

**Committee: Cabinet**

**Date: 30  
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**Title: Nominations for Assets of Community  
Value**

**Portfolio Holder: Councillor Susan Barker, Cabinet Member  
for Environmental Services**

**Key decision: No**

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## Summary

1. The Localism Act 2011 introduces a concept of an 'Asset of Community Value'. Section 87 of the Localism Act places a duty of Local Authorities to 'maintain a list of land in its area that is land of community value'.
2. An Asset is of community value if (in the opinion of the local authority) either:
  - an actual current use of the building or other land that is not an ancillary use furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, and
  - it is realistic to think that there can continue to be non-ancillary use of the building or other land which will further (whether or not in the same way) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.or
  - there is a time in the recent past when an actual use of the building or other land that was not an ancillary use furthered the social wellbeing or interests of the local community, and
  - it is realistic to think that there is a time in the next five years when there could be non-ancillary use of the building or other land that would further (whether or not in the same way as before) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.
3. The Act states that "social interest" "includes (in particular) each of the following – (a) cultural interest, (b) recreation interest and (c) sporting interests.
4. Assets of community value are buildings or land which involve the physical use by the community and include for example a village shop, pub, community centre, allotment or recreation ground.
5. In December 2012 the District Council listed 74 assets of community value which remain on the list for five years. These assets will therefore be removed from the list on 13 December 2017. Town and Parish Councils were invited to re-nominate these assets.
6. The following sites have been nominated
  - a) Broxton Village Hall
  - b) Great Canfield Cricket Club
  - c) Great Canfield Village Hall

- d) Land adjacent north of Threeways and south of Lime Tree Hill, Great Dunmow
- e) Newton Green Great Dunmow
- f) Post Office, Great Dunmow
- g) Rowena Davey Centre, Great Dunmow
- h) Great Dunmow Maltings
- i) Dunmow Community Hub
- j) The Former Library Great Dunmow
- k) Hop Poles Public House, Great Hallingbury
- l) St Giles Church Great Hallingbury
- m) Kings Head, Hadstock
- n) Village Recreation Ground, Hadstock
- o) Village Green Hadstock
- p) Village Hall Hadstock
- q) Bluebell Inn Hempstead
- r) The Village Green, Hempstead
- s) The Bull Public House, Langley
- t) St Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury
- u) The George Public House, Little Hallingbury
- v) Little Hallingbury Village Hall
- w) St Margaret of Antioch Parish Church, Margaret Roding
- x) All Saints Church Rickling Green
- y) Rickling Green Primary School
- z) Rickling Ramblers Cricket Pavilion, Rickling Green
- aa)The Cricketers Arms, Rickling Green
- bb)Rickling Village Green
- cc)Quendon and Rickling Village Hall
- dd)Quendon Hall (*on list of unsuccessful nominations*)
- ee)Quendon Wood (*new nomination*)
- ff) St Simon & St Jude Church, Quendon
- gg)The Village Fountain, Quendon
- hh)Chalky Meadows, Thaxted (*new nomination*)

7. The purpose of this report is to enable members to determine in each instance:
- a. Whether each is a valid nomination
  - b. Whether the use of the building (current or recent past) furthers the social welling or interests of the community.
  - c. Whether it is realistic to think that in the next 5 years the building could be used to further the social wellbeing or interests of the community.

In considering these questions, members need to consider principal, rather than ancillary, uses of the building.

If members conclude that the answers to these questions are “yes”, the building should be included in the list of assets of community value.

8. Appendix 1 to this report sets out the details for each of the nominations as provided in the nomination form to assist members in answering these questions. The nomination forms in full can be viewed on the website under [currently nominated assets](#).

## Recommendations

9. To determine whether to include the properties listed in paragraph 5 and Appendix 1 on the Assets of Community Value list.

## Financial Implications

10. There are direct financial implications arising at this stage which relate to the formal process of identifying and contacting asset owners and, if relevant, registering an asset as a Land Charge. These costs can be met from existing budget and staff resources.
11. There is also an unquantifiable financial risk to the Council, if there was a claim for compensation. This needs to be kept under review and at an appropriate time consideration should be given to establishing a contingency reserve to mitigate the risk to the Council’s budget. However, the potential liability should not be taken into account in deciding whether or not this is an asset of community value.

## Background Papers

12. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.
13. Submission for consideration as Assets of Community Value and any representations available on the website at under [currently nominated assets](#).

## Impact

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Communication/Consultation	In line with paragraph 8 of The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012 the Council have taken all practicable steps to give information that it is considering listing the land to the owner of the land, freeholder and occupant. This has
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	taken the form of letters.
Community Safety	No impact.
Equalities	The duty will affect all equally.
Health and Safety	No impact.
Human Rights/Legal Implications	Pursuant to s.19 Human Rights Act 1998 the Secretary of State has certified that in his opinion the Localism Act is compatible with the Convention rights.
Sustainability	If the land is included on the list of Community Assets it will form a Land Charge.
Ward-specific impacts	Ashdon,Takeley; Broad Oak and the Hallingburys; Great Dunmow (North and South); The Sampfords; Clavering; High Easter and the Rodings; Newport
Workforce/Workplace	No impact

## Situation

### a. Is this a valid nomination?

15. S89 of the Act states that land in a local authority area which is of community value may be included in its list of assets of community value only in response to a “community nomination”, or where permitted by regulation made by the Secretary of State. A community nomination means a nomination by a parish council in respect of land in the parish council’s area or “by a person that is a voluntary or community body with a local connection”.

16. All the nominations have been made by Town or Parish Councils falling within the definition of a parish council for these purposes and the nominated properties are within their respective areas.

17. A nomination must also include:

- i. A description of the nominated land including its proposed boundaries.
- ii. Any information the nominator has about the freeholders, leaseholders and current occupants of the site.
- iii. The reasons for nominating the asset, explaining why the nominator believes the asset meets the definition in the Act.
- iv. The nominator’s eligibility to make the nomination.

18. If it meets these requirements it is a valid nomination under S89(2)(i).

**b. Does the use of the building (current or recent past) further the social wellbeing or interests of the community?**

19. Appendix 1 sets out the evidence submitted by each of the Town and Parish Council in their nomination form of why it believes that the building or land furthers the social wellbeing or interests of the community.

