk Wild Life Trust** and jointly planned planting schemes to accommodate the introduction of a **Bee Corridor along the A1064**, our main road. This is supported by our farming community who set aside areas within their fields to encourage and maintain rich pollinator activity. Examples pertinent to FIB will show border Impact, Covering up, Fragrance, Architectural and Berries. **In a further effort to increase Bee activity FIBT formed a splinter group and built a apiary now increased to four hives in 3rd year.**



WATERING A2,B3

At the height of Summer, **2000 litres of water are required to irrigate the FIB displays, per day.** This water is drawn from a Bore Hole at Thompson's farm Borehole water is a sustainable source, as it comes from an aquifer deep underground, which is naturally replenished. The batteries used to pump the water are charged using the Post Offices PVs. **Water Butts are sited at Thompson's farm, the school, the club room, the allotments, the orchard and in most residents gardens** enabling the **recycling** of as much rainwater as possible. The hanging baskets are also lined with **recycled** polythene from used bags, **as recommended by the RHS, to increase water retention.**



POPLAR DRIVE BEDS. A1,A2,A3,A4,B1,B2,C2

A new feature added in 2019 was the Windmill built by Percy Hudson to recognize the use of wind as a wind pump to drain the land and mills as an early flour producing, building in our agricultural heritage. After Percy completed the build, he discovered it was **too large to remove it from the work shop.** After a good chuckle he quickly dismantled it! Percy has recently refurbished the Windmill.

With an additional 500 Bulbs this provided an attractive spring display. Perennials and drought resistant varieties have been added here. These beds were also extended on Judges recommendations to include the grass verges at the front.





SPRING DISPLAYS A1, A2, A3, A4,C1.

We **recycle 1200 polyanthus** from our previous year displays and heel them into moist ground under a tree line to develop during the summer and autumn. We then purchase a further 1400 from Pentlands, these are carefully planted in beds at the Pound, the Playing field, the Bridge and planters at the public car park. We currently have around **24,000 spring bulbs** many of these are grown in pots and planted into the display beds making it convenient to lift when **preparing the beds for our Summer displays.** This year we introduced a **high number of hyacinths for the pollinators and the scent.**



WILD FLOWER BORDER A3,A4, B1, B2, B3,C3

A new wild flower border has been added to the Filby Community, planted in late November, a 400sq meter Border of Wild Flowers surrounding the Playing field. With some 40 varieties of perennial flowers, this project will further increase the Villages Bio diversity and massively increase the pollinator activity assisting our bee corridor. The school children enjoy learning from this project.

PLANTING AT THE POUND A2,A3,A4.

Containing many perennials and Pollinator attracting plants, the beds in this area provide one of the central focus points in the Village throughout the year. With excellent seating capacity for visitors and residents to enjoy a rest in the shade of the larger trees or simply some quiet time for contemplation. The Saturday team are here planting our summer displays.



COMMUNITY ORCHARD A1,B1,C1 NORFOLK VARIETIES

Joan Saul put forward a proposal back in November 2007 to create a Community orchard to benefit the Villagers with an adjacent **Wild Life garden, with logs, rock piles, bug hotel, compost bins** and more which improves the **biodiversity.** This has developed over the ensuing years in an allotment donated by Steven Elderkin and by 2011 a **total of 72 trees** had been planted. With a storage shed and water butts, these trees are maintained by FIB and other volunteers. The varieties are identified on a plaque in the orchard. Last Autumn a generous gathering of locals saw the Wassailing - a pagan event deemed encourage good spirits to ensure a fulfilling harvest for the following season. Our Village History depicts Anglo Saxon Settlements and this is a celebration from those times.



ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

FILBY LANDS TRUST. TRINITY WOOD & CHURCH MEADOW B1,C1,C2,C

Using the neighbourhood plan to increase biodiversity, Ken Saul, a local ecologist and Folk Musician, put forward a suggestion to establish a Lands Trust. The purpose is for the Parish to purchase parcels of land and possibly buildings, to conserve and control development.

Following planning **permission for a poultry farm** at Church Lane, one of the conditions of planning was a gift of half an acre of land to the Parish for future burial ground. Following this the purchase of a further half acre was negotiated to square the land off.

50% of this land was planted as new woodland in partnership with **Norfolk Wildlife Trust** for community use and to contribute to the reduction of global warming by absorbing CO2 emissions. The other half will remain a wild flower meadow with an abundance of pollinator friendly plants - until needed for burial in 50+ years time. This year a local developer has donated a stretch of land which will allow the village to create an all weather path from Thrigby Road to All Saints Church

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP C1

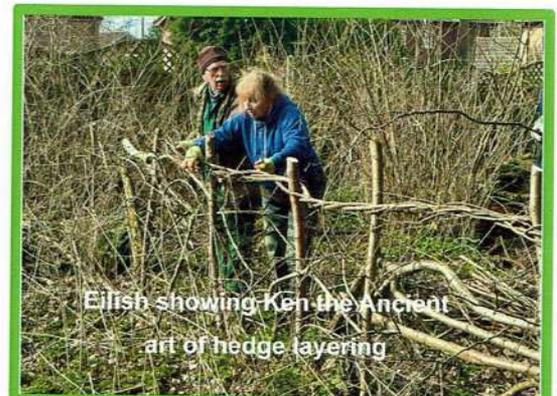
The Trust succeeded in gaining grant aid to purchase the land (Essex & Suffolk Water Branch Out funding). It has, also, obtained the gift of some **400 woodland trees** from the (Woodland Trust) and has also raised additional funding for Hedgerow trees, Wildflower Meadow planting and creating a Wildlife Pond. Specimen trees were donated by residents. Initial work was completed in **Spring**. **£1000 worth of wild flower seed** were generously donated by Thrigby Wildlife Park. **The Project is ongoing and new benches have now been installed for folk to enjoy the peace and tranquillity.**

TREE AND HEDGE PLANTING B1,B2, C1,C2, C3

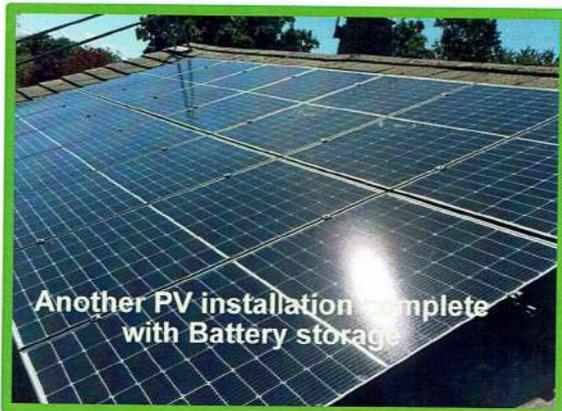
As mentioned NWT provided over **400 Trees** of various varieties including Blackthorn, Rowan, Silver Birch, Hawthorn and Hazel. Sure favourites to increase wild life. New Bird and Bat boxes have also been added.

