



## ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Delivered to Yoxford Parish Council April 6, 2017 by Chris Michie.

As Chairman of Yoxwood and its Yoxwood Steering Committee, I am pleased to present this report to the Parish Council at their AGM.

Yoxwood has had a good year and has made steady progress. The Yoxwood AGM was held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Minutes of the AGM were approved at a subsequent meeting of the YSC. A copy has been submitted to the Parish Council Clerk.

As in previous years, Yoxwood hosted the Easter Egg hunt. We also hosted a music event in the summer, which was not well attended due to bad weather. However, those who did brave the rain had a good time, ate a lot of sausages and pizza, and heard some interesting music. We also recently hosted a tutorial event on pruning, which was reportedly well attended.

Improvements we made last year include a shelter for the picnic benches, an owl box, and a new bench. We have also started a new willow construction modeled on one at Butcher's Field in Great Glemham.

We are still planning to purchase and install an eco-toilet, which will be useful for Yoxwood and Allotment users, and will enhance our ability to host educational events for local schoolchildren and adults. So far we have raised £2,333 of the £5,886 required, leaving £3,553 still to raise.

Our equipment is being maintained as needed and is in good condition. We have been promised the use of digging equipment as and when the eco-toilet project moves forward. For 2017, our planned events include the Easter Egg hunt, a music event (date TBA), and a moth event (details TBA). Yoxwood will participate in the Yoxford Open Gardens event on June 4<sup>th</sup>.