

Stoke Park and Chantry Neighbourhood Board Agenda and Supporting Documents

Date:	Tuesday 15 September
Time:	16:30 – 18:00
Venue:	Paul's Social Club
Members:	Aaron Morley Abi Abidoye Cllr Chu Man (representing the Ward Councillors) Emily Swinerd John North Jon Reynolds Kerry Hawes Lee Walker (Chair) Teresa Davidson
Apologies:	Jack Abbott MP Peter Mower
Other Attendees:	Kate Price, Assistant Director – Communities Laura Meadows, Pride in Place Programme Manager
Attendees to note that this meeting will be recorded for the purpose of note taking	

STANDING ITEMS			
1.	Welcome and Apologies for absence (16:30 – 16:32)	LW	
2.	Declarations of interest (16:32 – 16:35)	All	<u>To declare</u> any interests relating to agenda items
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Update on Action Points (16:35 – 16:40)		<u>To approve</u> the previous minutes <u>To discuss</u> updates on action points from the last meeting:

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			Action Point	Status
			All members to start considering who else could be involved in the programme and consulting with the local community. LW to contact organisations and groups that could support the initiative and encourage them to begin thinking about how they might contribute.	In progress
			LM to share the findings from the Community Action Suffolk (CAS) VCFSE engagement workshop when available.	In progress
			LM to circulate a skills audit to identify existing knowledge and experience within the Neighbourhood Board, as well as the Board's strengths and any gaps in skills, expertise or representation.	Complete
			LW to set up a WhatsApp group for Neighbourhood Board members.	In progress
			CM to circulate list of feedback from local residents with LM to share with the minutes.	Complete
DISCUSSION ITEMS				
4.	Interactive workshop: Reviewing local insight and identifying priorities (16:40 – 17:30)	LW/ LM	<u>To review</u> the insight gathered to date and begin identifying priorities and opportunities for Stoke Park & Chantry. <u>To consider</u> how the Board can engage with residents on an ongoing basis to ensure the programme is shaped by the community and reflects what matters most to local people. Appendix A: Stoke Park and Chantry Data Profile Appendix B: Resident Feedback Survey findings and analysis Appendix C: Insight from VCFSE Engagement Workshops	
5.	Social media, branding & communications (17:30 – 17:55)	LW	<u>For decision:</u> - To agree the approach, messaging, timing and communication channels for the announcement of Neighbourhood Board Members. <u>For discussion:</u> - Social media and Communications working group - Branding – Appendix D: Draft Branding - Website	
ROUND UP (17:55 – 18:00)				
6.	Future meetings	LW	<u>For decision:</u>	

			To agree the future meeting rhythm.
7.	Any Other Business (AOB) and Action Points	All	
FUTURE MEETINGS			
TBC			

Appendix A: Stoke Park and Chantry Data Profile

Data has been extracted from the Suffolk Observatory to create the below summary infographic, which covers the following Pride in Place Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs):

- Stoke Park Ward (Ipswich 015A, 015B, 015C, 015D, 015E)
- Chantry Area Extension, part of Sprites Ward (Ipswich 013A, 013B, 013C)



Full reports from Suffolk Observatory will be printed and made available at the Neighbourhood Board meeting for further analysis

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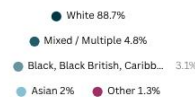
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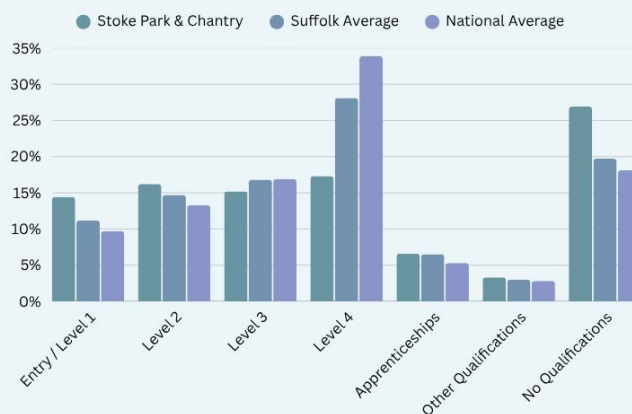
11,369 residents



Religion

40.7% Christian
2.3% Muslim
0.2% Buddhist
0.2% Hindu
0.1% Jewish

EDUCATION & SKILLS



More than 1 in 4 residents (26.9%) have no formal qualifications, significantly above the Suffolk average (19.7%), and the national average (18.1%).

