

Boyton



Village Welcome Pack

Welcome

Boyton Community Group welcomes all new residents to our village with a free 'welcome pack' which we have produced to ease your settlement in to Boyton.

In this welcome pack you will find lots of useful information about our village and surrounding area.

The Welcome pack includes:

- Details of the Parish Council and Local Government
- Details of village communications and organisations
- Useful local telephone numbers for the Police, Hospital, Clergy and Schools etc.
- Information on local shops and services
- Notes on refuse collection days/times
- Our Emergency Plan Survey form
- Lots more too...

You will soon learn that there is plenty to do and see, so we look forward to getting to know you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

To suggest changes or omissions please contact any member of the Parish Council or Community Group (details provided in the pack).

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A Brief History of Boyton¹

Called Boituna in Domesday, the proposed derivation of the modern name is the Bay Town from the proximity of the village to Hollesley Bay. Being just off a minor coastal road, Boyton is still comparatively isolated.

Centuries ago, before the sea-walls were built, the sea was even closer. The spit which now extends from Orford Ness to Shingle Street did not then separate Boyton from the sea. The little river Tang which flows by the village was a tidal estuary, and Burrow Hill was an island.

As long as 8,000 years ago, small bands of hunters came here in search of food. All round the higher ground were marshes full of fish and wild fowl which they caught with nets, hooks and flint-tipped weapons.

The first farmers needed heavier tools, such as axes for clearing woodland. They cultivated cereals and grazed animals. Farming started in the New Stone Age (Neolithic). The only tools were of wood and stone, so early farmers chose to make their homes on this light, easily cultivated soil.

There is plenty of evidence of continuous settlement here throughout the centuries. A bronze-age gold torque was found in Boyton and a replica can be seen in Orford Castle - the original is with the British Museum². After the Romans left, however, the history of Britain in the Dark Ages is rather obscure. The Suffolk coast, being on the sea route from Jutland and Saxony, must have been one of the first landfalls for many of the boat-loads of immigrants arriving in this country. Burrow Hill, north-east of Boyton, had an important Anglo-Saxon settlement which was excavated by the Butley Excavation Group with students from London University and local volunteers in the mid-1900's.

Copinger tells us that the Manor of Boyton formed part of the great Malet fee in the time of Edward the Confessor and consisted of two carucates of land valued at 60 shillings. At the time of the Domesday survey, the value was the same and there was also a church with eight acres valued at 12 pence. The manor and advowson belonged for many years to Butley Priory.

At the dissolution of the monasteries the manor vested in the Crown by a fine levied in 1538 by Henry VIII and the Queen (Anne of Cleves) had the benefit of the Manor. In 1546 Henry VIII granted the reversion to William Forthe and Richard Moryson. William Forthe died in 1555, but his grandson, also called William, sold the Manor of Boyton on the 1st January 1633 for £3,600 to Francis Warner of Parham. Francis left all his lands to his son John by a will dated 20th August 1651, and later these passed to his brother Edmund. Edmund married Ann Hawes and had five children, one of which was Mary. Mary became the sole heir to her father's estates and in her will directed that her properties be transferred to seven trustees who after her death would undertake the conditions set out. She died on 10th April 1738 and was buried in Parham church where her tombstone can be seen today.

¹ Based largely on the history recorded on our website www.boyton.com by A.H.R.Bantoft. July 1991

² See booklet by Alan Stoddart on his research in to the torque

In the seventeenth century almost all the land of the village was owned by the Warner family and subsequently the Trustees, who went on to build the almshouses. The Charity Trustees also profited from the digging of white clay from Hollybush pit and in the 1850s from the deposits of fossil coprolites on the marshes and along the Tang. The clay was sold to delftware potters in London and the coprolites went to Ipswich for grinding into phosphate fertiliser - all shipped from Boyton Dock. In the 1920s, the Minters of Dock Farm imported coal from Durham by barge. They sent hay back for the pit-ponies in Durham and also sold hay to London for horses there. Further details were recorded in a book written by Colin Maycock, a former trustee and resident in Boyton³.

