

Layham Parish Council 2015-2019



Top row, left to right: John Curran, David Pratt, Sheila Roberts, Steve Laing (Vice-Chairman);
bottom row, left to right: Ron Gunn, Jane Cryer (Clerk), Charlotte Britton, Michael Woods
(Chairman).

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer: Jane Cryer, Sunnyside Cottage, Overbury Hall Road,
Lower Layham, IP7 5NA (01473 824 287 / 07920 713 940; email:

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Chairman: Michael Woods: 8 Watermill Close, Upper Layham (01473 823 798). Michael is the Parish Tree and Hedgerow Warden, represents the Council at meetings of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) and the Playing Field committee meetings, and co-ordinates 'Letter from Layham' in the [Hadleigh Community News](#) . He is also the [Local History Recorder](#)

Vice-Chairman: Steve Laing, The Queen's Head, The Street, Lower Layham, IP7 5LZ (01473 827 789). Steve is also the Highways and Footpath Warden.

Councillors:

- John Curran, 6 Watermill Close, Upper Layham, IP7 5LD (01473 823 151). John is the Emergency Planning Coordinator.
- Ron Gunn: 64 Brett Green, Upper Layham, IP7 5LX (01473 822 764). Ron is the councillor responsible for monitoring the publicly owned land and property of the Council, including the Recycling Centre on the Playing Field.
- David Pratt, The Dower House, The Street, Lower Layham, IP7 5LZ (01473 827 667). David represents the Council at meetings of the Gravel Pit Liaison Committee and the Village Hall Committee.
- Sheila Roberts, Rose Cottage, Overbury Hall Road, Lower Layham, IP7 5NA (01473 827 270). Sheila is leader of the Green Team.

Two non-council members have been co-opted to help with important tasks in the village.

- Charlotte Britton is the [Layham Archivist](#) ;
- Jon Woods is the Layham webmaster.

Parish Council meetings:

Parish Council meetings are usually held in the village hall on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Villagers are welcome as observers and there is a short time when they are invited to

speak. The agenda is posted on the village notice boards. [Minutes of meetings](#) are available on this site as are the [audited annual accounts](#)

. Records of the main business of the council are published in 'Letter from Layham' in [Hadleigh Community News](#)

The Annual Parish Meeting is held each April when a report on the year is given. This is a public meeting and participation by members of the public is welcomed.

The Register of Interests forms for Layham parish councillors may be found on [Babergh District Council's web site](#)

Layham Green Team

The Layham Green Team exists to try to improve the green credentials of our village. Members of the team have organised a full day exhibition in the Village Hall, an annual village clean up and a plastic film collection. They have also established a new Waste Management Site in the village.

This group has enormous potential if it can recruit volunteers who have large amounts of enthusiasm for the 'green' cause. Any interested person should contact Sheila Roberts on 01473 827 270.

Layham Gravel Pit Liaison Group

Representatives of the community meet occasionally with the management of Lower Layham Brett Aggregates. If you have an interest in this then contact David Pratt (01473 827 667).

Parish Tree Warden





Hedgerow Survey



Over a two year period (2008-2009) every hedge line in the village has been surveyed by a group of sixteen volunteers. The final map together with survey sheets for each hedgerow are available for consultation.

Babergh District Council



Our District Councillor at [Babergh District Council](#) , representing the Lower Brett Ward (Layham, Polstead, Raydon, Shelley and Higham) is John Ward (01787 210 551).

Your District Council headquarters is at Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX, tel 0300 123 4000, or drop in to 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, IP14 1AD or Town Hall, Old Market Place, Sudbury, CO10 1TL.

The District Council has advice leaflets on a wide range of topics – all of which can be found in Hadleigh Library. Examples are:

- A-Z Guide to Council Services
- Pest Control/Anti Social Behaviour Reporting Form
- Concessionary Vouchers for Travel
- Disabled Facilities Grants
- Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit
- Voting by Post or Proxy

and many more.

Suffolk County Council



Our present County Councillor at [Suffolk County Council](#) is Gordon Jones (01206 263072, mobile 07879 117526, email gordon.jones@suffolk.gov.uk) who represents the Samford Electoral Division (Dodnash, Lower Brett and Mid Samford wards). The County Council Headquarters is in Ipswich. General enquiries on 01473 265 119.