

# BUNGAY LIFE

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## Bungay Town Council

We would be pleased to receive relevant articles from community groups and voluntary organisations letting residents know what is happening in the Bungay area.

**Send your articles to**  
clerk@bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk

Copy deadline for Autumn edition is August 9

## New Clerk for Bungay Town Council



● Julie Bird

**I am happy to have been appointed as the Town clerk for Bungay with effect from May 2025.**

I have a background in welfare and strategic planning management and am looking forward to working with Bungay's inspiring and vibrant community. Having grown up in Norfolk, I am excited to be returning to an area that so well encapsulates both traditional values and an exciting future. We have a great team here at the Town Hall and I hope to meet as many residents as possible over the next few months and hear about what matters to local people. Julie Bird contact clerk@bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk

## Bungay Celebrates Its Local Heroes at the 2025 Civic Awards!

From Volunteers to Youth Champions - Meet the Winners Who Make Bungay Proud.



**B**ungay residents gathered at the Annual Town Meeting to honour individuals and groups making a lasting difference. The 2025 Civic Awards recognised outstanding efforts in sports, volunteering, environmental action, and youth leadership.

### The Bezant Cup Winner: Joshua Wilde

Despite mild cerebral palsy, Josh has shown lifelong dedication to football, co-founding the Norwich City Cerebral Palsy Team, winners of the 2024 Disability Cup. A passionate advocate for disability sport, he inspires athletes across the region.

### The Bungay Civic Award Robin Holmes & Christopher Gray

These quiet achievers have improved Bungay's appearance through voluntary litter picks and sign repairs, boosting local pride with their civic dedication.

### The Trevor Collyer Cup Bella Collins

As part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award, Bella has volunteered weekly with the Town Council since October 2024. She helped organise historic archives and develop a display on the Bungay Bombing, leaving a lasting impact.

### The Madeleine Parr Long Service Community Award

Friends of Bungay Community Library

Since 2012, this group has raised over £100,000 to transform the town's library into a modern hub with a junior section, IT upgrades, and improved accessibility, benefiting thousands.

### New Community Group Award – Two Winners 1st Bungay Guides and Rangers

Formed in April 2024, this Girlguiding unit has become a vibrant space for girls aged 10–18. In one year, members earned 212 badges and developed confidence and leadership skills.

### The Mayfair Cellar and Space

This creative project provides inclusive, empowering environments for young people to learn, grow, and connect - quickly becoming a cornerstone of youth engagement in Bungay.

**Jordan Hindes Mayor for 2024 - 2025 mayoral year praised all the honourees: "These awards reflect the heart of Bungay - people driven by love for their community. We're proud to celebrate them."**

# A Message from the Mayor

## Cllr John Adams

**It is a great honour to write my first message as the newly elected Mayor of Bungay. I'm proud to serve a town defined by its vibrant community spirit and shared commitment to making Bungay a wonderful place to live, work, and visit.**

I was appointed Mayor at the Annual Town Council Meeting on 15 May 2025. I'd like to thank Cllr Alan Pearmain, who was due to take on the mayoralty, for choosing instead to continue leading several key initiatives, including traffic management and the improvement of open spaces - projects vital to Bungay's future. His ongoing work is deeply appreciated, and I look forward to working closely with him and our new Town Clerk, Julie Bird, who joined us on 19 May.

This summer is shaping up to be an unforgettable one. From the chilling tales of the Black Shuck Festival and poignant VJ Day commemorations to the buzzing Beer & Music Festival, Heritage Open Days, and the much-loved Bungay Folk Festival, there's something for everyone. I hope to see many of you at these fantastic events.

We're also excited to launch our 2nd year of Summer Sessions for Young People - a programme packed with fun and inspiring holiday activities to keep our youth engaged and safe throughout the school break. In this issue of Bungay Life, you'll find highlights from recent community events, including VE Day commemorations and the joyful return of the Annis Hill May Fair. Thank you to all who helped bring these moments to life.

A heartfelt congratulations goes to this year's Civic Award winners - your selfless contributions remind us of the power of community and the difference individuals can make.

Lastly, I'm thrilled to announce that the final designs for the new King's Road play area will be installed this summer, thanks to a generous grant from East Suffolk Council. This upgraded space will be a lasting gift for local children and families.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, let's make this summer one to remember.



