

Chairman's report May 24

brief notes of report given at Annual Parish Council

Positives of the year

- The on-going development of the St Mary's community hub.
- Phase 1 – the servery and fitting has been completed and has proved very useful so far.
- Funding in place for phase 2 – infrastructure for inside toilet, awaiting a starting date.
- Phase 3 fund raising (for completion of toilet) to begin when price agreed. Parish Council have supported throughout.
- Financing and setting up of 2 solar powered speed signs. Has had a positive impact on Bury Road, at a challenging time.
- LED village lighting now fully completed and refund gained from West Suffolk for Parish Council initial outlay.
- Strengthening working relationship between West Suffolk and Kentford Parish Council, encapsulated by major civic event in St Mary's church.

Challenges going forwards.

- A need to establish and improve bus routes serving the village
- The completion of facilities in St Mary's community hub
- A watchful cautionary eye on potential housing developments in the village.
- The ongoing serious traffic concerns within the village.

Malcolm Baker , Chair May 9th 2024