

Wombles of Barham and Claydon

May 2025

My apologies for not attending the meeting this evening. We are on holiday in Norfolk.

The Wombles continue to be busy around the two villages.

Before Covid we used to meet regularly as a group, but since then we have continued to look after our own patches. Every two weeks Margaret Harrison picks in Pesthouse Lane, Lower Crescent and along the A 14 Crescent footpath.

Anne Douglas picks along Sandy Lane often up as far as the Hemingstone boundary.

And regularly along the Old Norwich Road from the Sorrell Horse down to Wade's Windows.

Clare Thomas and friend clear up around Barham Green.

Sheila Weston and Daphne MacGregor work around Claydon and Station Road in Claydon.

Gill Chapman works in Claydon and Barham and last year took over the Old Norwich Road for Anne while she was recovering from foot surgery.

Jenny Moxon has recently been able to offer her help as a Womble again and we welcome her back.

Other members such as Mark MaCalmont and Elizabeth Paton and Sharon Edmonds help when they can depending on work commitments.

Louise Newson is a new Womble from Claydon but offers to help in Barham too. She has a friend who helps.

Paula is no longer able to be a Womble. We are grateful for her hard work in the past.

We took part in the big British clean up. We promised 10 bags. Two councillors Bonnie and Graham along with Margaret did a wonderful job of cleaning up the Old Norwich Road from the Sorrel Horse to the Woodyard. They collected several bags of rubbish.

As many of us are older retired people we hope younger and more able people will become Wombles in the future. Once the house building is finished, Anne suggests leafletting the residents for help.

The Mid Suffolk Realm officer Sarah and her colleagues regularly supply us with bags and pickers. We have recently received funding from Barham Parish Council for hoops.

Many thanks,

Anne Douglas