Agriculture and fishing continued through the years, but the village was always more seaward-looking than landward and continued to be so until the time of the first World War. In the 18th and 19th centuries, the local people were much involved with smuggling which was rife on this coast from about 1750 to 1850. No doubt they were recruited by the notorious Captain Bargood who had cottages at Hollesley and Butley. Stories handed down tell of stables left open, horses "borrowed" in the night and found in a lather in the morning, with a keg of brandy in the stable. Stables locked were liable to be set on fire! The iron rims of wagon wheels were muffled in sacking and straw. A hiding-hole was found during recent alterations to a cottage, and behind one house it is said there was a brick shed known as the "Hope Inn" where smuggled liquor could be drunk in secret.

Boyton was largely self-supporting. Suffolk Directories of the 19th century list farmers, blacksmith, publican, miller, carpenter, butcher, cattle-dealer, grocer and draper, bootmaker, and after about 1880, postmaster.

Although the road to Woodbridge was fully tarred in the late 1940's and 1950s, it became very sticky in hot summers. Bicycles sometimes came to a halt in the pools of tar until the 1950's when a more modern form of tarmac came to the rescue.

The first motor bus, the "Boyton Beauty", was started by Mr Durrant in the 1920s and by the mid 1930s Boyton was described as having "a quite exceptional number of omnibuses". Even in the early 1950s there were five returns to Woodbridge a day. They are now reduced to two a week.

The arable and grazing land of the village adjoined large areas of heathland and sheepwalks until after the 1914-18 war, when the Forestry Commission was establishing its forests. Local roads were flint surfaced and rutted until the 1950s.

After the 1914 war, agriculture declined and the Mary Warner Trustees sold off almost all their land including Valley Farm, Dock Farm and Laurel Farm. Many hard years followed until the outbreak of war in 1939 when the production of home grown food became all important. More land was cultivated, sheepwalks and heathland were ploughed up and more people were employed.

³ *'Charity, Clay and Coprolites - the story of a Suffolk almshouse foundation'*. Colin Maycock, published by Mary Warner Trust ISBN 0-9521843-0-3.

After 1945, a great social change began. The mechanisation of farming required less manual labour, horses were not needed and the traditional skills were less in demand. Some old cottages were "condemned" and demolished. Mains water and electricity came in the 1950s and the council houses at Cotton's Acre were built.

A few detached houses were built in the 1970s and 80s and with them, it was hoped would come the revival of the village spirit in spite of the fact that by then the shop and post-office had closed. Most houses coming up for sale today are bought as residential homes although of course many people need to work away from the village⁴. Few of the original families remain.

The recent acquisition of 175 acres of Boyton Marsh (including the fine old Banter's Barn and Boyton Dock) by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds will benefit not only wildlife and the visitors who come to enjoy it, but the village too.

According to the 2001 electoral survey, there were 135 people in the parish of Boyton, accommodated in 75 homes.

In 2011, Boyton was judged Suffolk Coastal Village of the Year, with its efforts to go green helping it win the prestigious crown, and went on to take the Suffolk Wildlife Natural Environment prize in the county-wide Suffolk Village of the Year competition.

The judging panel were impressed with what the people of Boyton were able to achieve despite being a small village.

Those of us who live here consider ourselves fortunate. The village is part of the Heritage Coast and should remain unspoilt. We can enjoy the river in the summer and, carried in on the winter gales, hear the roar of the sea on the shingle beach.



**Figure 1 - Village of the year trophy award
(Rev Ruth Hatchett, Fred Stentiford PC,
Gary Lowe BCG & Joan Sennington SCDC)**

⁴ See *A Pictorial Record of Boyton upto and including 2006*, Alan Stoddart

Local Government and Member of Parliament

Parish Council

Role	Name	Phone (01394)	Home (Boyton)
Chairman	John Carpmael	411727	The Smithy
Clerk	Gerry Bathe	411376	1 Rectory Road, Hollesey, IP12 3JS
Vice-chair	Ali Crawford	411717	The Smithy
Councillor	Richard Jesty	410055	The Clock House
Councillor	Gary Lowe	411203	Chesterfield Lodge
Councillor	Jess Richardson	411811	Ayanday

Parish Council Meetings are held in the Village Hall, usually starting with an open public session @7.00pm for residents' views to be heard.

The Annual Parish Meeting is held in April, the AGM in May and meetings are held three other times a year, usually in September, November and February - see the noticeboard for details. All are welcome to attend.