Warm wishes,  
**Cllr John Adams**  
Mayor of Bungay

## May Fair on Annis Hill Green

Our second May Fair on Annis Hill Green (AHG) on May 5th was again a great day, in spite of the strong NE wind. The gazebos were well secured against the wind and breaks in the cloud meant the sun came out at times, ensuring that everyone was able to enjoy the day. Fantastic performances from Bungay Primary school dancers and The Eastern Dance Academy were followed by the Folk Festival, whose lively music fitted well with the day. The range of stalls allowed visitors to browse between displays. The afternoon finished with a chance for visitors to join in with some Balkan dancing, led by The Bungay International Dance group. Face painting, the scavenger hunt, circus inspired games and ice creams were ever popular with the children. Thanks go to all volunteers who made the day such a success.

Another highlight of the event was the awarding of prizes to the winners and runners up from the Photograph and Art competition, a joint venture between Annis Hill Green and Bungay Camera Club. Congratulations go to adult winner in the Photography competition, Kevin Baker, and Runners up Roger



Betts and Sarah Clark; Junior Art winner was Kian Clar, with runners up Joshua Veraney and Theo Clark. Adults received a voucher to spend locally and the Juniors received art materials as well as a frame for their artwork. Our thanks go to the sponsors of this competition: Bungay Town Council, Earsham Street Fish Company, Bigod's Café, AggieV, The Chocolate Box, Dave O'Neill, Bungay Camera Club.

Annis Hill Green continues to be a popular destination for dog walkers. It is a space that offers much more, so do visit with your picnics, take a wildlife walk or sit to enjoy the peace. We are working hard to support you with information about the

wildlife, with the first information boards being completed in May. Further boards are being planned with schools through the summer months. Men's Shed continue to support us with stands for the boards.

Our thanks also go to Men's Shed for the beautifully made supports for the plaques that are in place for sponsored trees in the central circle. If you are interested in sponsoring one of our native trees, please contact the Town Clerk [clerk@bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk)

Our orchard trees have flowered beautifully this spring. As the fruit ripens later in the year, why not plan a visit and pick some to take home.

AHG depends on volunteers. We welcome anyone who feels they can donate some time to support the development and maintenance of the meadow and its surrounds. Meetings are on the first Monday of each month, with volunteer working parties as needed, with details to be found on the Bungay Town website.

[https://bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council-services/annis-hill\\_green/](https://bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council-services/annis-hill_green/)



# Sonic Wave heads for Bungay



**S**onic Wave is an exciting new concert series heading for Bungay's Fisher Theatre on September 27.

This new initiative will bring an eclectic palette of musical experiences to rural Suffolk, and for many of the artists it will be their first time performing in East Anglia.

Behind it are Françoise Lamy and Graham Daniels of Suffolk-based artists Addictive TV. Designed to champion grassroots music, the series highlights artists who cross over folk, world, jazz, electronic and contemporary styles, featuring a dynamic mix of touring performers and local talent.

Lamy, creative producer, said: "We're really excited about bringing some incredible original music to our doorstep all year round while nurturing the grassroots music scene at the same time. Sonic Wave is our way of widening music offerings and helping keep rural Suffolk's music scene strong."



When Sonic Wave comes to Bungay's Fisher Theatre, seats will be removed to transform the space into a vibey dancefloor to welcome Alex Etchart & Vientos, artists bringing the emotive harmonies of South American and British folklore into wild electronica, with forgotten tales of queer love and the latinx diaspora; with support from Norwich-based Irish singer-songwriter Emma O'Reilly, a unique talent on the rise who's voice is as powerful as her lyrics. The evening will be topped off with our own DJ Sherpa Beats.

Tickets which are £12/15 can be purchased direct from The Fisher in Bungay, online or at the door.

September 27th 2025:  
Emma O'Reilly + Alex Etchart & Vientos  
at The Fisher Theatre, Bungay

## Bungay Pride

**Bungay Pride returns on Saturday 19th July with a vibrant, inclusive day of celebration in the heart of our town! Join us on the Castle Bailey from 2pm for a joyful community picnic, stalls, and an open mic stage showcasing local talent.**

As the sun sets, the celebration continues at The Fisher Theatre with an after-party film screening of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert! Expect music, colour, community spirit, and

plenty of love. Bungay Pride is about visibility, unity, and celebrating everyone just as they are. Whether you're LGBTQ+ or an ally, **you're warmly invited to be part of it.**

Want to be more involved? We're always looking for volunteers to support on the day or with the organisation.  
Email [bungaypride@gmail.com](mailto:bungaypride@gmail.com) to get in touch!



Follow **@BungayPride** on social media for updates. Let's make Bungay shine with Pride!