EMPLOYMENT

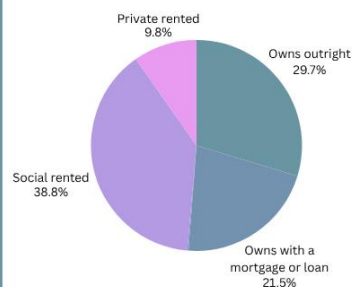
54.1% economically active

- 44.5% employee
- 1% self-employed with employees
- 5.6% self-employed without employees
- 3% unemployed
- 1.9% full-time student

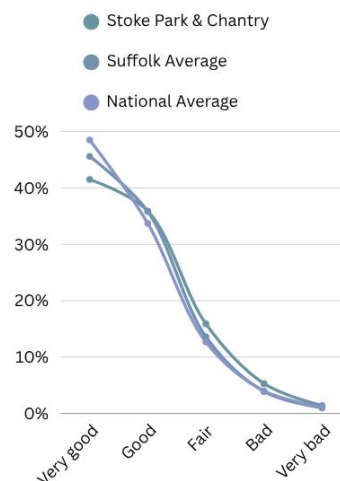
44% economically inactive

- 24.4% retired
- 3.3% student
- 6.3% looking after home or family
- 6.5% long-term sick or disabled
- 3.6% other

HOUSING



HEALTH



9.6% of resident's day-to-day activities are limited a lot due to disability, compared to the Suffolk average (7.2%) and the national average (7.3%).

Appendix B: Overview of Resident Feedback Survey findings

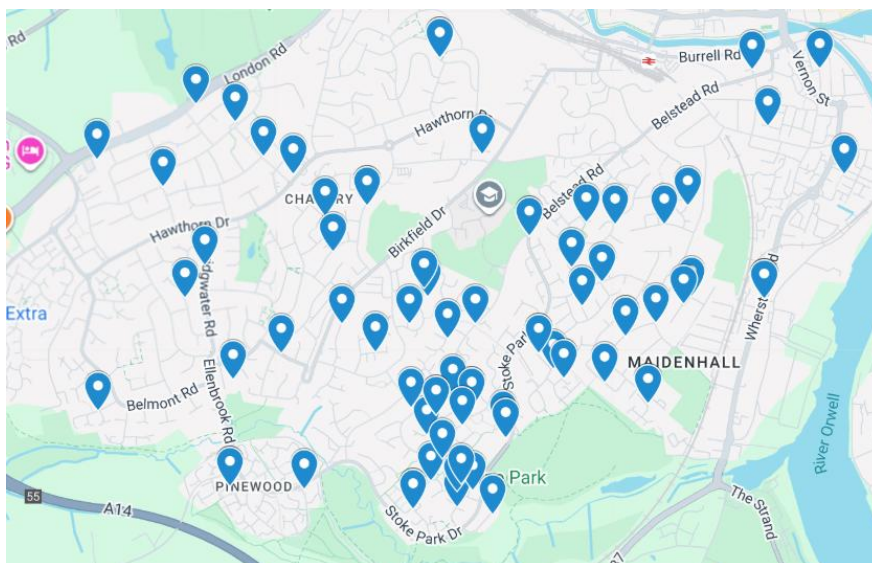
From Volunteering Matters:

These findings were gathered through a Microsoft Forms survey, [Pride in Place Survey for Stoke Park and Chantry](#).

The survey has primarily been promoted by Community Connectors, Teresa and Dan, through the distribution of physical flyers (see accompanying design) at community events, engagement with local community groups, and online promotion via social media. For residents unable to access the digital survey, printed copies were made available for collection at Asda.