**c. Is it realistic to think that in the next 5 years the use of the building could further the social wellbeing or interests of the community.**

20. In considering this question, the test is whether it is “realistic” to think that the use of the building could further the social wellbeing or interests of the community. It is not a balance of probabilities test – realistic means “more than fanciful”. The use does not have to be the same as that which took place within the recent past.

21. Appendix 1 sets out the evidence submitted by each of the Town and Parish Councils in their nomination form as to how the property could be acquired and used.

### **Representations**

22. The Council has received the following representations regarding the proposed assets of community value.

f) Post Office Great Dunmow: *“I am the owner of the building which includes the Post Office in Gt. Dunmow, and was very alarmed and dismayed to receive your letter today, regarding extending being an asset of Community value. Due to the very short notice I am unable to view the submissions at Saffron Walden and do not feel a truly transparent democratic process is occurring. The original, magnificent building housing the U.D.C. in Gt. Dunmow was sold on without any order on it (Why not – when it is so clearly a better asset) and allowed to be developed with no commercial benefit to the High Street whatsoever – in fact the loss of business which the offices attracted to that end of the High Street with the Tourist Information Bureau, Charity offices etc.etc. has had a profound impact on the immediate traders. I would be grateful if you could give me confidence that the right decisions are being made for the right reasons.”*

i) Dunmow Community Hub, Great Dunmow. The Council for Voluntary Services provide the additional evidence that the Hub is a Community Asset *that this year our meeting room has been used on 266 occasions by local Voluntary Community Sector Organisations and others. The Hubs cafe' style lobby area is also regularly used by local people to meet i.e, the Stroke Club. It is also used as a Drop In area hosted by Family Mosaic to provide debt and other advice. It is a designated 'KeepSafe' location as part of a countywide scheme. It is also a Food Bank venue serving the local area. So in essence I strongly believe it is very much a Community Asset.*

l) St Giles Church Great Hallingbury

t) St Mary's Church Little Hallingbury

- x) All Saints Church Rickling
- ff) St Simon and St Jude's Church, Quendon

*The Diocese of Chelmsford requests a review of the proposals relating to the church properties above on the basis that disposal of any church building, together with any land annexed or belonging to it, pursuant to a closure for regular public worship of the church use and a Scheme made under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, is an exempt disposal under paragraph 12 of schedule 3 of the Regulations. The Measure involves a lengthy public consultation process as well.*

y) Rickling Green Primary School *The Diocese of Chelmsford (as owner) request a review on the basis that the land was granted for educational purposes under the School Sites Act 1841 meaning that the right of reverter binds the site. I enclose an extract of the 1907 Parliamentary Return confirming that reverter applies. On reverter of the site, paragraph 15 of Schedule 3 of the Regulations will apply. You should be aware that closure of the maintained school requires a lengthy consultation period (two years) with the local community, parents and other stakeholders by the Diocese and the Local Authority under the education legislation and the community is therefore always kept abreast of any changes proposed.*

dd) Quendon Hall, Quendon and Rickling *Objection from the freehold owner of Quendon Hall and the Parkland on the following grounds. Objection letter appended to this report.*

1. *Quendon Hall and the Parkland are privately maintained and managed by Pegasi;*
2. *Quendon Hall is not available for the local community to use, unless hired for a private wedding event on commercial terms. Given the nature of this business, we do not agree that the current use of the Hall furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, nor do we agree that there has been any such usage in the recent past;;*
3. *neither Quendon Hall nor the Parkland are used in a manner which furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, and there has been no such usage in the recent past; and*
4. *there is no permitted public access to Quendon Hall or the Parkland; and therefore Quendon Woods do not qualify as an Asset of Community Value.*

ee) Quendon Wood, Quendon and Rickling *Objection from the freehold owner of Quendon Hall and the Parkland on the following grounds. Objection letter appended to this report.*

1. *the woodland is privately maintained and managed by Pegasi;*
2. *the woodland has not been used in such a manner as to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, and it is not currently so used; and.*
3. *rights to walk around the perimeter of the woodland are restricted to registered public footpaths only and the use of those footpaths could only ever be considered ancillary to the primary use of the wood as managed woodland.*

*No public access is permitted through the main body of the woodland at any time or for any purpose; and therefore Quendon Woods do not qualify as an Asset of Community Value.*

hh) Chalky Meadow, Thaxted Essex County Council as owner of the site has objected on the following grounds:

- 1. The property in question was acquired by the County Council from Dunmow Rural District Council at open market value for future Educational use under the County Council's Education Powers*
- 2. Since its acquisition, neither the County Council nor any other body has provided any form of services on the land that has any direct impact on the social wellbeing of the local communities.*
- 3. The use of the land remains that of additional vacant land for proposed Primary School*
- 4. The land is not a public open space and there is no permissive right to use or access the land, other than along the footpath running through the land*
- 5. In deciding whether the statutory criteria for listing as provided under Section 88 of the Localism Act are satisfied, it is for the listing authority to be satisfied that the current actual use of the land furthers the social wellbeing or social interest of the local community and that the use is not ancillary and that it is realistic to think that there can continue to be use of the land which is not ancillary and which will further community benefit or if there is no current use that furthers community wellbeing as in this case, the listing authority will have to be satisfied that there was a time in the recent past when an actual use furthered community benefit which is not an ancillary use and that it is realist to think that there is a time in the next five years when there could be use of the land which is ancillary and which furthers community benefit*
- 6. Clearly, the Parish Council has failed to demonstrate the existence of these important elements for listing of land as an asset of community value under Section 88 of the Localism Act 2011.*
- 7. It is submitted therefore that the land the subject of nomination does not have any current or past use that further community well- being which is non - ancillary. The commission of a report by the Parish Council to establish what wildlife live in the land does not in any way satisfy the mandatory requirement of Section 88 of the Localism Act.*
- 8. It is further submitted that the isolated use of the property by the Parish Council to conduct biological inventory or census is not the main use of the land and is at best ancillary and therefore does not satisfy the statutory requirements for listing*

## **Conclusion**

23. Valid nominations have been made to the Council.

24. Members need to consider whether the evidence provided shows that the property, current or in the recent past, furthers the social wellbeing or interests of the community.

