

WINTERTON ON SEA PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The latest news, views, and announcements

Welcome to Our New Parish Councillors!

We're delighted to welcome Mark Shepperd to Winterton Parish Council. Thank you for stepping forward to support our community!

Parish Council Chairman Runs London Marathon for Seafarers Charity

Winterton Parish Council Chairman took on the incredible challenge of running his first-ever London Marathon in support of the Seafarers Charity. This organisation provides vital support to those who work or have worked at sea, and their families.

He completed the marathon—enjoying the experience but declaring, “never again!” So far, he has raised an impressive £8,500 and counting.

www.run2events.com/fundraisers/markbobby/seafarers-london-marathon-2025

Little Tern Colony at Winterton-on-Sea:

The Winterton-on-Sea little tern colony is significant because it's one of the largest in the UK, hosting a substantial portion of the national little tern population, including a large number of chicks taking flight annually. It serves as a vital breeding ground for the species, contributing to the overall health and resilience of the little tern population in the UK.

Nesting Season Highlights 2024

Last year at Eccles, 78 pairs raised at least 74 chicks—a great success. Winterton hosted 174 pairs, but predation from Hobbies and a Herring Gull led to losses, resulting in only 47 fledged chicks.

Community Makes a Difference

Thanks to 68 volunteers, over 2,000 hours were dedicated to protecting the terns—30% more than last year, showing growing support for local wildlife.

Looking Ahead

Plans for the 2025 season are underway. Excitingly, the first terns of the season were spotted at Eccles on April 19—nine days earlier than last year!

Get Involved

Love wildlife? The RSPB is seeking volunteers to help protect these wonderful birds. Whether you're an experienced birder or simply love the outdoors, there's a place for you. Contact: Pamela Hallesy – pamela.hallesy@rspb.org.uk



Little Tern born in Great Yarmouth, ringed in Senegal, sighted June 2024 in Winterton – 23 years old. Amazing!



New Writing Talent Published

The new Staithe writing group celebrates local talent with Winterton's own Martin Wixey and his short piece 'Busy busy' published—congratulations!

Busy busy

Mother Nature opened one bleary eye and looked at her clock. The hand was pointed at 'Nearly Spring'. She shook herself until she was fully awake and checked her list, there was plenty to do, the trees all needed leaves, there was the dawn chorus to organise and daffodils and lambs, not to mention April showers and that cold snap in



March that she always threw in to remind everyone who was really in charge.



Winterton Keeps Blooming – But We Need More Volunteers!

Our team of 10 “In Bloomers” maintains four public spaces in the village—and helps with a few others too.

Got a little spare time? Even an hour helps! No green fingers needed—just love for Winterton.

This season we’ve:

- Weeded and tidied public areas
- Planted summer bulbs
- Refreshed the boat with new bunting
- Replaced the log roll around the plough



Remember: “No Mow May” – let your lawn grow to support insects and pollinators.

Want to join us? Say hello when you see us, or email: wosinbloom@outlook.com



Easter Event Success at Duffles Pond

A huge thank you to everyone who attended or supported this year’s Easter event. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all and we raised a brilliant £1,336.84!

Thanks for your continued support,
Duffles Pond Volunteer Group



Holy Trinity & All Saints Church, Winterton-on-Sea

Our beautiful Grade I listed church is open daily for visitors and quiet prayer.

Regular Services

- Sundays at 9am: Holy Communion and Morning Worship (alternating weeks)
- Fridays at 9am: Morning Prayer

Special Services & Events

- Sunday 29th June, 6pm: Informal Hymn Service – vote for your favourites and sing along.
- Songs of Praise: 6pm on 27th July and 24th August, Village Green (in church if wet).

Tower Open Days

Saturdays, 2–4pm from late May to September (weather permitting). Children under 8 not allowed; 8–16s must be with an adult.

Summer Music

Enjoy live piano by Simon Kenworthy on Saturday afternoons—classical and contemporary pieces in church.

Table-Top Sales

Every Saturday morning (late May–August) at the Church Room on Beach Road.

Upcoming Concert

Chorus of St Cecilia performs in church, Friday 11th July at 7.30pm.

Flegg Area Foodbank

We’re a collection point—please leave non-perishable donations at the back of the church.

We’re also fundraising for essential repairs, including a new roof. Donate in church or at:

www.justgiving.com/pccwinterton

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Parish Council Update

Pavement Parking Concerns

We’ve had reports of inconsiderate pavement parking. While not illegal, please consider whether pushchairs, wheelchairs, or visually impaired people can pass safely. If not, rethink where you park—especially if you have a driveway.

Dog Waste on Low Road

Discarded dog poo bags are again being found along Low Road, the Valley, and the dunes. There are no poo fairies—please use bins provided, including three at the rec ground and others near the beach car park.

Dogs on the Recreation Ground

When the Cricket Club or Walking Football teams are playing, please keep dogs on leads and walk them around the edge of the field. This ensures everyone’s safety—thank you!

Dear dog,

Please remind your two-legged companion that this is a hedge and to dispose of poo bags in a bin.

Hedge – a fence or boundary formed by closely growing bushes or shrubs. A place where wildlife including birds, mammals and insects forage and find shelter.



Bin - a receptacle in which to deposit rubbish, e.g. poo bags.

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