Around 50 local Volunteers and others from about the Norfolk County, have taken part in this amazing project, this also includes the sowing of **Church Meadow** with Wild Flowers kindly donated by Thrigby Wildlife Gardens, which will serve the Filby community and visitors for decades to come. Ken and his wife Joan entertained the volunteers as they worked with song.

As a consequence, this project will further help to **educate the local children** of Filby school in the importance of enhancing **habitat and biodiversity**. Many villagers now focus on habitat creation and restoration, planting native species, supporting pollinators, and promote sustainable practices in their daily life and work.



B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3



Another PV installation complete with Battery storage

REDUCING ENERGY REQUIREMENTS B1, B2

In 2016 a bank of 40 photo-voltaic cells (Solar Panels) PVs. Were installed at the Village Hall. The power generated is primarily used to heat water.

Current estimates of ALMOST **£14000** has been saved against oil, which with the rising fuel costs will increase. PVs are also installed at the post office and numerous properties throughout the village including the **new chicken farm**. A further bank are sited on the post office roof which are used to charge the batteries which supply the bore hole pump which is used to irrigate the floral displays. The local plan deems all new property developments are encouraged to include Pvs.



Car Chargers are now a very common sight in Filby

LOWERING CARBON FOOTPRINT B1.

In Policy H2 design in the NHP any new developments that reduce energy consumption are encouraged. All new housing will be required to meet the highest possible energy efficiency standards. **Electric vehicle charging points are expected as part of any new development.** Coupled to this, new properties are being installed with Ground or Air source heat pumps and there has been an explosion in the number of existing properties and businesses, locally, adding solar power and storage batteries to their properties. Anecdotally there are NOW some 45% of village private cars propelled by electricity, either full or hybrid.



A Filby Blue tit house hunting in April

NEST BOXES B1, B2, B3

The late Percy Hudson produced and with the team installed **40 nesting** boxes at various sites throughout the village. Further bat, owl and bird boxes have been added with an additional **12 this year built** from **recycled** damaged pallets. In addition to these local farmer Edward Wharton has a further **80 boxes** around the area, as a contract for growing **blackcurrants for Ribena**.

Members of the FIBT check on boxes to monitor activity and structural integrity, replacing when necessary .

DISSENTERS CHAPEL B1, A PRIDE OF PLACE



A historic place located near the Orchard and Wild Flower Garden. **Built in 1705** and used as a meeting house this small building allegedly would accommodate **up to 200 folk** who formed part of the **Unitarian Faith**. The site contains the graves of 7 members of the congregation including that of the founder Henry Dalziel.

It began its life as a Timber build then replaced by brickwork in late 1890s. Sadly it was severely **damaged by a German Bomb** in 1940 and eventually demolished. In 1990 **The Filby Society** cleared the overgrown site laid it out in its present form.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

LITTER BINS AND LITTER PICKING B3

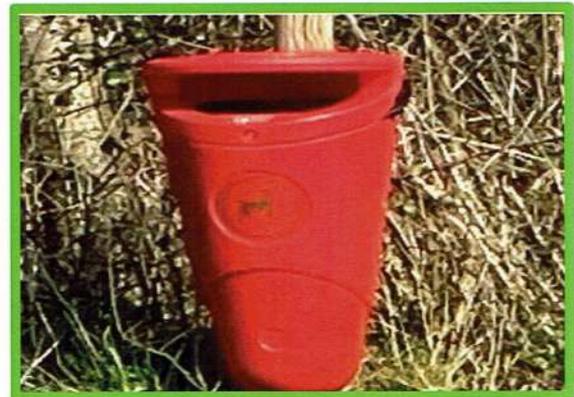
The parish Council provide litter bins at key locations. eg Bus Stops, and the Pound. There are a further 5 bins situated in the playing field. Unfortunately the village does experience litter, primarily from passing vehicles which includes; bottles, cigarette packets, cans, coffee cups, sweet wrappers and fast food containers. Our **FIBT members pick litter on a bi weekly basis** and have also participated in the **Great British Spring Clean 21 Mar - 6 Apr**. After the litter is collected it is mostly **recycled**. Here are **Tom, David and Eoin** Filling sacks with dumped litter



DOG WASTE BINS B3.

The Parish Council have sited DWBs throughout the village, nature reserve, near the Church and the allotments also popular dog walking routes. These are emptied frequently by FIBT.

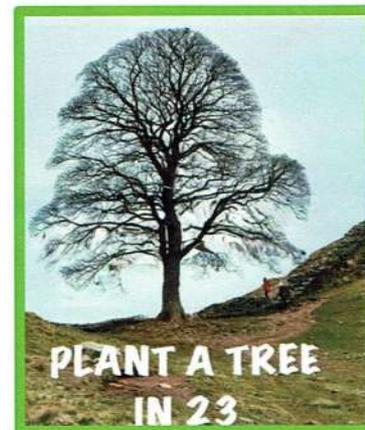
It is evident this has a positive impact on the environment as the bins fill very quickly and there is minimal dog fouling in the village. In order to protect children and those using the playing fields for sports, from the risk of roundworm, dogs are prohibited from that area.



TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO) B2

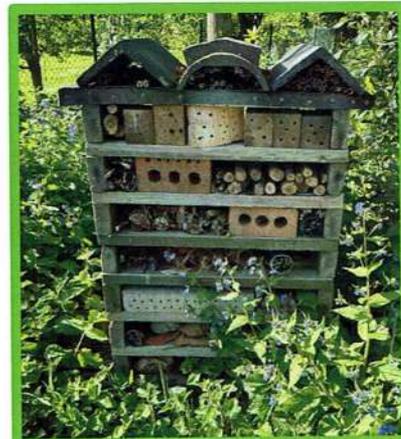
During the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, it became evident that there were only 13 Areas protected and the last order was placed in 2000. There have been two incidents during the previous 24 months where the Local and Parish Councilors have been urgently contacted to visit sites and place emergency orders. This action resulted in saving 18 trees from destruction.

Our active Facebook page announced a Project **PLANT A TREE IN 23** to increase the planting of trees using the destruction of the Sycamore Tree at Hadrian's Wall as an symbol to draw attention to the importance. This was well received and as a result Over 100 trees have been planted in the Village during the last 22 months these include Oaks, Hazel, Dogwood, Elder, Silver Birch, Hawthorn plus many fruit, many of these trees had been donated, grown by local residents over a period of years.



GIANT BUG HOTEL AT COMMUNITY ORCHARD B2,B3

FIBT built a generous sized bug hotel, From **Recycled Materials**, at the Community orchard and Wild Life Garden, to help protect the insects over winter and throughout the year. There has been evidence of and not limited to; Bees, Lady Birds, Woodlice, Spiders, Frogs, Centipedes, beetles, moth larvae and lacewings. All making themselves comfortable. The Birds and Hedgehogs appreciate the tasty treats they provide.



B1,B2,B3,C1,

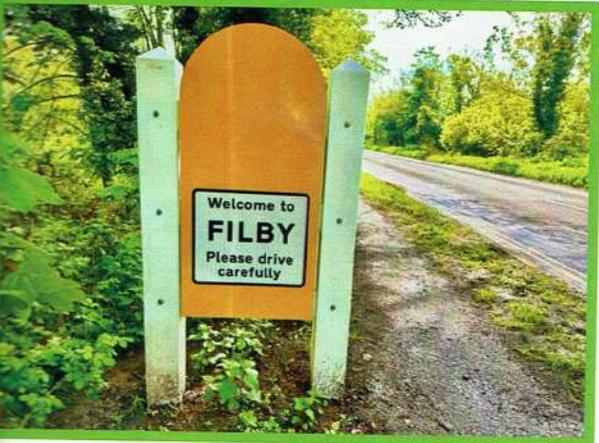
ROAD SWEEPING MACHINE B1, B3 C2



Cleaner kerbs and gutters with our own road sweeper

In an effort to Keep Filby looking spic and span It was decided to purchase a Road sweeper, In the first Instance we explored the Village Hall fund however, these are ring-fenced exclusively for matters pertaining to the playing field and Hall and would infringe charity commission covenants, Therefore Jenny Thompson's Charity Shed Shop came to the rescue with a sum approaching £3000 to purchase equipment that attaches to a small John Dere tractor owned by Adrian Thompson. The Once again showing the positive impact **RECYCLING** has on our community!

NEW GATEWAY SIGNAGE. B1,B3,C1



The neighbourhood plan considered new Gateway signage, reminding driver's to slow to the prescribed **30mph SPEED limit** and give the impression the road was narrower. Slower speeds improve air quality and reduce accidents. The Parish Council submitted a proposal using a Parish Partnership scheme with the Parish Council and the Norfolk County Council contributing 50% each. The Parish contribution would be added to the local council tax levy.

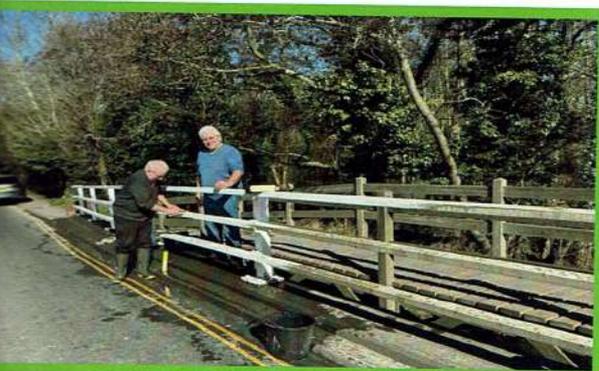
FILBY BROAD NATURE RESERVE BIODIVERSITY IN ACTION B1, B2,C2



Managed, by two of our partners, **Norfolk Wildlife Trust** and the **Broads Authority** the Nature reserve is a place of scientific Interest and receives regular on going management and wildlife activity monitoring. It is enjoyed by many visitors on a daily basis and regularly provides a great platform for educating in the importance of improving and protecting biodiversity.

The Filby Broad, Nature Reserve enjoyed a total investment of **£70,000** which included a new boardwalk, pathway and the clearing of a dyke to encourage the breeding of fish. Barn and tawny owls, Muntjac Deer, Herons, Otters, Bitterns and Kingfishers are just a sample of the inhabitants.

BRIDGE and ROAD SIGN CLEANING B4, C1



Adjacent to the nature reserve, the A1064 with around 5 million vehicle movements passing annually, our bridge, over the pretty broads, sees its fair share of wear, tear and traffic grime. Here are **Ian, Ted and Adrian** using a biologically friendly cleaner to bring it back to its pristine condition. We deliberately wait until some road works in the village block the road for safety reasons.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

FILBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2020 – 2030 B1,B2,B3

This is by far the most important project Filby Parish Council has undertaken for many years. Working alongside consultants, at a cost of **£9000**, this 34 page legally binding document will shape the development of Filby over the next 10 years. A survey from each householder in addition to numerous meetings were conducted to create the document.