# Bungay Folk Festival



**Bungay Folk Festival is back for a second year on September 5-7 with more music, dance and workshops across the town.**

**BUNGAY  
FOLK  
FESTIVAL**

Headlining the festival will be the amazing Eliza Carthy, multi award winner and one of the most recognisable faces in British folk, who will be performing two concerts in the Fisher Theatre. Other performers include Mishra, Tamsin Elliot and Tarek Elazhary, The Wilswood Buoys, The King Driscolls plus Orchestra of Samples who will close the festival on Sunday evening at the Fisher. Blake Harrison will be bringing his African drums to the festival and offering a free drum workshop to both adults and youngsters, and Norwich based singer, Mary Lovett will be leading a free singing workshop. Mog and his renegade Irish drums make a second appearance, plus Mog is offering four workshops at various levels.

The lineup of bands is almost complete and much of the music is free to access, so please check out the programme at <https://www.bungayfolkfestival.co.uk/> put the dates in your calendar and keep an eye out for more regular updates. Tickets for the evening events and workshops will be on sale from mid June.

In other news, we at BFF were up with the early birds at dawn on May 1st to witness the May Day celebrations on Broome Heath as Rumburgh Morris got into their stride amidst the ancient barrows, and on May Day Monday we were playing traditional English tunes at the Annis Hill Green and with Paul Gill leading the revellers in May Day songs.

On July 17th BFF are teaming up with their friends at Black Shuck to provide the lunchtime concert courtesy of Artistic Fields in St Marys Church, this is a free concert but donations are encouraged!

Meanwhile at the Green Dragon and Three Tuns, our folk tune and singaround sessions continue every month on the 2nd and 3rd Monday evenings from 7-10; why not come along and join in or just come to listen.

# BLACK SHUCK FESTIVAL 1st ~ 3rd August

Now in its 4th year – the Black Shuck Festival is back even bigger with more exciting events than before!

Outreach into our local schools will see children creating wonderful – and bloodthirsty – art and poems for the Festival and the popular art exhibition depicting all things folklore will be at the Bell Gallery.

The town centre will be buzzing – look out for a Shuck Trail, a historical walk and the start of the Parade. This will make its way along Bridge Street to Falcon Meadow for Saturday afternoon's Falcon Fair. There will be music, circus, and all sorts of shenanigans, including the ritualistic 'burning' of the Black Shuck effigy and the Demon Cards, where we write down our woes and banish them to the 'flames'.

But before this, on the Friday there is lots going on for families – craft workshops in St. Mary's, talks from Suffolk legend Charlie Haylock in the Fisher and – in the Fisher basement, youngsters can try out a brand new, and scary! video game based on Black Shuck. In the evening at the Fisher there will be a special performance of Sing-A-Long-A-Wickerman. Yes, you can dress up as your favourite spooky character and singalong to the film. Not terrifying at all.

Saturday morning, before the Parade, sees Rust & Stardust, a puppetry theatre company, presenting The Green Children of Woolpit at the Fisher and pianist extraordinaire William Fergusson will give a recital at St. Mary's.

A Strange & Terrible Wunder is the Festival's flagship event in St. Mary's on the Saturday evening where an invited celebrity will



perform as the Reverend Abraham Fleming retelling the story of the terrible events on 4th August 1577 but before that the story will be told in words and music by children's author James Mayhew and local composer Roger Eno.

Shuck Sunday at Falcon Meadow will help us all kick back and relax with music, theatre, circus as well as activities in and on the river, tai chi, yoga and sound bath meditation, with plenty for families, children and, with medieval swordfighting that older children and young teens will love.

We are even laying on a minibus which will pick people up at the doctor's surgery and ferry them to Falcon Meadow. Especially for those who have no-one to go with, or who would prefer a lift to the meadow.

Meanwhile, in the Fisher Theatre the Norfolk Folklore Society are bringing a range of folklore experts with some exciting talks on folklore.

The day finishes with another specially written work with a massive choir from William Drew-Batty – Fire! Fire! It's about the Great Fire of Bungay and promises to be something special.

## Boogie, Beer & Brilliance: Bungay Beer and Music Festival 2025



Get ready, Bungay - the town's biggest party is back, and it's set to be an absolute belter! The Bungay Beer and Music Festival 2025 returns to the Crisp Maltings Pavilion (NR35 2RU) for a weekend of unforgettable tunes, tipples and top-tier fun on Friday 29th August (from 6pm) and Saturday 30th August (from midday) - and best of all, entry is free!