25. Members need to consider whether it is realistic to think that the property can continue to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.

26. Consideration of these issues will lead the Cabinet to determine whether or not the properties listed in Appendix 1 should be included in the list of assets of community value. Appendix 1 contains officer advice on these issues.

### Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The nominating body or the owner is unhappy with the decision reached.	High risk that one of the bodies will be unhappy with the decision.	The owner has rights of internal review and appeal and can claim for compensation.  The nominating body does not have rights of review or appeal. If it felt the Council had acted unlawfully, it could seek to challenge by way of judicial review.	Carefully scrutinise submissions for inclusion on the Asset List so as to ensure only those which comply with the criteria are included.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.



Appendix 1 Details of Nominations for Assets of Community Value

Details of Nomination and background information	Evidence submitted by the nominating body in their nomination form as to why it believes that the property furthers the social wellbeing or interests of the community.	Information submitted by the nominating body in their nomination form as to how the building or land could be acquired and used in the future.	Officer Advice
<p><b>a) Broxted Village Hall</b>                      Owner: Broxted Parish Council as Sole Trustees                      Nominated by Broxted Parish Council                        Current nomination expires 13/12/2017</p>	<p>The hall is the only available meeting place in the village and is used for a variety of events – meetings, parties, fund-raising activities, polling station etc. it is available or hire by anybody and any organisation. Current uses include meetings of the Parish Council, regular usage for a pilates class, coffee mornings, rabbit shows and children’s and adult parties</p>	<p>In the event that the hall comes up for sale it is probable that the Broxted and District Community Association in conjunction with others, would wish to purchase it and continue to run it as a village hall for the benefit of the community.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>b) Great Canfield Cricket Club Grounds</b>                      Owner: Great Canfield Cricket Club                      Nominated by Great Canfield Parish Council                        Current nomination expires 13/12/2017</p>	<p>There is evidence that cricket has been played in Great Canfield since 1860 and teams continue to regularly play on the cricket field during the summer months. Some 20 years ago a new pavilion was added, this includes a bar which provides an additional meeting place for residents. In addition to cricket the cricket field is used annually for the</p>	<p>Should the land ever become available for sale the Parish Council would facilitate consideration of its future use as a recreational facility, this process would include possible options for financing the purchase of the asset and the future set up for running the asset.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the</p>

	<p>village fireworks display. The Cricket Field is the only public recreational space in the parish of Great Canfield.</p>		<p>social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>c) Great Canfield Village Hall</b>  Owner: Great Canfield Parochial Church Council  Nominated by Great Canfield Parish Council    Current nomination expires 13/12/2017</p>	<p>The Village Hall is a Victorian brick built building which was previously the village school. It has been a village meeting place for many years. With the exception of the parish church it is the only public meeting place remaining in Great Canfield and is situated fairly central to the parish.  Some years ago Great Canfield Parochial Church Council who are the owners of the hall and had been managing the asset, entered into a short term lease with Great Canfield Community Trust. The trust now manages the hall via a village hall committee who look after the day to day running, maintenance and longer term improvements. Negotiations are currently ongoing to extend this lease.  The hall is used by local groups including yoga, toddler group, Happy Circle and the church and is also the meeting place used by the Parish Council. The hall is available to hire for private parties and is regularly used by the village hall committee for</p>	<p>There is strong support for the village hall in the local community. The Parish Council is committed to ensuring the asset remains for the benefit of the community and if there was ever a suggestion the church wished to sell the property the Parish Council would at this stage look at possible options for financing the purchase of the asset.  As now the day to day management of the hall could be delegated to a village hall committee.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.    It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>

	<p>community events including fundraising for its maintenance. The cottage attached to the village hall is <u>not</u> included as part of the nomination.</p>		
<p><b>d) Land adjacent north of Threeways and south of Lime Tree Hill, Great Dunmow</b></p> <p>Owner: in private ownership</p> <p>Nominated by Great Dunmow Town Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>Historically the site was used as allotments but is now unused and has become overgrown and derelict.</p> <p>The land adjoins the recreation ground. It would provide the opportunity to enlarge the recreation ground and enhance the sporting facility there, possibly for additional car parking as the car park at Dourdan Pavilion is over-used.</p>	<p>The Town Council could raise funds to purchase and restore the land for the benefit of the town, increasing the availability of sporting interests such as football, hockey and other ball sports. Recreational interest could also be addressed. The land could also revert back to allotments, a previous use. Car parking space for sporting events would be a useful additional use.</p>	<p>It is considered that this site was inappropriately listed in 2012.</p> <p>The open space has not been demonstrated to be in current use as a community asset as there is no public access/use currently occurring and no community use has occurred within the last 5 years.</p> <p>The proposal therefore fails to meet the requirements of the Act</p>
<p><b>e) Newton Green, Great Dunmow</b></p> <p>Owner: Uttlesford DC</p> <p>Nominated by Great Dunmow Town Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>This land forms an extensive area of grass recreation ground for the surrounding housing. Much of which are social housing. The residents rely on the land for a safe playing area for children.</p>	<p>The land needs to be retained for public use.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>