To get an item on to the agenda for discussion you need to inform the Parish Clerk at least a week before the meeting - boytonpc@gmail.com

Further details can be found on the Boyton Parish Council website:
boyton.onesuffolk.net

Suffolk Coastal District Councillor
Deben Ward (incl. Boyton)
Christine Block

Suffolk County Councillor
Andrew Reid
07545 423799

Local Member of Parliament

Theresa Coffey MP (Conservative)
National Hall, Sun Lane, Woodbridge, IP12 1EG
020 7219 7164 or 01394 610045
therese.coffey.mp@parliament.uk

Emergency Services

Health: Ambulance, Doctors & Hospitals

- In an emergency, call the Ambulance Service on: call 999
Alternatively, NHS Direct: call 0845 46 47
- Doctors Surgery – The Peninsula Practice
 - Alderton - 411641
 - Orford - 450315
 - Hollesley – *Monday afternoon at Village Hall (book through Alderton or Orford)*
- Your nearest hospitals are:
 - A&E, Ipswich Hospital, Heath Road, Ipswich, IP4 5PD, 01473 712233
 - Aldeburgh Community Hospital, Park Rd, IP15 5ES, 01728 451600

Fire

- Our nearest fire stations are Orford and Woodbridge
- In the event of a fire, call the Fire Service on 999

Police

- In an emergency, call the Police on 999
- For non-emergencies: call 101 or Community Police Officer - 01473 613500
- Local Police & Fire Station, Theatre Street, Woodbridge

Electricity

- If you spot a potential hazard on or near an overhead electricity line warn anyone in the vicinity to evacuate the area and contact the National Grid:
Phone: 0800 40 40 90 Web: www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/safety/electricity/
- In the event of a power cut please contact our local provider, EDF Energy:
Phone: 0800 096 9000 Web: www.edfenergy.com/for-home/help-support

Water

- If you see a water leak or burst pipe in the road, on a pavement or any other place, phone Anglian Water: 0800 771 881.
- For help and information on leaks, bursts, burst mains, water pressure and other water or sewerage related problems you can contact Anglian Water
Phone: 03457 145 145 (24 hours a day) Web: www.anglianwater.co.uk

Parish Emergency Plan

- Has been issued with a copy available for download from the Parish Council website, boyton.onesuffolk.net contact clerk for details and a handy fridge magnet whilst stocks last.

Refuse and Recycling

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is in the top 10 for recycling across the UK. Please help us to maintain and improve our lead on waste and recycling.

- SCC Waste Management, 0845 606 6067

www.greensuffolk.org/recycling/

Refuse and recycling collection

Collections take place on **Tuesday**, alternating **Grey** one week then **Brown** & **Blue** the next.

SCDC uses a three bin scheme:

- **Brown** – garden & food waste + cardboard; converted to compost which you can purchase in bulk from Foxhall recycling centre (take your own bags if possible)
- **Blue** – dry, clean recyclables, (but not plastic bags or glass*): tin & aluminium cans, plastic bottles/pots/containers, paper, card & cardboard
- **Grey** – non recyclable items, including plastic bags and hard/brittle plastics

NB. Food waste can be put in **Brown** or **Grey** bins to provide a weekly disposal & avoid smells etc.

*Glass is not collected in the blue bins but can be recycled by using the local glass banks which generate a small income for providing this service. Our nearest bottle banks can be found at Hollesley Village Hall, Shepherd & Dog car park and in the Woodbridge Co-operative public car parks and behind the Community Centre opposite the skateboard park.

You can help to do more by reducing and re-using too, such as:

- reduce junk mail through the Mailing Preference Service www.mpsonline.org.uk
- composting – discounted compost bins, water butts etc. are available – see website www.greensuffolk.org/recycling/composting/
- smart shopping – use less, re-use, buy pre-owned, freecycle www.greensuffolk.org/recycling/reduce-and-reuse/

Nearest Recycling Centres

Check the following website for details of what is accepted at each site to avoid a wasted trip to our nearest recycling centres: www.greensuffolk.org/recycling/HWRC/

1. Foxhall Road, Brightwell, Ipswich, IP10 0HT (Just off A12, near BT Adastral Park)
2. Lover's Lane, Leiston, Suffolk, IP16 4UJ (on the road to Sizewell Power Station)

Litter & Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping and litter is unsightly, potentially harmful to children, pets and wildlife, and encourages vermin. Clearing it from the district's streets, parks, beaches and roadsides costs the District Council over £600,000 each year. Dropping litter (including throwing things like cigarette ends or food containers out of a car) could lead to a fine of up to £2,500. Anyone caught fly-tipping could face a fine of up to £50,000 (unlimited if the case goes to Crown Court) or up to five years in prison.

