WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

The Wrabness Annual Parish Meeting was held held at Wrabness Village Hall on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7:00pm

Present: Councillors Gary Bowers, Alice Cole, Richard Colley (Chairman), Emma Francis, Fran McGowan (Vice Chairman) and Rob Southall-Edwards.
Also Present: District Councillor Tanya Ferguson
Apologies: Mrs Marie Snell

The meeting was opened with 5 members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed members of the public and councilors to the annual parish meeting, which was an opportunity to raise and discuss matters of local interest or concern.

1. **Wrabness Environmental Award:**

Each year Wrabness Parish Council welcomes nominations for a hard-working, community minded person or group of people to receive the Wrabness Environment Award. The Wrabness Youth Club were the 2025 winners. The Wrabness Environment Award is an attractive wooden bowl, locally handcrafted, with engraved shields added year on year to record the annual winner chosen for their contribution to the well-being of our community. Later this evening the parish council will consider nominations received and the winner will be invited to the May meeting to receive the award.

2. **Local Topics:**

A member of the public informed the meeting that two plank bridges on the Essex Way public footpath in the vicinity of Strandlands are in need of repair. Their safety concern had been reported to the Essex County Council without any result. The parish council will follow this up with Essex County Council who are responsible for public footpath matters.

The public defibrillator provided by the parish council was on display. This is normally housed in the yellow safe box on the front of Wrabness Village Hall. The defibrillator is registered with the Ambulance Service and is regularly inspected by a local volunteer to ensure it is in operational condition. The battery, pads and electrodes are periodically renewed by the parish council. In a 999 emergency involving suspected cardiac arrest the call handler may refer the caller to the nearest operational defibrillator.

Attention was drawn to the annual Men's Health Day at Harwich on 23 April, when prostate cancer screening tests will be available for men from the local area between 40 and 80 years of age. The tests are provided free of charge thanks to Harwich Connexions charitable funding. Prior booking will be essential. Posters about the event are displayed on the Wrabness parish notice boards

- Meeting Closed 19:15 -

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