The objective is to ensure the natural environment is a key consideration in all decisions about how Filby changes;

1. Conserve and enhance Filby's ecological work.
2. Ensure any future housing development, meets the needs of current and future residents.
3. Promote sensitive development that protects and enriches the landscape, safeguarding key views and protecting vital agricultural land.
4. Respond to climate change, promotion of sustainable development and energy efficiency.
5. Conserve the appearance and settings of heritage assets.
6. Protect important green spaces.
7. Promote access to the countryside for recreation and enjoyment.
8. Reduce the impact of traffic through the village with the introduction of Gateway signs signifying a change of speed.

Using this document as our framework the FIBT continues to improve the area in many ways:-

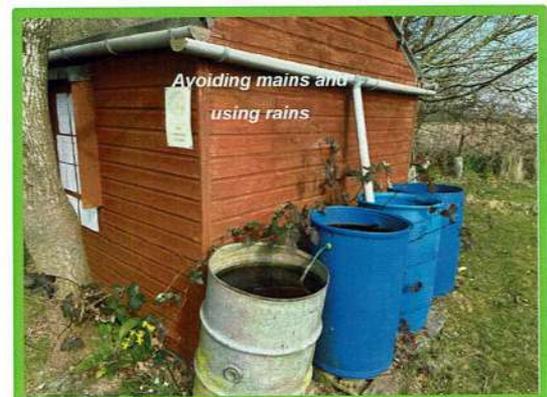
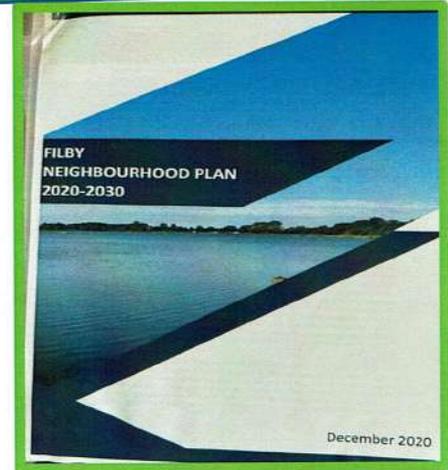
To formalise the document, the Residents of the Village were invited to take part in an official referendum on Thursday 24 February 22. Of the 244 ballot papers that were cast, **225 voted in favour of the Neighbourhood plan being accepted.**

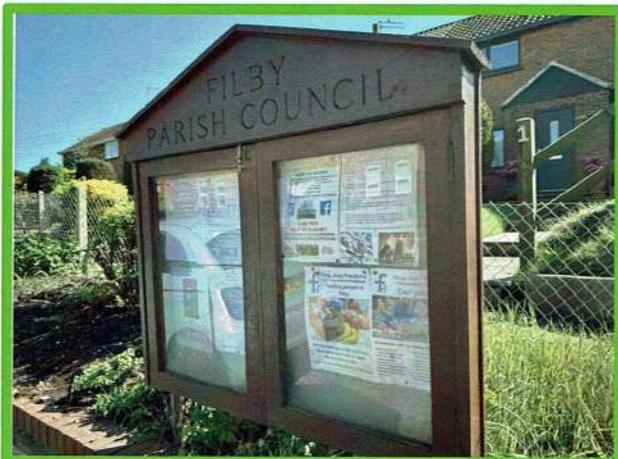
The success of this document has led us, this year, to the preparation stage of the sequel which will take the village on to 2040.

MINIMISING THE USE OF PESTICIDES B3

FIBT avoid the use of pesticides and opt for natural methods which include hand weeding.

Rain water saving with use of water butts on established plants. These are cleaned annually to prevent contamination.





REFURBISHED NOTICE BOARDS B1, C1,C2,C3.

FIBT Transferred the Village notice board from the wall of the Jam Shed to enable the very eye catching Living Wall to be constructed. The late Percy Hudson, refurbished the board and it was placed in the School Car Park, where it is visible by a greater number of people. The board at the Post Office has been renewed and now used magnets to affix the notices instead of pins. All other boards have been **refurbished** and regularly used to **improve community participation**



This Clothing donation / bank recycling booth and recycling bins raise thousands of pounds each year for the local community

DOMESTIC WASTE RECYCLING B2, C2,C3

Newspapers, Clothes, Shoes Household items and Glass can be left at the **recycling** banks by the Post Office. There are further bottle banks at the Kings Head PH and The Filby Bridge Restaurant, During 2024 22 Tonnes of Glass was collected 23 Tons of Paper which translates to an income approaching **£4000**.

GTYBC collect domestic wheely bins bi weekly for recycling, garden waste and general rubbish. **The Recycle booth is behind the tall Green door, (see below)**

FILBY CHARITY SHED SHOP B2, C1,C3 RECYCLING AT ITS BEST

Jenny Thompson - Our Champion Recycler. opened an outbuilding, having it fitted out by some of the FIBT. Jenny has a passion to help others and especially those in need. Old clothes and unwanted household items are donated by locals into the **Recycling booth** at the shop car park. Jenny then sorts the items into those suitable for selling and those for trade recycling. Raising much needed funds from both sources. The shop is open most weekends and since its inception in 24 months, has raised in excess of £85,000. This is being distributed to a wide range of donees. Further details can be found on page 29.



INCREASING WILDLIFE ACTIVITY, B1

To encourage more wildlife into residents gardens the Committee purchased 50 Hedgehog Highway fence access gateways. By screwing this device onto a fence then forming a hole into the fence behind allows these delightful creatures and other small mammals to roam between gardens and open spaces improving BIODIVERSITY. Here is a rare sight of one in action.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION B1,C1,C2,C3

Similar to many Villages, Filby has an array of organisations each working towards their own objectives. The FIBT acts as a catalyst for many of these various organisations, delivering a Village that really is “**A Lovely Place to Be**” One example, a Display bed has been created, by FIBT to Highlight the **Church Bell Restoration fund**, with a goal of **reaching £120,000**, through grants, lottery funding and donations. In tradition, The In Bloom Team acts as the cement, bonding together and maintaining a stronger community.