To report fly-tipping or dropped litter either call Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or e-mail scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk giving details such as the name and address of the culprit if known, registration number of the vehicle involved, and the time, date and location of the incident would be helpful. All information supplied will be treated in strict confidence. For further information check the website: www.greensuffolk.org/recycling/fly-tipping/

Environmental Action

Globally, balancing the needs of an ever increasing population with available resources and services, the protection of our environment, and ability to adapt to change, continue to be the main challenges facing society. Fossil fuel consumption (oil, coal, natural gas) still underpins the supply of most humans wants and to a certain extent needs. This has impacts on ecosystem services (for example: water, land, plants, air, climate) which puts pressures on the lives of all communities and the health of the natural environment. There are no easy solutions. Instead, a mix of measures to reduce human impacts is being pursued including: more efficient forms of housing and shelter; renewable and low carbon energy; local sourcing of food, fuel and clothing, leisure and entertainment; and protection and connectivity of valuable landscapes and seascapes.

Boyton is a community which is actively trying to tackle these issues. You can help by:

1. Meeting home heating needs while reducing impact

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk- This website gives impartial advice to householders on ways to cut carbon emissions and save on energy bills.

www.greensuffolk.org/sqbn/need-more-advice/ website offers case studies, grants & funding details plus lots of other useful information to make your building greener

2. Meeting business energy needs while reducing impact

Small and medium sized businesses in the district can access a free, award winning, specialist advice service to help them reduce their carbon footprint, cut running costs and enhance reputation at: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/business/business-advice-and-training/

3. Meeting home water needs while reducing impact

This site has info on how people can make small changes to save water.

www.waterwise.org.uk

Village Communications

Websites & Social Media

- www.Boyton.com – the village website with lots of useful local information
- www.BoytonSuffolk.org.uk – the Community Group website
- Find us on Facebook & Twitter: @[BoytonSuffolk](https://twitter.com/BoytonSuffolk)

Village Voices - Monthly Newsletter

The local, award-winning magazine for Hollesley, Boyton, Capel St Andrew & Shingle Street. A printed edition is delivered free to all residents of Boyton and is available online. It contains lots of useful and interesting local stories, information and suppliers.

www.villagevoices.org.uk or email editor@villagevoices.org.uk

Parish Notice board

Outside the village hall with current items including details for any forthcoming Parish Council meetings and other local events.

Papers

There are two local daily tabloids, also available online:

- East Anglian Daily Times: Mon – Sat, with supplements - Property / Thurs, Motoring & What's On/ Friday, Sports / Sat & Mon.
- The Evening Star: Mon-Sat

There are no paper deliveries to Boyton but informal arrangements with neighbours should be possible. The nearest shop selling newspapers is Hollesley Village Stores.

What's on

A list of local events happening across the Peninsula are collated by Fred and emailed out on a regular basis. To register, email Fred at fred.stentiford@btopenworld.com

Volunteering opportunities

We are always appreciative of any assistance to help with the general running, up-keep and well-being of the community and would be delighted to hear if you are able to offer some time to help.

To find out more or register your interest in any of the above please contact any members of the Parish Council or Community Group.

Village Facilities and Services

Every effort has been made to ensure these details are current and accurate. They are not meant to be exhaustive and being listed is no indication of a recommendation. Current and further details are available in the Village Voices magazine and should be checked if any of the following details are no longer valid.