<p><b>f) Post Office, Great Dunmow</b></p> <p>Owner: in private ownership Nominated by Great Dunmow Town Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The post office is located in the centre of the town and was purpose built in 1938. This is a significant building and the town would be all the poorer if it disappeared from community use. In its current use the building provides the community with all the services offered by the Post Office.</p> <p>Great Dunmow is an expanding area with huge house building forecast until 2030 where it is expected that the Town will double in size. It is imperative for community use and social wellbeing and interests</p>	<p>Should the Post Office relocate, the Town Council would like the opportunity to secure the building for community use. Its town centre location being ideal for community uses. The Town Council have a history of owning and maintaining property to a high standard for the use of the community.</p> <p>The resources of the Town Council are very healthy with excellent financial reserves to enable the purchase of the property if it became available. Great Dunmow is a vibrant town with many interest and charity groups who could benefit from further property at their disposal for use of the community.</p>	<p>See representation from owner (paragraph 22 above). The sale and grant of permission for the change of use of the former Council Offices Great Dunmow took place and were granted prior to the Assets of Community Value provisions coming into force.</p> <p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>g) Rowena Davey Centre, Great Dunmow</b></p> <p>Owner: Uttlesford DC Nominated by Great Dunmow Town Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The centre is a large modern spacious well equipped day centre with professional catering kitchen with ample parking, providing refreshments and lunches.</p> <p>The hall is available for hire. Users include local organisations such as Town Twinning, U3A, Bridge club, wedding receptions etc.</p>	<p>The Town Council and/or other organisations should have the opportunity to purchase the property so that it may continue to be used for the benefit of Great Dunmow.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be</p>

			used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.
<p><b>h) The Great Dunmow Maltings, Great Dunmow</b></p> <p>Owner: Great Dunmow Maltings Preservation Trust</p> <p>Nominated by Great Dunmow Town Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>Housing the Dunmow Town Museum, the Maltings is a uniquely restored town asset. Many original working parts are visible. The first floor provides a useful public meeting venue and is used by a number of Dunmow organisations for meetings, lectures, social pursuits.</p>	<p>Should the Trust need to be dissolved, the Town Council and other organisations of a like mind should be able to acquire it for the town.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>i) Dunmow Community Hub, Great Dunmow</b></p> <p>Owner: Mind in West Essex</p> <p>Nominated by Great Dunmow Town Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Hub was formally the police station. It was built in 1845 and is the oldest police station in Essex. The building now has 10 offices, large reception area and meeting room.</p> <p>The building is used by many groups in the community as well as the voluntary sector services occupying the offices. Six charities make up the voluntary services.</p> <p>The Community Hub is home to Mind in West Essex (which offers counselling), CVSU, Voluntary Sector Training, Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services, and the Centre for Action on Rape and</p>	<p>As the Town Council we own several properties in the town which are well used by the community. These properties are well run and well maintained. The Town Council have the resources to buy these assets if it were to become available and it would easily fit into our property portfolio continuing to be available to community groups and charities.</p>	<p>See representation from CVSU (paragraph 22 above)</p> <p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>

	<p>Abuse. Anyone can enter the building and have access to the seating area, which is set out like a small café, where there are information leaflets available. The community has free access to the building and it is used for many community purposes</p> <p>The community would be poorer if this facility was lost</p>		
<p><b>j) The Former Library, Great Dunmow</b></p> <p>Owner: Essex County Council</p> <p>Nominated by Great Dunmow Town Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Little Goslings Children's Centre provides a wide range of activities to support pre-school children and their families. The youth club is the only provision in the town for the twelve to eighteen age group. These groups would find it difficult to re-locate to suitable premises within the town.</p> <p>The building is a former school and of historical interest to the town.</p>	<p>The Town and District Councils (supported by grants and local fund-raising) would be interested in purchasing the property with a wish to continue to support present activities.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>k) Hop Poles Public House, Great Hallingbury</b></p> <p>Owner: in private ownership</p> <p>Nominated by Great Hallingbury Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p> <p>Parish Council was notified in</p>	<p>The Hop Poles is situated in a central area of the village. The pub in the past has been a very popular venue for both residents and outside trade. Since the recession there appears to have been a decline in this trade but, The Hop Poles continues to be a viable asset.</p>	<p>The Community Interest Group would need to involve the community, perhaps through a shares scheme, and apply for grants and/or a loan in order to purchase the public house. Being situated in a central area of the village, the building could be used for a community meeting room, tea rooms, library and</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the</p>

<p>August 2017 that the property was being offered for sale. There were no potential bidders from the community. The property is therefore in the 18 month protected period which ends 9 February 2019 during which time the owner is free to sell the asset to whomever they choose.</p>		<p>council offices. This could be a facility for a daily meeting point for both villagers and other local groups who may benefit from getting together. Also council's working groups meetings could be held here, and a weekly council surgery could be held. On a daily basis the premises could still operate as a public house and/or tea rooms.</p>	<p>property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>I) St Giles Church, Great Hallingbury</b> Owner: Diocese of Chelmsford Nominated by Great Hallingbury Parish Council  Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>St. Giles Church is, along with the village hall, a major focal point of our community. Church services are held regularly on most Sundays. It is a popular venue for weddings, and a necessary one for baptisms and funerals. Our annual Harvest and Flower Festival at which there are stalls and cream teas, is always a great occasion as are the annual carol services and occasional concerts. The local school at Howe Green like to use the church for their special services, particularly at Christmas, or often join in with the congregation at services such as Harvest Festival. There are occasional tours with talks on the local history of the church and its founder families of Great Hallingbury. It also provides a meeting place</p>	<p>The Community Interest Group would need to involve the community, perhaps through a shares scheme, and apply for grants and/or a loan in order to purchase the church. If possible the church should remain as a place of worship, and a venue for weddings, baptisms and funerals. It would be good to continue with the seasonal services and celebrations around Harvest, Easter and Christmas, with associated Flower Festivals and Fayres. It would also be an excellent venue, as currently used, for musical and choir concerts.</p>	<p>See representation from owner (paragraph 22 above)  The issues raised in the representation are being considered by the Council's Head of Legal Services and will be reported to Members at the meeting.</p>