Organisations who have supported with promoting the survey include: Friends of Halifax PTA, Orwell Housing, The Willows Family Hub, Chantry Grasshopped, 32nd Scout Group, and more. To date, 105 responses have been received. While respondents were not required to provide their address, many chose to do so. The [map below](#) shows the geographical distribution of survey respondents where location information was shared.



Raw data responses will be printed and made available at the Neighbourhood Board meeting for members who wish to review the detailed resident feedback in full.

In Stoke Park there has been some hesitancy from residents and we have taken more time speaking to people with a relaxed engagement to build trust. People appear to feel that they are being approached as they are being sold something or signing up to something. This is now working and people have started to open up a little more and complete the forms. Fliers have been left in places that people trust

and information given to trusted members of those organisations who have been actively encouraging their communities to get involved.

The general feedback to begin with was around a lack of general maintenance of facilities across the area and that they felt nothing was going to get done as they are regularly asked and never see any changes. Shop owners, schools, GP surgeries are helping to spread the work with social prescribers giving out leaflets to those that are referred to them.

We have felt that the residents in Stoke Park need a little more guidance and so there will be a continuous supply of printed forms at Asda where people can complete forms and leave them whilst they have a chat.

Resident survey feedback

Residents in Stoke Park enjoy the area's green spaces, particularly Bourne Park, Chantry Park, local walks, community spirit, good transport links, and access to shops and amenities. Many respondents described the area as friendly, peaceful, and well-connected.

Key Themes

1. Parks and Green Spaces

The most common theme was the desire for investment in parks and open spaces. Residents repeatedly highlighted:

- Improvements to Bourne Park, including toilets, cafés, seating, lighting, play equipment and maintenance.
- Better upkeep of paths, grass verges, weeds, litter and overgrown vegetation.
- More facilities for children and teenagers, including play areas, skate facilities, basketball courts and youth-focused spaces.
- Improved accessibility for wheelchair users and people with mobility challenges.

2. Safety and Community Concerns

Many residents raised concerns about:

- Speeding vehicles and dangerous driving.
- Antisocial behaviour, vandalism and drug-related activity.
- Requests for increased police visibility, CCTV and improved lighting.
- Road safety measures including crossings, traffic calming and parking management.

3. Young People and Youth Provision

A significant proportion of respondents felt there is insufficient provision for young people. Suggestions included:

- Dedicated youth clubs and youth hubs.
- More organised activities and sports programmes.
- Safe spaces for teenagers to meet and socialise.
- Activities targeted at older children and teenagers rather than younger children only.

4. Community Facilities and Services

Residents identified a need for:

- Community hubs and cafés.
- Support services for carers, people with dementia, SEND families and disabled residents.
- Better public transport and community transport options.
- Greater promotion of local events and volunteering opportunities.

Spending priorities

The strongest priorities emerging from the feedback are:

1. Improvements to parks and green spaces.
2. Youth activities and facilities.
3. Safety and neighbourhood improvements.
4. Community hubs, cafés and local services.
5. Better maintenance of roads, pavements and public spaces.

Appendix C: Overview of VCFSE Engagement findings

From Community Action Suffolk:

These findings were gathered through an engagement workshop hosted by Community Action Suffolk (CAS) on 4 August at Paul's Social Club. Following the interactive session, CAS produced a report summarising the feedback, findings and local insight shared by participants for the Neighbourhood Board to consider.

Printed copies of the full 30-page report will be available at the Neighbourhood Board meeting for those who wish to review the findings in more detail.



COMMUNITY ORGANISATION CONSULTATION FOR STOKE PARK & CHANTRY

DELIVERED BY COMMUNITY ACTION SUFFOLK

@ PAUL'S SOCIAL CLUB, 04/08/2026

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

PARTICIPANTS

- 20 participants signed up to attend the workshop session following our promotion of the workshop.
- 18 participants attended the workshop on the day.

Participants represented community groups, churches, youth-focused and health organisations, showing a diverse interest in the development of the Stoke Park & Chantry area.