Now in its proud and long-standing tradition, this homegrown festival just keeps growing in flavour and flair. Whether you're a longtime festival

fan or a first time visitor, prepare to be blown away by an epic celebration of local beer, live music, delicious food, and family-friendly fun.

**A FEAST FOR YOUR TASTEBUDS**  
Thirsty? You'll be spoilt for choice with over 40 local beers, ales and ciders on tap – from crisp golden brews to hearty dark pints, there's something to suit every palate. And if beer's not your thing, don't worry – our fully licensed bars are stocked with a full range of soft drinks, wines, spirits and cocktails too.

**Hungry? Indulge in the tastiest** treats from food trucks, irresistible cake stalls, and our fan-favourite ice cream stand. It's a foodie's paradise with flavours to fuel your dance moves!

**MUSIC TO MAKE YOU MOVE**  
From ska to soul, brass to ballads, this diverse mix of local talent guarantees two days of non-stop entertainment and that unmistakable Bungay Boogie Wonderland vibe!



## Bungay Winter Beer Festival – Logo competition

Bungay Community Centre are hosting the town's first ever Bungay Winter Beer Festival in February next year. The event is a collaboration between the Community Centre and Bungay Cricket Club who organise the Summer Beer Festival held at the Crisp Maltings Pavilion (The sports ground). This will be a new and

exciting event for the town and be sure to banish the winter blues after a dry January!

The event is on Friday the 6th of February in the evening and from noon on Saturday the 7th of February. You can be sure there will be an excellent selection of winter ales along with a full licenced bar for all other beverages. Additionally, there will be live music, food plus a great atmosphere that the good people Bungay will naturally bring to the party! Full details of the festival will be announced nearer

the time, including in Bungay Life.

We are running a competition to find a fantastic logo for The Bungay Winter Beer Festival 2026. The artwork must be single colour suitable for screen printing the T shirts plus glass etching. The winning designer will gain free entry for the weekend and a voucher to spend at the festival of £50. Of course, more importantly, they will have the satisfaction of seeing their design enjoyed by everybody there! **Designs must be emailed to [bungaybeerfestival@gmail.com](mailto:bungaybeerfestival@gmail.com).**

Designs should be sent no later than the 15th of July this year for it to be used in advertising prior to the event. Anything after this will, unfortunately, be too late.

Should you have any questions regarding the Bungay Winter Beer Festival please email either Stuart Buck at the e-mail address given or Judy Cloke at [bungaycommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:bungaycommunitycentre@gmail.com). We look forward to receiving your fantastic designs and will announce the winner in the next edition of Bungay Life. All the best!

# Bungay Community Library

**T**he start of the Summer sees the staff at Bungay Community Library gearing up for their busiest time of the year!

The Reading Quest, a yearly event that encourages children to continue reading (or enjoying being read to!) throughout the long Summer break, starts on July 19th.

There will be volunteers available daily to chat with children and award them small gifts and stickers, but everyone has their eyes on the prize of a certificate and a medal at the end!

The library will also offer a variety of FREE craft, Lego and games clubs throughout the holidays - please keep a lookout on our Facebook page and in the library for further details.

Eagle-eyed locals will have noticed the completion of our foyer rebuild, offering a wonderful space with better access through



automatic doors and room to sit. The new privacy pod has also been welcomed by customers visiting us to work quietly or visit Barclays Local. We are grateful to our Trustees and all the local organisations who grant funded us money to help with the considerable costs!

We will continue to offer a warm welcome to all during this time, with cold drinks available throughout the day. We look forward to welcoming customers old and new to enjoy some time in our lovely library space and sunny courtyard garden.

Many thanks,  
**Amanda King, Executive Library Manager,  
Suffolk Libraries, 07884 101295**

Bungay Community Library, Wharton Street,  
Bungay, NR35 1EL.  
Tel 01986 506060

## Bungay Heritage Open Days 2025: "Building Bungay"



**B**ungay will mark this year's national Heritage Open Days in September 2025 with a rich and engaging programme celebrating the town's architectural evolution, building materials, and historical turning points.

Spanning both weekends of the national festival, the programme will invite residents and visitors alike to explore how Bungay was shaped - brick by brick, beam by beam, and idea by idea.

### Ups and Downs – Bungay's Architecture 13/14 September

Discover the vertical stories of Bungay—from its hidden cellars to its rooftop views. This will explore Bungay's use of water systems, subterranean spaces, and skyline changes over time. A particular highlight will be access to the historic cellar beneath the Three Tuns, brought to life with display boards and interpretive material.