	<p>when the village hall is fully booked.</p> <p>St. Giles Church is a very beautiful and well maintained building, and still has an open church yard.</p>		
<p><b>m) Kings Head, Hadstock</b></p> <p>Owner: In private ownership</p> <p>Nominated by Hadstock Parish Council</p> <p>The council received notification of the intention to sell the property in July 2016. No community group requested to be treated as a bidder. From the information provided by the Parish Council, the property has been sold within the protected period which removes it from the list of assets.</p>	<p>Prior to closure, the pub was the meeting place for many clubs and supporting groups of our village life. The darts team, book club, investment club, fete committee meetings, Friends of the Church and many more were all held there. Many fund-raising events were run from the pub e.g. Help the Hero's, Remembrance Day wreath, Local Children's parties. The pub was sold in August 2016 and is currently undergoing a programme of refurbishment/renovation which had been due to re-open during 2017, although this looks to be a longer project than was perhaps first anticipated. It will be the only public house in the village, which will be a vital centre of community entertainment and engagement not only for Hadstock but for visitors to the area.</p> <p>The Kings Head should retain its inclusion on the Community Assets Register as if in the future, it should be placed on the market for sale the Village could be in a</p>	<p>Initially the community formed a group called 'The Friends of the Kings Head' and subsequently a Community Benefit Society called 'Hadstock Community Pub Ltd' (HCPL) was formed with the intention of buying the pub for the community. This is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (registration number 7063). Substantial funds were raised by way of a share issue but the Company was unable to raise sufficient grant income to fund the total purchase. Eventually, the groups stood aside to allow a local businessman to buy the pub on his assurance that he would re-open it as a local pub. He has recently obtained planning permission to commence the full renovation of the building (which is Grade II listed) and the two groups will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that this valuable local asset is returned to its proper use as a facility for everyone in the village.</p> <p>The groups will resurrect their</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>



	<p>position to bid for it, for use as above and more for the benefit of the Village.</p>	<p>interest in purchasing the pub if the renovation does not go ahead and/or the pub is not re-opened for its original purpose. HCPL has worked with the Plunkett Foundation and many other successful Community Benefit Society's which have successfully purchased and run their local pub for the benefit of their community</p>	
<p><b>n) Village Recreation Ground, Hadstock</b>  Owner: Hadstock Parish Council  Nominated by Hadstock Parish Council  Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Village Recreation Ground is important as a Community Asset as it provides a wonderful open space for the benefit of the Community. The recreation ground provides informal open space as well as more formal organised events. It has play equipment for the younger residents and is maintained with pride</p>	<p>Because the Village of Hadstock has experienced a Community Benefit Society for the village pub it could be possible to do the same for the Village Recreation Ground should it be required.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>o) Village Green Hadstock</b>  Owner: Hadstock Parish Council  Nominated by Hadstock Parish Council  Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Village Green provides and will continue to provide an attractive feature at the centre of the Village. It is the focal point of many community activities including the annual Fete. It is easily identified as a meeting place and a point of reference and direction to other places in</p>	<p>Because this is common land and therefore belongs to the commoners, any change of use from its current status would have to be agreed in accordance with Common Law legislation</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p>

	<p>the village. It is registered as common land protected by a bye law and within the Conservation area.</p>		<p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>p) Village Hall Hadstock</b>  Owner: Hadstock Village Hall Charity  Nominated by Hadstock Parish Council  Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Village Hall was once the Village School and noted in the Hadstock Conservation Appraisal as a building of undoubted quality built in 1871.  Its Trust Deed was established for the benefit of Residents of the Parish of Hadstock and the surrounding area.  The Village Hall is used and will continue to be used for many activities which are of huge benefit of the village.  Below are some of the activities that have been booked for the month ahead Portable pint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tea &amp; Cakes</li> <li>▪ Hadstock Society AGM Church Service</li> <li>▪ Bridge Club Band rehearsal Silver Band Pilates Exercise class Event</li> <li>▪ Parish Council Meetings</li> <li>▪ It is also used as a Polling Station when required</li> </ul> <p>The Village Hall is run by the</p>	<p>The Parish Council as Sole Trustee has a veto over any change of use to which it does not agree</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>

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<p><b>q) Bluebell Inn Hempstead</b></p> <p>Owner: In private ownership</p> <p>Nominated by Hempstead Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Bluebell Inn is an integral part of the community in Hempstead. Having no school or shops it is one of the important meeting places for villagers, as well as being popular with tourist and visitors. There are regular quizzes, informal music gathering, music weekends and club meets for car enthusiasts.</p> <p>During a period of closure, a little while ago, it became obvious by the number of enquiries about re-opening, that it was sorely missed. The Parish Council became aware of local interest in taking it on and did its best to facilitate the eventual successful re-opening under a new tenant landlord. The Parish Council even organised a well-supported day of work to clear the grounds and car park. This was much appreciated by the new landlord. The council also organised 'pop-up' pub events in the village hall whilst the Bluebell was closed.</p>	<p>Because of the limited financial scope of the Parish Council it would never be able to be directly involved in any purchase, in the unlikely event that the pub came up for sale. However, having much local knowledge and the experience of the last re-opening it would be possible for the Council again to act as some sort of broker to help ensure a satisfactory outcome. It would also continue its ongoing informal support.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>r) The Village Green, Hempstead</b></p> <p>Owner: Essex County Council Highways</p>	<p>This is a small parcel of land central to the village, both geographically and in its usage. The following are located on the</p>	<p>The Parish Council has a limited reserve fund and its yearly income is more or less used up in its statutory and regular</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use</p>

