



PARISH NEWS: Summer 2026

Dear Frating Resident,

Welcome to the summer edition of the Frating Parish Council Newsletter! We're excited to share a fresh round of updates on village life, including the official transfer of the Closed Churchyard to the Parish Council a milestone we're delighted to celebrate.

Inside, you'll find plenty to catch up on: a community event on **3rd August 2026** with **Essex Police** offering friendly, practical advice on avoiding scams; tips for staying safe on our rural roads; news on new initiatives tackling dog fouling; and a reminder about the mobile library's regular visits.

We're also thrilled to welcome our newest Parish Councillors: Cllr Brian Winter and Cllr Terri Philp. It's great to have them on board as we continue working to support and strengthen our community.

We hope you enjoy this edition and feel as energised as we do about the months ahead.

Councillor Terry Cuthbert, Chairman

Don't get scammed! Date for your Diary: 3rd August 2026

We're pleased to announce that **Tammy Blest** from **Essex Police** will be joining us for an engaging and practical session on how to stay safe and avoid scams. It's a great chance to pick up smart tips, ask questions, and feel more confident about protecting yourself and your community. Join us at **7 pm on 3rd August 2026 at the Memorial Hall** it's set to be a lively and valuable evening.

Frating Closed Churchyard

The churchyard officially transferred to the Parish Council on 1st April 2026 from Tendring District Council. Since then, work has begun to clear the overgrowth and restore this valued public space. The improvements are already evident, as shown in the photograph and further enhancements will continue over the coming months.



Walking along Rural Lanes: How to stay safe

Rural life offers many benefits but walking on country roads without pavements can sometimes feel less safe. The Parish Council has gathered a set of practical, simple steps you can take to feel more confident when walking along rural lanes. Visit the Parish Council's website for safety guidance and tips to help you stay

safe. You can also find helpful advice from recognised road-safety organisations, including the Countryside Code.gov.uk, which offers clear guidance for anyone exploring the countryside.

Help Prevent Wildfires This Summer

Each summer, Essex firefighters tackle numerous grass and countryside fires, most of them avoidable. You can help by:

- Taking litter home and disposing of cigarettes safely
- Avoid campfires, disposable barbecues and bonfires in dry conditions

Most wildfires start accidentally and with extra care we can protect wildlife, open spaces, homes and the countryside we all enjoy in summer.

If you see a fire: call **999 immediately**. Don't assume someone else has already reported it. Early reporting helps stop small fires becoming dangerous wildfires.

Dog fouling

Dog fouling remains one of the most anti-social and deeply unpopular environmental issues facing communities. While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, some do not clean up after their pets. Dog fouling is an offence and owners who do not pick up after their dogs can face penalties.

To encourage responsible behaviour and help keep our area clean, the Parish Council has installed additional bins making it easier than ever for owners to dispose of waste properly and play their part in maintaining a cleaner, more welcoming environment for all.

Mobile Library Service

The county's mobile library visits Frating Village Hall every three weeks on a **Thursday from 10:30–11:00**. If age, disability, or caring responsibilities make it difficult for you to get to the library, the service's trained volunteers can bring books, audiobooks, music, or information directly to your home. Upcoming visit dates are **11 June, 12 July, and 13 August**. Everyone is warmly welcomed.

Frating Memorial Hall

Want to know how to book the Hall or see what's coming up? Just head over to the Memorial Hall page on the Frating Parish Council website. It's the easiest way to stay in the loop with all the latest events and hire information.

The next Frating Parish Council Meetings will be held on:

Monday, 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall on **6th July, 7th September and 6th October**.

If you would like to suggest an article for future editions of the newsletter, please contact the Clerk on clerk@fratingparishcouncil.gov.uk

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