### Bungay's myths and their influence on architecture - Three Tuns Bungay, 13 Sep 2025 (Pre-booking required on the Fisher website)

Historic Building Myth busting-Uncovering Folklore, History and Archaeology in Bungay Go to any ancient building in Bungay and there will be interesting, exciting, and romantic stories presented to the visitor. James Wright will explain the development of such myths and investigate the underlying truths behind them

### "The Town in Time" – St Mary's Church Display 19-21 September

Hosted in the atmospheric St Mary's Church, this exhibition will trace the town's architectural journey from the 12th century to today

### There is free entry to all events.

Check out the Town council Facebook page for more information, nearer the event.

## Bungay Remembers

On Thursday 8th of May, the Bungay & District Branch of the Royal British Legion laid a wreath on the War Memorial, remembering those who fell before victory in Europe was declared. The following day, Bungay celebrated the liberation of Europe with a performance from Bombshell Rheanne of 1940s songs on Bungay Castle Bailey. This was enjoyed by many and the dancing continued until dark.

Bungay will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of VJ Day at 11am on Friday 15th August when a wreath will be laid by the Bungay & District Branch of the Royal British Legion at the War Memorial in Bungay. On Sunday 17th, there will be a service in Emmanuel Church. The time will be published nearer the date.

### Give the Legion a look

Did you know that you don't have to have served in the armed forces to join the British Legion? In fact the vast majority of our members haven't. So if you are looking for somewhere for a quiet drink (at very reasonable prices), a game of darts or cards or just a place to meet up with friends why not call in and see what we have to offer at the club in Priory Lane.



The club is open every Friday evening from 7.30 and Sunday lunchtimes from 12.00. There is a small annual charge to become a member, which is linked to our main reason for volunteering to run the club: to support all service personnel who have served or are serving in His Majesty's Armed Forces. If you are interested in joining us please email paul\_vass@icloud.com



# Bungay in Business

**FuzzypegFolk** has opened in Bungay with the hope of “bringing a smile to people’s faces”, and the lovely red painted building and colourful items inside certainly has that effect! Katharine Ricks, a Suffolk native and entrepreneur, has revived the name of her mum’s original shop in Woodbridge and created a web-based mail order business, intending initially to sell from a decorative horse drawn wagon at festival pop-ups. Remembering Bungay from her childhood, she came across the vacant Buttercross shop and “as soon as I saw the shop I knew within one minute that this was where I wanted to be”. Katharine grew up in a Maltese cultural environment and has always loved bold colours and folk art, particularly from Central and Eastern Europe, with an inspiration for timeless craft and materials and being as ethical as possible. In addition to her creative eye, Katharine learnt business skills working in fashion as a buyer for Jaeger and Armani stores and as Operations Director with Blue Sky Botanics managing the supply chains of many ethical and sustainable products.

**StyleX** is expanding and has moved into new premises in Chaucer Street after five years in Earsham Street, having previously been in Upper Olland Street for fifteen years. Nicky and Toni continue growing the business and now have more space to be able to

accommodate more stylists and customers. Having started initially in Harleston and Halesworth they each have built up a clientele from across the Waveney valley, particularly for bridal parties, with Nicky specialising in styling and Toni in colouring. They both relish their regular customers, many of whom have followed from salon to salon; as Nicky says, “the secret of styling is to know your client’s hair”.



## BACT - Connecting People



Bact community transport based in Bungay since 1997, provides a lifeline to people in the Bungay area and beyond, enabling them to access a life outside of the home and maintain their independence. Trips provided include transport for medical appointments, shopping, socialising, accessing education, group outings, getting people to onward transport links and group outings. Whether we transport in a car, a wheelchair accessible vehicle or a minibus, we need more help with volunteers to drive our lovely passengers.

Bact community transport is currently overwhelmed with journey requests and is having to refuse trips as we just do not have enough volunteers. Since 2018, our volunteer drivers have halved in number, which has had an enormous impact on what we can do.

Could you help? – just one day a week (any day) can make a dramatic difference to someone. Plus, it is a rewarding role, all our volunteers gain the feel-good factor knowing they are helping others!



**Pictured above is our volunteer Margaret who has just moved out of our area, but she loved driving for bact. Could you be our next Margaret?**

Have a look at our website or give us a call and we can talk about how you can help support your local community.