<p>Nominated by Hempstead Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus shelter</li> <li>• Bench – used be people waiting for the bus and the mobile library.</li> <li>• War memorial</li> <li>• Village sign</li> <li>• Notice board</li> <li>• Rubbish bin</li> <li>• Planters and planting</li> <li>• BT Cabinets</li> </ul> <p>The land has been used for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Viewing point for Morris dancing held annually at the pub</li> <li>• Previously used by Gardening Club for plant sales.</li> </ul> <p>The village takes a pride in this area and the Parish Council uses its resources and efforts to ensure that these and the area containing them are looked after well. It is regarded as, and locally known as "The Village -Green" and is at the heart of the village in usage and in its situation. At no time has there ever been any hindrance in any form to the open access to this land and the activities described above. The Parish Council would do everything possible to maintain access to this valuable community asset. The Parish Council have made strenuous efforts for a number of</p>	<p>maintenance activities. Although a small village Hempstead has demonstrated in the past that given a focus it can be a very effect fundraising force and equally successful in grant applications. The refurbishment of the village hall and the more recent fundraising for play equipment show, that despite some of the fundraising potential of the village going towards schools and other organisations outside the village, also many organisations and individuals are prepared to contribute when the need arises. It is hard to see this space being sold by Essex Highways, its owners, and, what use it could be to anyone else. Hempstead Parish Council is still firmly of the opinion, despite all the rebuffs received, that it should be re-registered to the ownership of the Parish Council. However, they would take very positive action to endeavour to purchase it if the opportunity arose. The Village Green is already maintained by the Parish Council funding the grass cutting. Equally the Council's assets (which cover a good proportion of the total area) are already part of its</p>	<p>the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
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	years to have it re- registered as a Village Green, to no avail.	regular maintenance expenditure so the ongoing care of this valuable Community Asset could be assured	
<p><b>s) The Bull Public House, Langley</b></p> <p>Owner: In private ownership</p> <p>Nominated by Langley Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The pub is the only pub in the village and an integral part of village life. It is the only option for a public social venue within walking distance for residents of both Langley Lower and Upper Green. The pub hosts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• quiz nights</li> <li>• special event nights – whisky tasting, darts and holiday parties</li> <li>• Venue for book club, craft making days, meeting of the British Legion</li> <li>• beer and live music festivals</li> <li>• acoustic night</li> <li>• Pizza van</li> <li>• Sunday lunches</li> <li>• Hosts village fete meal etc</li> <li>• Takes part in village fete and Annual Village Meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Has place in Good Beer Guide 2017 and 2018.</p>	<p>Langley Parish Council would certainly consider the formation of a community group which would instigate a period of consultation with Langley residents and should sufficient support be identified produce a business plan for the purchase and running of The Bull as a community owned pub. The purchase would be funded through either community fundraising and private donations, or through government schemes such as the government's Enterprise Investment Scheme, which offers tax breaks to individuals in a group of investors, or through a loan applied for by Langley Parish Council from the Public Works Loan Board. After purchase, support is available from organisations such as Pub is the Hub, a not-for-profit organisation that supports community ownership of pubs, and the British Institute of Innkeeping (Bli), which offers comprehensive advice, guidance, telephone helplines, mentoring, qualifications and a range of free and discounted business services</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>

		<p>to innkeepers for an annual membership fee (currently £140 per year).</p> <p>We anticipate that should The Bull become a community owned pub in the future it would be run much as it is today: offering a social space to Langley residents, hosting a range of events, including some where food is served; providing a venue for a takeaway service; and getting involved in community events. Langley residents have a track record of supporting community projects (reordering the church, new community centre and cricket pavilion).</p>	
<p><b>t) St Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury</b></p> <p>Owner: Diocese of Chelmsford</p> <p>Nominated by Little Hallingbury Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>This church is used regularly every week for services and a midweek service. It is also used for all additional services such as weddings, baptism and funerals, and for seasonal services and events.</p> <p>The church has seats which can be moved around and is used for youth clubs, church clubs, coffee mornings and events such as Christmas/Craft Fayres.</p> <p>This church is a main hub for community gatherings.</p>	<p>The purchase will be funded by seeking grants and public engagement e.g. shared ownership, issued shares. The building would remain open to everyone.</p> <p>As the church is used regularly every week for services and a midweek service, it should remain a place of worship for individuals, and in the absence of vicar a member of congregation would lead the service. It would also be available for additional services such as weddings, baptism and funerals if chosen by individual, and for seasonal services and</p>	<p>See representation from owner (paragraph 22 above)</p> <p>The issues raised in the representation are being considered by the Council's Head of Legal Services and will be reported to Members at the meeting.</p>

		<p>events. As the church has seats which can be moved around would remain being used for youth clubs, church clubs, coffee mornings and events such as Christmas/Craft Fairs. The group would endeavour to keep it as a main hub for community gatherings.</p>	
<p><b>u) The George Public House, Little Hallingbury</b> Owner: In private ownership Nominated by Little Hallingbury Parish Council  Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>This public house is situated in a prominent place in the village. It is well patronised by people from the village and surrounding areas, also by people passing through the village. It has a friendly and social atmosphere, holding seasonal and special occasion events. It provides a convenient and 'easy to find' place to meet.</p>	<p>The purchase will be funded by seeking grants and public engagement e.g. shared ownership, issued shares. The public house is known of its friendly and social atmosphere, so the group would endeavour to keep that atmosphere. It would be kept open for holding seasonal and special occasion events and to provide a convenient and 'easy to find' place to meet. It could be turned into a tea room, offering drinks and homemade cakes. The History Society could have informal meetings that would be open to anyone to view their rich archive and study the local history in a friendly atmosphere. Any local club could use it as an informal place to meet, chat and perhaps store their documents that could be of public interest to view. It should be seen as a friendly</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.  It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>

		<p>place to go to meet locals and welcoming to passers-by who would can come and enjoy the friendly and welcoming atmosphere.</p>	
<p><b>v) Little Hallingbury Village Hall</b>  Owner: The Village, with the Parish Council as trustee  Nominated by Little Hallingbury Parish Council    Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>Current use: Morning Nursery School in term time; meeting place for local societies, parish council and other organizations; polling station; venue for village events; annual pantomime and other shows; housing of post office and community shop.  Each morning of term time sees the building and outside grounds used for the pre-school nursery. Our community are well informed of all coming events at the hall, and the weekly or monthly meetings of local societies and organizations. The hall has seen an annual pantomime for the past 30 years, putting on 6 shows each January. All events are very well attended.  One small part of the hall is partitioned off, with its own outer door, and houses our village post office and community shop.</p>	<p>The purchase will be funded by seeking grants and public engagement e.g. shared ownership, issued shares.  The Morning Nursery School in term time would be using the building as it is important that local and nearby children/toddlers have a nice environment close to their home. The nursery has excellent outside grounds that it uses for play activities.  The building would remain as a meeting place for local societies, parish council and other organizations. The building would also be available to be used as a polling station, a venue for village events, the annual pantomime and other shows. This building also houses a small post office and community shop run by local volunteers.  To not have the post office in the village would be a big loss as it always seems to be busy during its opening times. It is also a social focal point where one can have a nice chat to a friendly member of staff, get an</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.    It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>