FILBY PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE B1,C1.C2.C3

Following the end of the 2nd WW, In 1945, The Filby Parish Council met to decide how to welcome home the returning Servicemen and Women. It was agreed to invite them to a dinner and social evening at the Church Hall then presided by Rev H H Peck MA who was chairman. Later Mr Percy English was appointed the position of Ways and Means and following fund raising events, by 1952, a balance of £450 remained in the coffers it was agreed to purchase the Playing Field from Rollesby Hall Estate for the sum of £600. The balance was raised from Village Fetes. Today the committee consists of 22 members who run various events during the year including the hire of the Hall and Club Room the revenue for the year 2024 was £45,162 There is a current balance of **£125,524** In addition to the Village dance, a wonderful free party was arranged for the **Children of the Village** in the Village Hall playing field. This very well attended event marked this Historic occasion admirably,

FILBY LANDS TRUST INVITATION C1, C2, C3

A further example of various Filby organisations banding together for the benefit of all.



**BOXING DAY
WALK**

Join us for a leisurely stroll of
approximately 2½ miles.
Boots or stout shoes are advised

MEET 10.30 am.
on FILBY CHURCH CAR PARK

Dogs
on leads
Welcome



Today Our flourishing Village Hall is used daily for a huge number of events A Popular Wedding Venue, Pilates, Dance Classes, Gardening Club, Drama Groups, WI, Film Club, public meetings etc Some 30 different organisations regularly use the resource.

Children at the Primary School entertaining the Judges with an aptly created horticultural song.





FILBY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB A1,2,3,C1,C2,C3

The very well supported Club meets, in Filby Village Hall, at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Expertly driven and organised by Caroline and Sue, all are welcome. Those wishing to become members pay an annual membership fee of £15. Guests are charged at £3.00 per meeting, redeemable against the subsequent purchase of a membership fee. Refreshments are free at all meetings. A summer garden party is free to all members annually and guests pay a fee of £ 5

PUBLICITY C2

As a popular visitor destination, FIB take the matter of publicity very serious and produce press releases to Regional and National Media. As best kept Village, Filby was featured by **BBC's The One Show** as well as **BBC Look East**. In addition regular Newspaper features and National Glossy Magazines.



With conventional Newspapers receiving less subscribers due to online social media and obviously less attention, we we relaunched our **Facebook page in May22**. Currently it reaches over 100,000 views per annum. The number of positive comments from visitors is astonishing and has reached thousands. It serves to increase awareness of village events whilst educating and promoting the importance of the RHS and AIB.



Credit to Archant Norfolk Magazine



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY C1

Started in 2017 it was decided to provide the local children with a free Christmas Party as a thank you for being involved in the Britain In Bloom judging day during the School Summer Holidays. The idea was a success with almost every child and their parents turning out to welcome the Judges. This has now become a regular event and financed by the Playing field £615, In Bloom £301 committees and Filby Poor Trustees £600. A Total of £1516. Each Child receives a free educational gift from Father Christmas. What better way to engage with the young of the Village - our little Bloomers. In fact some of our own "Bloomers" attended the village school and hopefully the cycle will continue.



FREE CHILDREN'S PARTY WITH GIFT

EASTER C1,C3

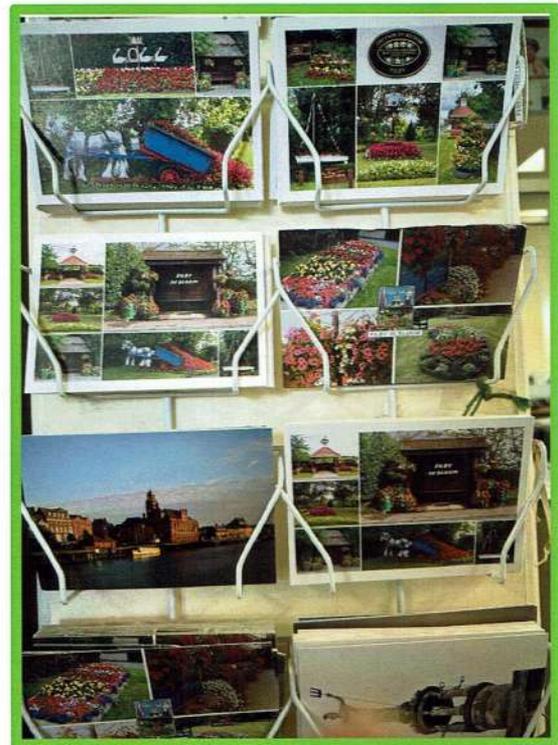
The Easter Fayre Fund raiser, Plus The Village held several events to commemorate Easter in the Church as well as the Village Hall

CHRISTMAS BAZAR C1,C3

A Firm favourite, this annual event raised £660 for Village Funds

THE FILBY FLYER AND FREE YEAR PLANNER C2

Each month The Village residents are informed of local events and news through the **A4 leaflet drop** and **Annually a free A3 double sided year planner.**



Filby In Bloom Postcards for Sale

BRANDED PRODUCTS C3

For sale in the village store and post office, the village launched a **500 piece Jigsaw**. This year a new range of **Post Cards, Key Rings and Fridge Magnets** were added, plus a revamping of the boxes of biscuits, toffees and fudge. Also each home receives a **Large A3 size, free copy, of the Filby In Bloom Year Planner**, notifying all the village events for the year. This helps to keep everyone up to date and in tune with all projects **encouraging and garnering maximum support.** Proceeds from the sale of these items go to supporting FIB.

Aforementioned the playing field was purchased by the Filby Community 70 years ago. To commemorate this milestone Jeremy Lucas, a descendant of the late, landowner, Rev Charles Lucas who donated £200 to build Filby School Room in 1852, will be attending an event on June 6. When the School Children will be given a token fridge magnet and a Pen in recognition. There will also be a Village dance held on the following Friday.



B1,C1,C2,C3



OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND A1,A2, B1,C1, C3

July 2024 saw the Third open gardens weekend since the virus impacted. **20 private gardens / businesses** participated, welcoming visitors to enjoy their labours. In the extreme heat some sold cold bottles of water with the proceeds to FIB. The Hall and the Church hosted food and beverages, art exhibition, tombola and other fund raising schemes. The weekend concluded with Songs of Praise at All Saints Church. The Jean Green Trophy was presented to the best garden and **£3,670** was raised and was distributed between the Church, FIB and The Playing field. This year we introduced **kerb appeal competition**, Judged by the **BBC garden presenters** Nominations of some 25 properties took place with a prize awarded to best and certificates to runners up.