The organisations represented at the consultation workshop were:

- 32nd Ipswich Scout Group
- ActivLives
- Chantry Cancer Support Group
- Chantry Methodist Church
- Hawthorn Drive Surgery
- Ipswich Borough Council
- Ipswich Town Football Foundation

- Karibu
- Quayside Community Church
- St Francis Church
- St Peters Church Stoke Park
- Suffolk County Council Family Hubs
- Volunteering Matters

MAPPING CHANTRY & STOKE PARK

- Participants identified strong local pride in community assets, particularly green spaces, community facilities and voluntary organisations.
- A strong sense of community spirit and local commitment emerged throughout the discussion, with existing groups and volunteers playing an important role in supporting residents and creating opportunities for connection.
- However, community activity and facilities are dispersed across the area, with participants identifying a lack of available shared community spaces to bring together people, organisations and activities.

UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEEDS AND CONCERNS

- Discussions highlighted a need for more accessible spaces, particularly for young people, alongside concerns around isolation, family support, skills and opportunities.
- Information-sharing and awareness of existing services emerged as prominent issues, with participants identifying a need for clearer information pathways, better signposting, and stronger organisational connections.
- Barriers identified include affordability, transport, language, digital exclusion and accessibility. Concerns were voiced that some communities and vulnerable groups may not be sufficiently reached or represented.
- Participants also identified opportunities to make better use of existing buildings and spaces, alongside concerns around the safety and condition of particular parks and routes.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

- Participants highlighted risks of existing challenges becoming more entrenched without sustained investment. Participants also highlighted the importance of preventative and sustainable initiatives, supporting existing community assets and organisations before gaps in provision and social challenges become more difficult to address
- The importance of strengthening community infrastructure and organisations while supporting skills, learning, health, wellbeing and social connection.
- Particular concern around children and young people, including isolation, aspiration and access to activities, skills, education and employment pathways.

IMAGINING BIGGER

- Looking ahead to 2037, participants imagined Chantry and Stoke Park as a safer, greener, healthier and more connected community. Existing community organisations, green spaces and local assets were seen as central to this future, with collaboration and community-led activity helping to build on what already exists, creating a stronger sense of belonging, pride and hope in the area.
- A central, multifunctional community hub was the strongest recurring ambition, providing a focal point for services, activities, learning, wellbeing and social connection across different ages and communities.

RECURRING THEMES ACROSS THE CONSULTATION

- Community spaces and infrastructure: More connected and accessible spaces and services, alongside better use of existing buildings and assets.
- Community connection and participation: Building on strong community spirit and voluntary activity to reduce isolation and strengthen connections.
- Children, young people and opportunity: Youth provision, family support, skills, learning and participation.
- Health, wellbeing and inclusion: Reducing barriers to support and creating more inclusive opportunities.
- A safe, green and connected neighbourhood: Continuing to champion green assets while improving neglected or spaces perceived as unsafe.

CAS CLOSING SUMMARY ON CONSULTATION FINDINGS

- **The findings suggest an opportunity to build on existing community strengths in Stoke Park & Chantry** through investment in more connected and accessible community infrastructure, including a potential central multifunctional hub, while making better use of existing buildings, green spaces and community assets.
- **There is a clear case for investment in people and participation**, particularly children and young people, families, older and isolated residents, and underrepresented communities, with opportunities for skills, learning, wellbeing, recreation and employment identified as important areas for consideration.
- **The consultation indicates potential for Pride in Place investment to contribute to a more connected, inclusive and informed neighbourhood**, alongside collaboration between organisations, helping to strengthen community cohesion, belonging, pride and opportunity longer term.

Appendix D: Draft Stoke Park & Chantry Branding

From Volunteering Matters:

The branding below has been developed by Volunteering Matters in collaboration with local young people. Through a series of creative workshops, including collaging activities, youth collaborators shared their views on the neighbourhood's character, strengths and identity, helping to shape the emerging brand.

The design represents the first stage of the branding process. Following feedback from the Neighbourhood Board, Volunteering Matters will further develop the concept into a wider branding package for the area.