Facility / service	Name	Contact	Notes
Vicar	Ruth Hatchett	412052	Church is usually left open during the day
Churchwarden	Isobel Lilley	411409	
Churchwarden	Malcolm Fleetwood	410409	
Fresh eggs & beef	The Old School House		local farmer
Fresh fish delivery	Garrod- put a sign in your front garden	01502 530965	Every Tues – they will stop where they see a fish sign!
Glut stall	Community group	Village hall	Help yourself...
Milk & grocery delivery	Dairy Crest	0845 606 3606	Tue, Thur & Sat
Motor servicing	Finlays Garage	411712	Within the village
Village Hall bookings	Wendy Jesty	410055	

Other facilities and services near by:

Food and drink

- *Pubs*

- *The Shepherd & Dog, Hollesley: www.shepherdanddoghollesley.co.uk*
- *The Oyster, Butley www.butleyoyster.com*
- *Sorrell Horse (community pub), Shottisham www.thesorrellhorse-shottisham.co.uk*
- *Ramsholt Arms, overlooking the river www.theramsholtarms.com*
- *The Plough Inn, Sutton*
- *The Swan, Alderton www.thealdertonswan.co.uk*
- *The Unruly Pig, Bromeswell theunrulypig.co.uk*
- *The Froize, Chillesford froize.co.uk*
- *Plenty further afield, Adnams and Green King being the local brewers...*

- *Cafés*

- *The Suffolk Punch trust, Hollesley*
- *The Boat Yard Cafe, Bawdsey quay (*seasonal opening times)*
- *Plenty more lovely tea shops in Orford, Woodbridge & surrounding area (a good place to find out more is the website freston.net/cafe-map)*

- *Fish & Chips*

- *Melton fish bar, Yarmouth Road*
- *Mobile vans – check times but usually around 4-7pm*
 - *Weds – Rock Barracks*
 - *Fri – Hollesley village hall & also at Snape cross-roads*

- *Take-Aways*

- *Chinese – Wickham Market and Woodbridge*
- *Pizza – Melton Fish Bar and Woodbridge*

- *Restaurants*
 - *Too many to list in Orford, Woodbridge, Melton, Snape, Aldeburgh etc*
- Fuel*
- *Petrol Stations*
 - *Melton Road, Woodbridge (independent)*
 - *Shell, A12, Woodbridge*
 - *Snape (on the Aldeburgh road)*
- *LPG Gas*
 - *Small bottles for BBQ & heaters available from Hollesley Village Stores*
 - *Calor supplies from Cranes, Hollesley*
 - *Refer to Village Voices, telephone book & online for further suppliers*
- *Oil*
 - *Boyton Community Group run a quarterly bulk oil scheme: see website for further details www.BoytonSuffolk.org.uk*
 - *Refer to Village Voices magazine, telephone book & online for further suppliers*
- *Solid Fuel*
 - *Coltec in Hollesley sell coal, fire-lighters, etc.*
 - *Rackham's of Wickham Market deliver; tel. 01728 746207*
- *Logs*
 - *Refer to Village Voices for local suppliers*
- Library*
 - *Woodbridge (behind the Thoroughfare)*
 - *Mobile library visits the Mary Warner Homes*
- Playgroup/Pre-school*
 - *Hollesley pre-school*
- Post Office*
 - *Hollesley shop*
 - *Rock Barracks store, Sutton Heath*
 - *Inside the Co-operative Food Store, Turban Centre, Woodbridge*
 - *Parcels/sorting office, Cumberland Street, Woodbridge*
- Schools*
 - *Hollesley Primary www.hollesley.suffolk.sch.uk*
 - *Bawdsey Primary www.bawdsey.suffolk.sch.uk*
 - *Farlingaye Secondary, Woodbridge*
- Shops*
 - *Hollesley Village Store*
 - *Coltec in Hollesley sell motorist's essentials.*
 - *Rock Barracks*
- Transport*
 - *Suffolk Link Bus (pre-booked, flexible route): 0845 604 1802*

Village Clubs and Societies

Boyton Community Group

This constituted group hold quarterly discussion meeting from 10am to noon to consider projects and to new ideas. The group is open to anyone that wants to improve our society as well as the environment. It works alongside the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council thanks to initial financial support from Suffolk Coastal District Council Greenprint forum Community Environmental Action Fund



www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/green-issues/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/

See Village Voices for latest activities, email BoytonSuffolk@btinternet.com or check the website www.BoytonSuffolk.org.uk for current contact details.

Boyton Canoe Club

An informal social network of those with or interested in canoeing on the local rivers. Contact Gary Lowe for details: 411203.