FILBY COMMUNITY SPEED-WATCH.B1, C1,C2

Results from our neighbourhood plan survey revealed vehicles traveling in excess of 30mph was the second highest concern after over development. As a consequence **The Speed watch Team** was formed under the direction of **David Bishop** and includes members of the In Bloom Team. The team of 8 volunteers take watch positions for two hours every week. They are equipped with a Norfolk Police Speed Radar Gun. Results show that **85%** are traveling at 30mph or less. A general reduction in speed has been recorded. This good community driven project has been further enhanced with Filby Parish Council joining partnership with Fleggburgh Parish Council purchasing 3No SAM2 traffic signs in total, which monitor the traffic at various locations 24/7. **A Total of £9,000 invested.**



The Busy A1064 through the village, produces over **Five Million vehicle movements each year**. In Partnership with Norfolk Police we are committed to achieving casualty reduction reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads. Obviously, speed reduction of vehicles also reduces traffic noise and pollution making Filby a better place to live. **IN ADDITION A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WILL BE INSTALLED LATER THIS YEAR.**

FILBY IN BLOOM COFFEE MORNINGS C1,C2,C3

These commenced in January 2014 and held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Very popular and well supported by our local residents and nearby visitors. Funds raised go to FIB and the Children's Christmas Party. **£960** was raised last year. These events serve to increase awareness of the many additional events that take place in the village and drive up the membership of each of them. Socialising, fun as well as education are the prime influencers to their success.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY FETE 2025 C1,C3

This is the largest social event on the Filby Calendar. Each Village organization are represented with a free stall to raise their own funds. In addition there are a further 50 stalls from independents and charities. Attractions include Bell Ringing, Car and Tractor Display, Plate Smashing, Coconut Shies, Bucking Bronco and so much more. Our last Fete was 28 August, hugely supported and raised £4254. FIBT set up the event and cleared up the following day. **This year we are all set for Monday 25 August.**



SHORT MAT BOWLS C1,C2,C3

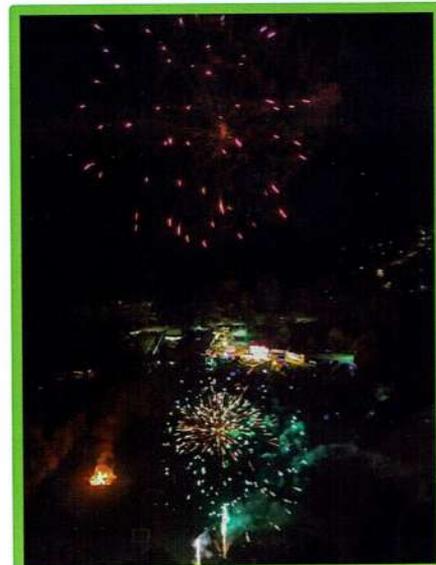
6 September saw the start of the indoor bowls season in the village hall attracting a great attendance for spectators and participants new and old. We recognise community bowls, in Filby, offers numerous advantages, including fostering social interaction, promoting physical activity, and enhancing mental well-being. It provides a sense of community and belonging, encourages regular exercise, and offers opportunities for mental stimulation and stress management.

Short Mat Bowls
Starting again at Filby Village Hall.
Friday 6th September 2 pm to 4:30.
Bowls can be provided.
New members very welcome.

ANNUAL BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2/11/25 C1,C3

Back in 1987 a large Oak tree fell, at the far end of the playing field, during the extraordinary gales. After the timber had been cleared a large stump remained. This formed the catalyst for our first Bonfire Night complete with Roasted Chestnuts, Hot soup and bread Rolls. A few years later Fireworks were introduced and each year the size of the event increased with the addition of a fun fair and hot food stalls. 2024 saw an attendance of over 2500 adults and children that produced a net fund raise of £6,905. FIBT built the Bonfire and manned the event and also cleared the site the following Monday. Including reseeding the burned turf to return it to its normal appearance. **This years event will take place on 2nd November 2025**

Filby Playing Field
Bonfire & Fireworks
Sunday 3rd November 2024
Gates open at 5pm
Bonfire 6pm
followed by Fireworks
Admission £5 CASH ONLY
FREE CAR PARKING
UNDER 5's FREE
80% of surplus to Filby Playing Field, 20% to Filby in Bloom
HOT FOOD • FAIRGROUND RIDES



B1,C1,C2,C3



FOUR DEFIBRILLATORS

B1,C1

We have four Defibrillators sited in our village. The Post Office, The School, The Village Hall and The Kings Head. These improve survival rates during cardiac arrest, which is a leading cause of death. In rural areas, the time it takes for professional help to arrive can be longer, so having a defibrillator available to the public can be a life-saving measure. Early defibrillation, combined with CPR, significantly increases the chances of survival.

For every minute a person is in cardiac arrest without CPR and a defibrillator, their chance of survival decreases by 10%. These are maintained by Heart 2 Heart.



FILBY WARM ROOM COMMUNITY HELP GROUP C1

As a result of the extraordinary increases in fuel costs it was agreed to **provide a facility, at least one day each week**, at our Village Club Room, for those in need of company and heat. The scheme was very successful and provided support for as many as 20 guests of all ages - on a Friday between 8am and 5.30pm until end of March. Hot drinks, cakes and biscuits were available free of charge to those in attendance. Also games, jigsaws, a 72inch TV and Radio were also at hand for those requiring. Many said it was a pleasure to meet up with others, therefore, it provided excellent social support. **This was funded by the Village Playing Field Committee and kindly hosted by Michael Thornton.**



FREE FILBY VILLAGE SCREEN B1,C2,C3

To help those who live alone feel they still belong to the community and address the issues of loneliness the Village screens films, on a monthly basis. Film shows are at 2:30pm in Filby Village Hall on the third Tuesday of every month. Currently there is one afternoon performance. Doors open at 2pm when attendees can enjoy a chat with other audience members, before the film starts. The format includes a short film and then free refreshments in the interval before the main film starts.

