

Recognising the fullness of Ross' report in giving a MSDC summary I contribute only the following as local interest.

Locality award.

Recent awards have included to Creting St Mary Village Hall for floor refurbishment. There is an application in process for Gipping River Trust for new equipment to maintain the footpath Ipswich to Stow Market which may also be of interest to members of this parish.

Parking

In response to requests from residents I have made a request for parking restrictions in the High Street to be lifted to 2 hours from the current 1 hour. The response from SCC is greater consultation is required to establish the need. I have now received positive feedback from all Parish Councils and will now be consulting relevant business' in the High Street.

Needham Lakes Connectivity To The High Street

I continue working with officers and councillors to develop better signage and information to those arriving at Needham Lakes to encourage them to visit the High Street and businesses. I have a meeting later this month with two officers to discuss ideas for the Love Exploring App. The Love Exploring App details walks and places of interest in the town (which will be added to as we go) via the APP on a phone and which can be accessed directly via QR codes. It is also likely that sign posts will be colour banded to indicate different walks.

Creting St Mary Notice Board

I have still to make contact with the joiner I mentioned at the last Parish meeting. I apologise profusely I have met him three times since and forgot to ask. On his return from Corfu I will pass on the request. For what he is charging me for new windows I fear he may not be cheap although very good.