		information what's going on in the village or just meet other parishioners.	
<p><b>w) St Margaret of Antioch Parish Church, Margaret Roding</b></p> <p>Owner: Diocese of Chelmsford</p> <p>Nominated by Margaret Roding Parish Council.</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>Monthly Sunday morning worship takes place at St Margaret's, as well as additional services for major festivals, Easter and Christmas and baptisms, weddings and funerals.</p> <p>The church is also available for other uses and in recent years a bi-annual art festival organised by the local art group is held in the church building, the next one is booked for the summer of 2018.</p> <p>The parish church is the only public building remaining in the parish of Margaret Roding.</p>	<p>There is no suggestion in the short term that the Diocese are planning to close or sell this parish church and therefore there have been no discussions on the how the future of the building could be secured and what role the local community might play in this.</p> <p>The building has significant heritage value to the community and the Parish Council is certain, should it be necessary that there would be an interest in securing the site for the village, rather than see the site sold to a third party.</p> <p>The church is small in scale seating only 50 and the site is severely restricted due to the surrounding churchyard.</p> <p>The existing Parochial Church Council currently maintains and runs the building for the benefit of the community and there is no suggestion that a similar small committee could not continue to do so should it be necessary. If the building was no longer a place of worship the internal space would be more flexible than currently and the use of the building could be widened for</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>

		various interest groups and activities.	
<p><b>x) All Saints Church, Rickling Green</b>  Owner: Diocese of Chelmsford  Nominated by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Church holds regular services and is an important part of community life in the Parish. Through the church, a number of social events are held, bringing the community together.</p>	<p>If the estate were to become available for purchase it would likely be of interest to conservation and preservation charities such as English Heritage and The National Trust. Acquisition by such a charity would benefit the local community and the nation by preserving an historic building and its environs.</p>	<p>See representation from owner (paragraph 22 above)</p> <p>The issues raised in the representation are being considered by the Council's Head of Legal Services and will be reported to Members at the meeting.</p>
<p><b>y) Rickling Green Primary School, Rickling Green</b>  Owner: Diocese of Chelmsford  Nominated by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>This is the only school in the village offering a high standard of education to children in the village and adjoining parishes. The building is of character and has been sympathetically extended to accommodate modern needs.</p>	<p>Were this property to become available to the community it could be used to provide space for an enlarged village shop and/or post office or as an alternative venue for clubs and activities that are unable to secure a time slot in the fully utilised village hall. Alternatively the buildings could continue to be used as a school by any organisation that wished to set up a free school. Fundraising to purchase the property would take advantage of any grants from any charitable foundations or government bodies that are available at the time of the sale as well as community fundraising, spending of the Parish Council's cash reserve and</p>	<p>See representation from owner (paragraph 22 above)</p> <p>The issues raised in the representation are being considered by the Council's Head of Legal Services and will be reported to Members at the meeting.</p>

		raising of the precept.	
<p><b>z) Rickling Ramblers Cricket Pavilion, Rickling Green</b></p> <p>Owner: Land in private ownership</p> <p>Nominated by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The cricket pavilion facilitates the playing of cricket on a green that has been used as a cricket pitch for over a century and a half. The game is central to the identity of the village and has given the local pub, The Cricketers, its name</p> <p>The cricket club, which uses the pavilion, is one of the few sports clubs available to the local community. Events organised by the club are well attended and serve to encourage community spirit. Playing cricket facilitates good health which benefits the individual and the community.</p>	<p>If the building, and the land upon which the building sits, were to be made available for purchase the Parish Council would endeavour, by means of fundraising, grants and its precept, to purchase them for the community.</p> <p>The assets would be run for the benefit of the community in the same way as they exist now, as the focal point for the local cricket team.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>aa) The Cricketers Arms, Rickling Green</b></p> <p>Owner: Cozy Pubs Ltd</p> <p>Nominated by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Cricketer's Arms is the sole surviving pub in the village. It is a place of employment and the focal point and social centre for the village. It is closely associated with the village cricket club and contains a newly established village shop.</p>	<p>If the pub were to be made available for purchase the local community would have the option of purchasing it and running it as a community pub.</p> <p>The following websites provide advice on how to do this and links to foundations that can provide grants and guidance.</p> <p><a href="https://www.pubisthehub.org.uk/community-ownership/">https://www.pubisthehub.org.uk/community-ownership/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.plunkett.co.uk/more-than-a-pub">https://www.plunkett.co.uk/more-than-a-pub</a></p> <p>Running the pub as a community pub would preserve:</p> <p>The sole surviving pub in the</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>

		<p>village</p> <p>A place of employment</p> <p>A focal point and social centre for the village</p> <p>The close association with the village cricket club.</p> <p>The village shop.</p>	
<p><b>bb) Rickling Village Green, Rickling Green</b></p> <p>Owner: In private ownership</p> <p>Nominated by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Village Green is central to the village and offers the opportunity for walks, picnics, children to play and has a cricket pitched used by the local cricket club, Rickling Ramblers. Village events are often held on The Green and these are generally well attended, boosting community spirit.</p>	<p>The village green is part of the estate associated with Rickling Hall. Use of the village green for community activities is highly dependent upon the granting of permission by the owner of Rickling Hall Estate. Should the estate be purchased by an individual or a company that does not have the interests of the community at heart it could seriously circumscribe the activities that may take place in a space that is traditionally the heart of the village. It would be highly desirable for the community to acquire ownership, and thus control, of the village green to prevent such an undesirable outcome occurring. Acquiring the village green would allow all the current sporting and social activities to continue as well as enabling the Parish Council to cooperate with ECC to initiate speed reductions around the Green and the adjoining village school. Such speed</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>

		<p>reductions are currently not possible because the current owner of the land is reluctant to grant permission for the necessary signs to be erected. Since the green is used as a sports' field any attempt to purchase it would investigate the grant opportunities offered by sport charities and public bodies Other avenues for raising the necessary money would be fund raising activities, an increase in the precept or spending the Parish Council's cash reserve.</p>	
<p><b>cc) Quendon and Rickling Village Hall, Quendon</b>  Owner: Village Hall Association  Nominated by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council    Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The village hall hosts a large variety of organisations and activities. A selection :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise classes</li> <li>• Dog training</li> <li>• Rainbows</li> <li>• Pilates</li> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• U3A Choir</li> <li>• Line dancing</li> <li>• Pre school dance</li> <li>• Jumblesales</li> <li>• Parish Council meetings</li> </ul> <p>All of which foster social interaction and community engagement</p>	<p>The village hall is already owned by the Village Hall Association which is committed to retaining it as a place for community activities.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.</p>
<p><b>dd) Quendon Hall, Quendon</b></p>	<p>Quendon Hall is a Grade 1 listed building. Quendon Hall Estate has</p>	<p>If the estate were to become available for purchase it would</p>	<p>See representation from owner (paragraph 22 above)</p>