VILLAGE HALL BINGO C1,C2,C3

The very popular game of Bingo is played every four weeks in the village clubroom. This is well attended and is seen to provide; a Sense of Community, Combating Social Isolation, Cognitive Stimulation, Enhancing Emotional Well-Being, Promoting Physical Activity and Inter-generational connections. Many of the older members of the community see this as another opportunity of gaining a social outlet without having to travel from the village.



FOR TOMORROWS SUCCESS

KEY DATES C1

FILBY IN BLOOM Volunteers every Saturday 9 - Noon

Bingo 2nd Friday in the Month

Coffee Mornings 2nd Thursday in the Month

Gardening Club 2nd Tuesday in the Month

Free Film Club + Free Refreshments 3rd Tuesday Monthly

Quiz Night last Thursday in Month

V E Commemorations Monday 5 May
Playing Field, DJ, Bar, Cakes, A centenarian has been invited

Norfolk Show 25 and 26, June

Open Gardens 19,20 July

71st Annual Fete Mon 25 August

Begin Planting Spring Bulbs Sat 20 September

Agree New Planting Schemes and Order

Halloween Party 31 October

Firework Display Sunday 2 November

Remembrance Sunday 9 November

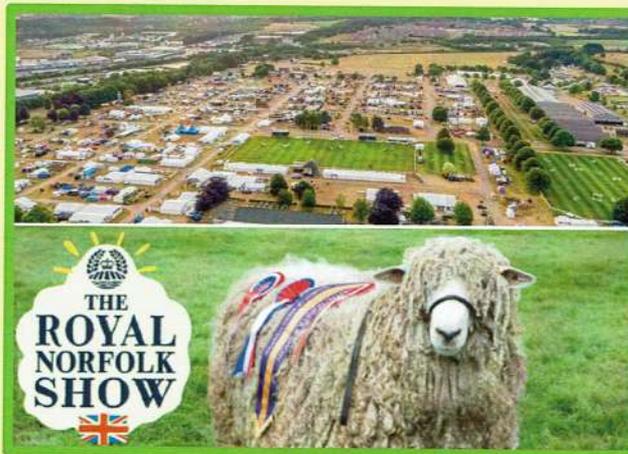
Christmas Day Dinner for those alone

FIBT Strategy Meeting 3 January 2026

New Plug Plants begin arriving 24 March 26



Party in the park. Filby Playing Field 1pm - 4pm



Royal Norfolk Show

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS DINNER C1 DEC 2025

Loneliness and Rural Isolation is not simply a National problem but sadly is also evident in and around our beautiful Village. Jenny Thompson proposed the idea of a Village Christmas Dinner on 25 December. For anyone on their own. Filby playing field Committee has offered the Hall free of charge. Jenny started the ball rolling with £1000 by selling unwanted gold jewelry. Although no BLOOMS were involved we are delighted this is a BUDDING contribution to the Social Fabric or our Community.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FILBY IN BLOOM ACCOUNTS JUN 24 – MAY 25

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
B/F	880	Plants	7000
20% of Fireworks Display	1381	H/Baskets	1800
Parish council	4000	Insurance	452
Gt Yarm BID	1500	Painting	220
30% Open Gardens	942	New Signs	130
4 x Restaurant Quiz	1200	Timber	352
50% Christmas Fayre	650	Spring Bulbs	500
Charity Shed Shop	2000	Tom Food/Fleece	
Donations/Shop Collection	2500	pots	3387
			13841
		C/F	1212
	15053		15053

FILBY IN BLOOM ACCOUNTS C3

The accounts reflect the ongoing impact of tightening council budgets, also how the BID support was reduced by 50% for the third year. However, residents enormous efforts for **RECYCLING** unwanted items through Jenny's Shed shop has had a massive impact in our recovery and benefited so many additional local good causes.

Here is the list so far

Donations to December 2023	£22,574
Grit bin, Lacons Corner, Mautby	£50
Four D-Day peace flags	£145
Filby August Fete raffle prize	£200
Spring bulbs for all the villages	£2083
Fleggburgh Children's Christmas Party	£200
Donation to surgical bed Fleggburgh surgery	£165
Filby Children's Christmas Party	£200
Filby School donation from Ceilidh	£275
Filby Bells restoration donation from Ceilidh	£275
Fleggburgh Flag pole and flag	£256
Stokesby Flag pole and flag	£473
Runham Flag Pole and flag	£370
Filby/Fleggburgh open gardens bus	£200
Fleggburgh Rectory fence	£200
Summer flowers Fleggburgh, Runham and Stokesby	£200
Total to December 2024	£5292
Total to date	£27,866

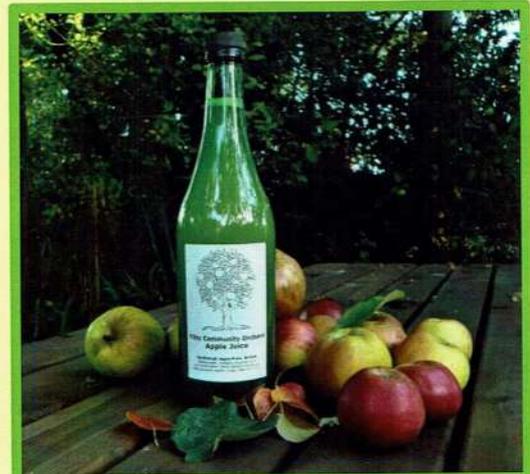


Residents Village Christmas Message
from
Councillor Thompson Dec 23.
Adrian Thompson Was re elected in May
23 With close to an 80% Majority
for a further 4 years

Councillor Thompson's Local Donations C3

During the May 2019 Local Council Elections, Independent Candidate, Adrian Thompson, promised that if elected he would donate his official Council business, attendance allowance, back to the attached villages for environmental enhancement. This currently amounts to an outstanding £27,866

The benefit of this generous contribution is visually evident in all the villages mentioned and welcomed by all the residents.