Other Local Activities

Details of other clubs in the local area are shown in the Village Voices magazine and include the following:

- Allotment & Gardeners Association
- Brownies
- Hollesley Badminton Club
- Hollesley Bowls Club
- Hollesley Petanque (Shepherd & Dog pub team)
- Hollesley Players
- Indoor bowls
- Judo Club
- Junior Soccer
- Mothers Union
- Tai Chi
- Whist Drives
- Womens Institute

Further clubs and activities are available in other local villages and Woodbridge. See local press for details.

Local Events

The following are some of the main annual activities organised by the villagers. For specific details contact the Community Group, Parish Council or Church as detailed in this pack.

- **Coffee Morning**
monthly except January and September in the village hall. Cake stall, raffle and other local produce (eggs, pork etc) available whilst you chat with your neighbours over a cuppa and tasty cakes.
- **Boyton Book Club**
Meet every two months with a warm welcome guaranteed to new members. For further details contact Patricia on 07763 172 185 or email patpajak@hotmail.com
- **Village Fete**
held around the beginning of September in the village hall grounds to raise funds for the church and village hall
- **Annual Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride**
a day-long event on the second Saturday in September in which cyclists are sponsored to visit lots of Suffolk churches to raise money for their restoration. Boyton has participated every year but one since it started. See www.shct.org.uk
- **Beachwatch litter pick**
we have adopted the stretch of estuary headland down from the Tang estuary opposite Havergate island and clean this stretch, at least once a year, as part of the Marine Conservation Society Beachwatch activities which takes place annually around September.
- **Apple Day**
a recent introduction by the community group who hire some apple pressing and drying equipment for you to use and make your own juice. Usually held early October
- **Harvest supper**
held around October in the village hall to celebrate the end of the harvest and usually has a guest speaker to entertain and educate us after the meal
- **Bonfire night**
an annual social gathering with food, fireworks and friendly banter around the fire. Date and venue is determined in the summer according to the availability of a suitable field
- **Festive Celebration**
an informal get together around Christmas in the village hall



- **St Andrew's Church (Church of England)**

Boyton has an active church community and services are held regularly in the church which is to the east of the Mary Warner Homes and can be reached via the access road to the Mary Warner Homes.

The church building has some interesting architectural features including a Norman doorway and a unique septaria staircase which has recently been restored, thanks in no small part to the generosity of the local community.

The current pattern of services is an 8am communion service (Book of Common Prayer) on the first Sunday of the month, an 11am communion service (Common Worship) on the second Sunday and an 11am morning praise service on the fourth Sunday. Every Thursday at 9am we meet for a short service of morning prayer. Coffee is always served after our Sunday services and you and all your family are assured of a warm welcome.

Special services are held from time to time, such as our Memories Service Healing Services and Advent Carols by candlelight. Look out for details in Village Voices and on the village noticeboard and web site www.boyton.com

The vicar and churchwardens (contact details above and in Village Voices) are always pleased to receive enquiries regarding baptism, confirmation and marriage at our church. The churchyard is open and available to all who live in the villages of Boyton and Capel St Andrew and a new area has recently been set aside for the burial of cremated remains (ashes).

- **Boyton Mission**

Situated by the telephone box next to Cottons Acre, the Mission has a long history in the village.

Service at 3pm every Sunday followed by a fellowship tea.

Further details on current services is included in the Village Voices magazine each month.

General Information

We will refer you again to the Village Voices magazine, Hollesley Store noticeboard and other telephone or online guides for possible suppliers - this list as an informal guide only.

- **Boiler servicing** – recommended that boilers are serviced yearly so that they are running efficiently and reduce the health and safety risks for your home
- **Central Heating Oil** – as there is no mains gas supply on the Peninsula (it stops at the Wilford Bridge!), domestic heating oil is the main heating fuel used by most households though Calor Gas tanks are an option.
- **Chimney sweep** – due to the high number of log burners and coal fires in rural properties then an occasional sweep clean of your chimney can help reduce the risk of chimney fires.
- **Gardeners** – whilst most people come to live in the area to enjoy the countryside and gardening it is sometimes helpful to get additional help maintaining and/or improving your garden, or just keeping it tidy if you are away for a prolonged period. The local soils tend to be sandy with some pockets of clay. See Village Voices and the Hollesley Village Store pinboard for possible assistance.
- **Painting and Decorating** – living close to the sea then salt borne air can quickly wear paintwork on windows and painted walls. We are fortunate to have some good decorators who can advise and do a good job. You may also wish to consider water based and VOC free paints to reduce your environmental impact.
- **Septic tanks** – most properties in the village have their own waste water discharge, which is usually in the form of a septic tank. These need to be occasionally de-sludged to stop them smelling or getting blocked, approx annually or so.
- **Water** – the local water supply has a high limestone content which makes it hard water, forming limescale in kettles & hot water systems. A vinegar solution can help to descale or a domestic water softener can be used to lessen the problem too.
- **Window Cleaner** – dust from the coast & fields seems to quickly grime up the windows, an occasional clean with a vinegar solution effective.