[www.bactcommunitytransport.org.uk](http://www.bactcommunitytransport.org.uk)  
01986 896896



**Bungay Country Market, if you have not already heard of it, is a small co-operative consisting of local producers who have been offering their goods for sale in the town for over 30 years. We moved to the new Community Centre when it opened and are there every Thursday morning from 9.00 am until 10.30 am in the Evans Room.**

Every week we can offer homemade baked sweet and savoury items, jams and preserves including our popular marmalade alongside fresh hen and duck eggs from a producer’s local smallholding. When in season, we also sell home grown fruit and vegetables, and flowers. Local honey is available at a very reasonable price compared with other outlets. Currently it is £6.50 per 454g (1 lb) jar. Our cooks can fulfil any orders taken for delivery the following week and are happy to do so. For your information we all holders of Food Hygiene Certificates and declare all ingredients and allergens as required by law.

Why not come and see what we have to offer. We are sure that you will be surprised at the choice available but come early for a better selection of goodies. We look forward to seeing you soon.

# The Bungay Town Trust Almshouses



**A**lmshouses in the UK date back over 1000 years, providing affordable housing and support for the needy, particularly older residents. They are owned and maintained by almshouse charities, with residents paying a modest weekly maintenance contribution while covering their own utilities and insurance.

The Bungay Town Trust, a registered charity, manages thirteen one-bedroom ground-floor apartments for retirees. Eight units, known as St Edmunds Homes, are located on Outney Road. Built in 1895 by local solicitor and former Town Reeve

Frederick Smith, these Tudor-style homes were extended and modernised in 2014. The building now holds Grade II status and is set within landscaped gardens.

The remaining five units, called Jubilee Homes, were built in 1970 in Staithe Close and also feature modern upgrades and private gardens.

All properties are currently occupied, but applications are welcome from eligible individuals.

More information is available at [bungaytowntrust.onesuffolk.net](http://bungaytowntrust.onesuffolk.net) or by writing to Bungay Town Trust, 16 Broad Street, NR35 1PW.

## Bungay's Summer Sessions 2025 Something for Everyone!

**Bungay Town Council** is thrilled to announce an exciting **Summer Sessions 2025 programme**, packed with taster activities for young people and families. Taking place throughout the summer holidays, this wide-ranging series of events will include **sports, environmental activities, arts, drama, and dance** – with something for every interest and ability.

The programme will include a mix of free events and some low-cost sessions, making it as accessible as possible for local families.

Full event details will be published at the start of July on the Council's website: [bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/youth-activities](http://bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/youth-activities)

### Get Involved!

We're calling on local organisations, clubs, and businesses to get involved. If you'd like to host, run or sponsor an activity, we'd love to hear from you! This is a great opportunity to connect with the community and support youth wellbeing and creativity.

To get involved, please contact the Lorna Collins at: [lorna.collins@bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:lorna.collins@bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk)

Let's make Summer 2025 one to remember for Bungay's young people!

## Events Calendar 2025

**JULY 6** Summer Street Market

**AUGUST 29-30** Bungay Music and Beer Festival

**JULY 19** Bungay Pride

**SEPTEMBER 05-07** Bungay Folk Festival

**AUGUST 02-03** Black Shuck Festival

**SEPTEMBER 12-21** Heritage Open Days

**AUGUST 15** VJ Day

**OCTOBER 05** Food and Drink Market

What events would you like to see in the Town?

What events would encourage visitors to Bungay?

Email your event ideas to the [clerk@bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk)

Further Event Information available: Fisher Theatre [www.fishertheatre.org](http://www.fishertheatre.org)  
St Mary's Lunchtime music [www.stmaryschurchbungay.co.uk/events](http://www.stmaryschurchbungay.co.uk/events)  
Bungay Events Business Association [www.bungay-suffolk.co.uk/events/](http://www.bungay-suffolk.co.uk/events/)

## King's Road Play Area Set for Major Upgrade This Summer



**Bungay Town Council is delighted to announce that new play equipment and park improvements will be installed at King's Road Recreation Area in summer 2025.**

Following extensive community consultation, the site, popular with Bungay High School students and residents from nearby housing developments, is set for a vibrant transformation.

After a public vote and tender process, HAGS was chosen as the preferred supplier. The design was further enhanced following feedback from East Suffolk Council to improve accessibility and inclusivity.

In addition to the new play equipment, the project will include:

- New 5-a-side football goals

- All-weather surfacing for the basketball area

- Planting of native trees to provide shade and support biodiversity

- Installation of vandal-resistant benches and new signage

This project reflects the Council's long-term commitment to health, wellbeing, and community access. King's Road will become a welcoming, active, and inclusive space for children, young people, and families.