<p>Owner: In private ownership Nominated by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council</p> <p>New nominations.</p> <p>Previously not listed for the following reasons:</p> <p>The fact that the site has a long history and a medieval deer park does not mean that it qualifies as an Asset of Community Value. No specific community use has been identified which would allow listing.</p>	<p>a history dating back some 900 years and incorporates the only surviving medieval park in the county. The hall and the estate are currently used as a wedding venue.</p> <p>There is no public access to the site, but public paths run around its perimeter. It provides work directly, via the local companies that work there as well as providing income for the local pubs and B&amp;Bs as a consequence of visitors to the weddings and events that it stages.</p>	<p>likely be of interest to conservation and preservation charities such as English Heritage and The National Trust. Acquisition by such a charity would benefit the local community and the nation by preserving an historic building and its estate.</p>	<p>The property has not been demonstrated to be in current use as a community asset as there is no public access/use currently occurring and no community use has occurred within the last 5 years.</p> <p>There are two residential properties within the site and the Act specifically excludes the listing of residential sites.</p> <p>The proposal therefore fails to meet the requirements of the Act</p>
<p><b>ee) Quendon Wood, Quendon</b></p> <p>Owner: In private ownership Nominated by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council</p> <p>New nomination</p>	<p>The wood is a SSSI and as such is an important habitat for indigenous wildlife. There are no public paths through the wood, but the community and visitors have long appreciated the wood as an area of natural beauty, a haven for birds and other wildlife and enjoyed its presence when walking the public paths that are immediately adjacent to it. It contributes to the rural nature of North West Essex and is a remnant of a more ancient landscape.</p>	<p>Should the wood be available to purchase it would be of great interest to conservation charities, such as The Woodland Trust which has a policy of acquiring ancient woodland so that it may be preserved and enjoyed by the community. Alternatively the Parish Council would be interested in acquiring the land. This acquisition would be dependent upon fundraising and probably upon obtaining a grant or donation; the nature and source of which would only be apparent at the time of</p>	<p>See representation from owner (paragraph 22 above)</p> <p>The woodland has not been demonstrated to be in current use as a community asset as there is no public access/use currently occurring and no community use has occurred within the last 5 years.</p> <p>The proposal therefore fails to meet the requirements of the Act</p>

	<p>The wood is encircled by public rights of way and is a significant attraction to walkers; walkers who bring their custom to the nearby Chequers and Cricketers public houses.</p> <p>The wood is currently maintained as a valuable piece of historic and important ancient woodland by the land agents who manage it.</p>	<p>application. In either scenario the wood would continue to be managed and would be open for the community to walk through and relax in.</p>	
<p><b>ff) St. Simon &amp; St. Jude Church, Quendon</b></p> <p>Owner: Diocese of Chelmsford</p> <p>Nominated by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Church holds regular services and is an important part of community life in the Parish. Through the church, a number of social events are held, bringing the community together.</p>	<p>If the estate were to become available for purchase it would likely be of interest to conservation and preservation charities such as English Heritage and The National Trust. Acquisition by such a charity would benefit the local community and the nation by preserving an historic building and its environs.</p>	<p>See representation from owner (paragraph 22 above)</p> <p>The issues raised in the representation are being considered by the Council's Head of Legal Services and will be reported to Members at the meeting.</p>
<p><b>gg) The Village Fountain, Quendon</b></p> <p>Owner: The Village</p> <p>Nominated by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council</p> <p>Current nomination expires 13/12/17</p>	<p>The Memorial fountain is one of Quendon's most visible landmarks and is very much a symbol of the village. Historically this was used to provide water for the village, though it no longer serves this purpose. It is now enjoyed as a reminder of the village's past and as a monument that is unique to the village. It appears on the parish website as a feature of interest as part of the promotion</p>	<p>The fountain has already been donated to the village.</p>	<p>The property furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the community as a meeting place for individuals and groups who use the property as a place to meet and socialise to further their cultural, recreational or sporting interests.</p> <p>It is realistic to think that the property can contribute to be used in a manner that furthers the social wellbeing and interests of</p>

	<p>of the village to visitors, who provide revenue to local businesses.</p> <p>A plaque inside reads: <i>This fountain and drinking trough were donated to the people of Quendon in 1887 by Henry Tufnell. Esq in memory of col. Cranmer-Byng of Quendon hall. They were later restored in memory of G.B. Beeman who lived at manor farm 1922-54.</i></p> <p>It was recently sympathetically restored. The ceremony to mark its restoration was attended by many locals and received press coverage, demonstrating the value the community places on this monument.</p>		<p>the local community.</p>
<p><b>hh) Chalky Meadows, Thaxted</b></p> <p>Owner: Essex County Council</p> <p>Nominated by Thaxted Parish Council</p> <p>New nomination</p>	<p>This is an ecologically valuable site rich in wild flowers, birds, insects and reptiles.</p> <p>A Bioblitz was undertaken in August 2016 with experts and residents of Thaxted, raising awareness in the community. On the back of the bioblitz there is a hope to engage further professional/expert advice to better protect, develop and share this asset.</p> <p>Findings included a large colony of Lizards, 22 types of butterflies, numerous plants some being an</p>	<p>The site should be surveyed and if it meets the Local Wildlife Sites Criteria be formally designated as a Local Wildlife Site with Uttlesford DC. Thaxted PC should adopt as a nature reserve to raise the profile of the site and involve the local community and raise support. If we were successful in obtaining this for preservation of the Meadow grants for open space would be considered to ensure the maintenance of the land.</p>	<p>See representation from owner (paragraph 22 above).</p> <p>The open space has not been demonstrated to be in current use as a community asset as there is no public access/use currently occurring and no community use has occurred within the last 5 years.</p> <p>The proposal therefore fails to meet the requirements of the Act</p>



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