Apples from our
Community Orchard
pressed, bottled and ready
For Sale from Sept 25
We enjoyed a similar
success with our
Filbee Honey.

LIST OF SPONSORS

Great Yarmouth BID

Broad Farm Holiday Park	Burghwood Landscapes
Broadland Nursery	Cushions Timber
Filby Parish Council	C Warton and Partners
Moulton Nursery	Filby Residents
Colin Smith Monumental Mason	Ormsby Garden Machinery
Ashley Clark Arborist	Filby Bridge Restaurant
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equipment Ltd	Filby WI
Kings Head P/H	Maple Tree Services
Ashleigh Print & Design Ltd	WT Skips
	Caister Mens Shed

SPONSORSHIP C3

The extraordinary Cost of Living increases have had an extreme impact on the development of new sponsorship, Sponsorship and donations play a vital part in the running of the village, securing those essential funds that help make things happen. Local business owners agree it is a great way to introduce themselves to the market place and creating that additional brand awareness. It also reaffirms that the company is keen to support the local community and helps repeat business. In which case everyone is a winner. Sadly the impact on cash flow, due to inflation and Increased Corporation Tax and NI Contributions plus increased minimum wage over the past year has seen many companies fail or downsize their marketing strategies hampering plans to scale up our number of sponsors. **To adapt we've placed greater focus on Recycling unwanted clothing and home wares.**

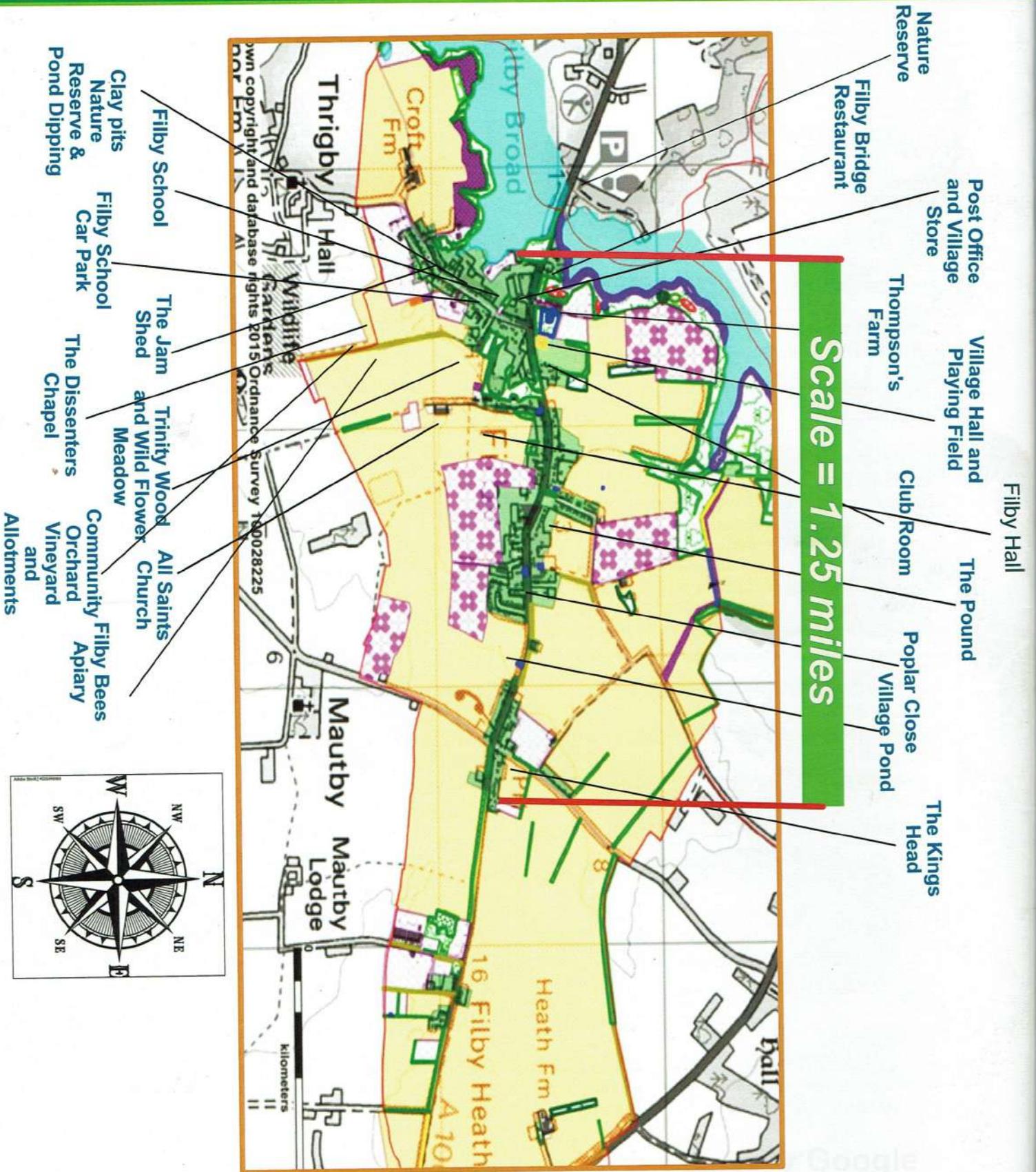
FILBY FUND RAISING PROJECTS AND ACCOUNT BALANCES

Jenny Thompson Charity Shed Shop	£69,504.00
Sales of RECYCLED ITEMS VIA EBAY	£17,903.00
TOTAL RECYCLED ITEMS SALES REVENUE since may22	£87,407.00
All Saints Church Bell Restoration Project	£10,829
FILBY FIREWORK DISPLAY FUND RAISER	£6,905
Filby Playing Field	£125,524
Poor Trustees	£10,935
Women's Institute	£601

FILBY GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Temp Ave	15.8 C
Min Temp Ave	5.2C
Rainfall Ave	782mm
Sunshine Ave	1570 hrs
Soils, Soilscape 6 Freely Draining Slightly acidic loamy	
Population Over age 18 Census 2021	748

FILBY VILLAGE MAP



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