Leisure and Recreation

Within and around Boyton we have the following leisure and recreation facilities

Children

- Swings and play area outside the Village Hall
- Bigger play area and fields at Hollesley Village Hall
- Fabulous wooden playground in Tangham Forest (car park charge may apply)
- Off-road BMX bike track in Tangham Forest (free to use but car park charge)
- Playgrounds in Woodbridge including: playing fields at Melton, and Kingston fields and skateboard park behind the Deben swimming pool

Walks

There are plenty of walks in the local area of varying lengths, including these suggested circular walks, with plenty of variations and others further afield:

1. River wall walk – circular walk of around 4 miles past Banters Barn and through RSPB reserve, turn right on the river wall and follow round the headland and cut back across the field to return via Mill Lane
2. Burrow Hill – another circular walk with fabulous views out to sea and inland, head out north of the village, turn left down past Dock Farm and over the Tang, and take the right track to Ferry Farm at the bend in the road, returning via the river wall and RSPB Banters Barn
3. Boyton Hall – another shorter circular walk, up Mill Lane, along the track past Pin Mill house, follow edge of the field until the break in the fence on left and head east over the field towards the sea until you hit the farm track and turn left, through Boyton Hall farm returning up Mill Lane.
4. Boyton Wood – a claim for a path through this wood to be added to the definitive map has been lodged with Suffolk County Council. Access is off The Street.
5. Plenty of walks / cycle paths through the forest at Tangham and behind Little Scotland.
6. Take the seasonal ferry across the Butley river and walk to Orford (for lunch)

These and other walks & local information are included in a map on our website www.BoytonSuffolk.org.uk

Nearby Swimming & Leisure centres

- Deben Swimming Pool, single 25m pool with gym and sauna
Station Rd, Woodbridge, IP12 4AU, Tel. 384763
- Leiston Leisure Centre, 25m + kiddies pool, gym, sauna
Red House Lane, Leiston, IP16 4LS, Tel. 01728 830364
- Felixstowe Leisure Centre, large leisure pool, kiddies pool & slide
Undercliff Road West, Felixstowe, IP11 2AE, 670411
- Crown Pools Ipswich, large complex with wave machine, kiddies pool and competition pool, St Matthews Street, Ipswich, IP1 Tel. 01473 433655

Local Villages, Towns & Markets

We are fortunate to live in an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) along the Suffolk Sandlings coastline with many historical connections. Other local places of interest include:

- Bawdsey – birth of radar, sandy beach (mud at low tide!), shingle bank walk and ferry across the Deben river to Felixstowe
- Bury St Edmunds – whilst a fair way inland, Bury remains a hidden gem and well worth a visit. Most famous for the ruined Abbey, built as a shrine to Saint Edmund, King of the East Engles. Recent restorations in the Abbey, gardens and gatehouse worth seeing. Also home to Green King brewery as well as the smallest pub in England, the Grade 1 Theatre Royal and modern shopping arcade next to historic lanes.
- Felixstowe – by car via the A12 or seasonal foot/cycle ferry at Bawsdey. Third largest container port in Europe, this bustling town is home to Landguard Fort, Landguard Nature Reserve, sandy & shingle beaches, shops and amusements.
- Iken – remote estuary hamlet with boardwalk through the reeds to Snape or out to the church
- Orford – pretty fishing village with remains of castle (English Heritage) and historical Orford Ness experimental site during WW2, with two good pubs, hotel, shops, cafes and freshly smoked fish
- Ramsholt – not much left of this rural hamlet other than the pub overlooking the river Deben, with a small sandy beach and jetty, and an isolated church with an unusual round tower
- Rendlesham Forest – right on our door step, just a short walk across the fields or cycle ride. Plenty of off road paths and tracks for dog walking or cycling. Tangham campsite, plus excellent children’s play areas with wooden structures and a BMX track just off the UFO trail. Toilets and seasonal bike hire / snacks available.
- Shingle Street – an isolated hamlet with houses along the shoreline shingle beach terminated by one of the few remaining and habited Martello Towers
- Snape – the maltings have been lovingly restored with fine food, clothes, art, antiques and furniture not to mention the world famous Britten Pears music school and concert hall. Santa arrives by boat on the river and there are remains of a long gone abbey just over the bridge towards the village
- Thorpeness – purpose built Victorian holiday village with unique ‘House in the Clouds’ and Mere with annual carnival on water and fireworks at the end of Aldebrough carnival week in August
- Wickham Market – another little market town with several shops and pubs

Farmer’s Markets, Farm Shops, Fairs & Shows

Suffolk has some of the best in the UK due to its long agricultural history, which today is still a critical part of the local economy. You will often meet the farmers and producers and be able to see where your produce comes from at source.

The following details can change so please check online before visiting:

www.suffolktouristguide.com

Farmer's Markets

- Aldeburgh Church Hall – 3rd Sat, 9am–12.30
- Easton Easton Farm Park – 4th Sat, 9am-1pm
- Halesworth Town Centre – 2nd Sat, 9am–1pm
- Metfield Village hall – 1st Sat, 9am-noon
- Snape Maltings – 1st Sat, 9am-noon
- Southwold – every Friday & The Pier 4th Sat, 9am-1pm
- Woodbridge Community Centre – 2nd & 4th Sat, 9am-1pm

Farm Shops

- Friday Street Farm Shop, Farnham
- Grange Farm Shop, Grundesburgh Rd
- Jimmy's Farm, Wherstead
- Maple Farm, Kelsale (organic)
- Newbourne Farm Shop
- Poppy's Pantry, Melton (near to level crossing)
- Suffolk Food Hall, Chelmonsidston

Country Markets & Flea/Craft Markets

- Felixstowe - Fridays
- Framlingham - Tuesdays
- Ipswich - Thursdays
- Martlesham Heath - Tuesdays
- Orford - Saturdays
- Southwold - Fridays
- Woodbridge – Thursdays, Vintage & Modern – Saturdays

For more information see: www.country-markets.co.uk

Festivals, Fairs and Shows

- Aldeburgh Carnival week – August
- Framlingham Country Show – April
- Suffolk Show – weds & Thurs during Spring half-term holiday
- Thorpeness carnival - August
- Woodbridge Regatta – July

Thank you for reading this far and welcome to Boyton.

Appendix A: Boyton Emergency Plan Survey

(In Confidence when completed)

To help us manage in the event of an Emergency, please complete & return to the Parish Council.

1. Residence details - House address, Telephone , Mobile, Email :

So that we can prioritise any necessary aid or assistance in the event of an emergency it would be helpful if you can indicate anyone in your household with the following needs:

Elderly / Mobility / Medicines / Meals on Wheels / Visiting Carers / Reliance on power

2. If this is NOT your main residence is this property a second home for your personal use or holiday let?
Name/Contact of letting agency:

3. Do you have any first aid training or interested in receiving basic first aid training?

Would you be willing to administer first aid if required?

Are you a registered first responder?

4. Would you be willing to help with organising / assisting a rota of people in the event of an emergency

5. Would anyone in your household be willing to volunteer with any of the following specialist skills:

Builder

Cooking

Electrician

Mechanical Engineer

Plumber

Tree surgeon

Fire fighting

Radio amateur

Veterinarian

Nurse /paramedic

Tractor driver

other relevant skills

Plant driver

Trained carer

useful in event of an
emergency?

6. Would you be willing to offer any of the following equipment in the event of an emergency?

Blankets

Lorry

Trailer

Boat / canoe

Portable lighting

Tarpaulin

Chain saw

Portable heating

Water pump

Communications equip

Portable cooker

Water containers

4WD/off-road vehicle

Snow clearing

Wheelchair

Generator

Tractor

Camping / caravan

Please sign this sheet & hand in to a Councillor to allow the Parish Council to retain this information in confidence and solely for the purpose of informing the emergency plan for Boyton. This information shall be reviewed regularly.