

Iken

Parish plan

November 2024



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Iken Village Profile: Summary 2019

Population: 101

Dwellings: 69

Area: 13km²

Average age: 42.7

Gender: 48 females, 53 males

Households: 43 detached; 14 semi-detached; 2 terraced; 9 flats

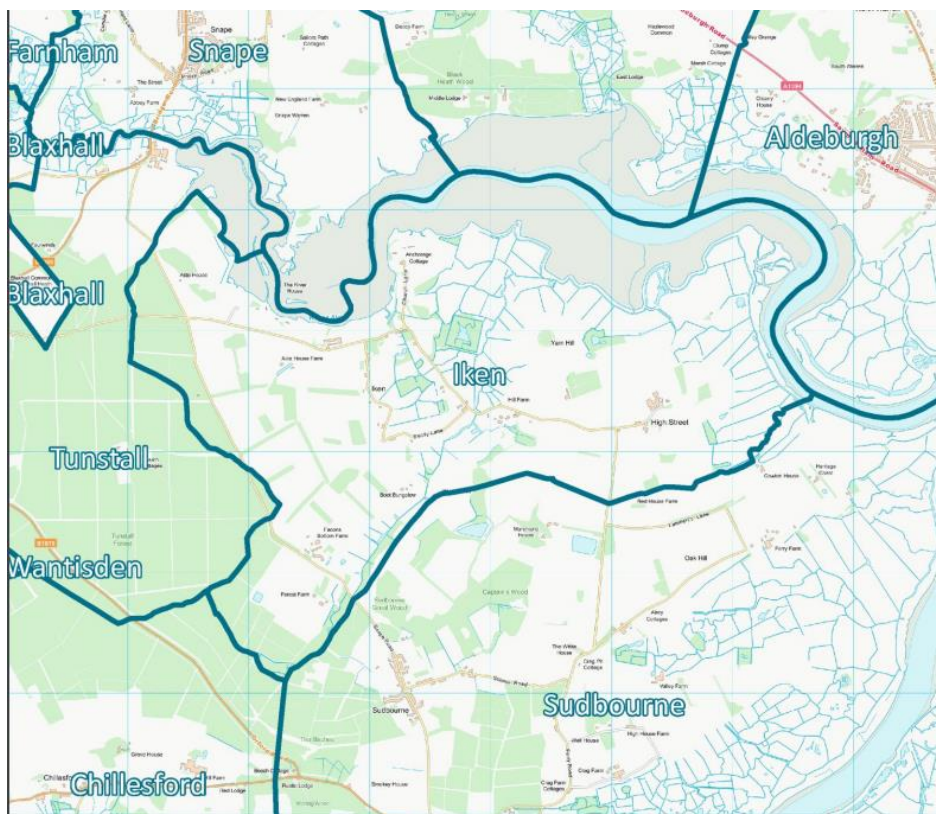
Total number of new homes 2008/09 to 2018/19: 2

Working Age Population (16-64): 36 females, 38 males.

Dependent Children: 21 families with dependent children

(October 2019; <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Neighbourhood-Planning/Town-and-village-profiles/Iken-Village-Profile.pdf>)

Figure 1: Map of Iken Parish Boundary.



Introduction.

There is a long history of settlement along the river Alde, evidenced by Bronze age and Roman finds. The Anglo-Saxons also left evidence of their presence, having hauled their ships up the Ham Estuary to burial grounds in Snape.

Saint Botolph.

Iken was truly put on the map when Botolph established a Benedictine minster or monastery in AD 654 at Ikenhoh, 'ox hill' in Anglo-Saxon English. Some historians may argue that other places could claim to be the site of St Botolph's minster, but no claim is as strong as that of Iken.

Saint Botolph chose an island in what was then a marsh at the edge of the River Alde estuary to build his minster and this became one of the earliest Christian communities in East Anglia. Botolph remained at Ikenhoh as its Abbott until his death in 680 and was buried in the monastery on the 17th June. This date remains the feast day for St Botolph and is celebrated each year at the church that now stands on the same promontory, set in a wide bend of the River Alde and overlooking mudflats at low water and a wide and beautiful estuary when the tide is in.

The monastery was destroyed by Viking invaders in the winter of AD 869-70 and Botolph's remains were removed for safe keeping. Since then, they have been sent to places as widespread as Bury St Edmunds, Ely Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

Current Church.

The current church of St Botolph was begun in Norman times and extended and altered over many centuries. In the summer of 1968 sparks from a bonfire caught the thatched roof of the nave with devastating results. It took 20 years to complete repairs and restore the church to its current form, with the walls of the nave scoured by the elements, leaving little of the original plaster decoration intact.

Many visitors come to St Botolph's Church, often walking along the river from the busy Snape Maltings. Writers have described the remoteness of Iken, finding it 'difficult to imagine a more remote place in East Anglia', and have even stated that:

'.. there is no village in Iken. Even today. Only a few outlying farms.' (Esplora travel 2020; <https://www.esplora.co.uk/blog/england/the-patron-saint-of-travellers-and-wayfarers>).

Iken Village

Those who live in Iken know that there is a village and that the community is a strong one. It is true that Iken is small, really just a hamlet, with the houses widely dispersed. A traveller might easily pass through without realising that a village exists.

From the middle of the nineteenth century Iken formed part of the large Sudbourne Hall Estate, owned by the Marquis of Hertford. The estate included almost the whole parish of Sudbourne, together with most of Iken, Chillesford and Gedgrave as well as a considerable amount of property in Orford. After the death of the fourth Marquess in 1870 the estate changed hands several times with the owners continuing to buy more land and property, continuing to build what was primarily a sporting estate. Purchases included the old workhouse in Iken. In 1918 the entire estate was put up for auction and the greater part was bought by Walter Boynton.

The Sudbourne Estate began to break up in the early 1900's, and while property in other parishes associated with the estate changed hands and became divided between many owners, at the end of the 1920's, a large part of the land in Iken was still owned by Boynton. Being part of a large estate for so long, Iken remained a 'close' village, subject to greater control from the estate and enabling the landowner to remove derelict buildings and prevent development that they considered unwanted. This led to the status quo in terms of housing being maintained until the outbreak of the second world war.

The census for Iken in 1901 records 64 inhabited and 4 uninhabited houses in Iken that of 1931 records 63 structurally separate occupied dwellings.

(<https://ueaeprints.uea.ac.uk/id/eprint/65372/1/2017MacDonaldPPhD.pdf>)

Second World War.

The Second World War had a significant impact on Iken. In 1942, the 650 residents of Sudbourne and Iken were suddenly evacuated from their homes with only two weeks to find a new place to live. This was to create the Orford Battle Training area, which was primarily used for tank training, including preparation for the D-Day landings. The headquarters were at Sudbourne Hall. Some earthworks and structures relating to the training area still survive on Iken Heath.

Those who left were promised they could return after the war, but this did not happen until 1948, after they had petitioned Parliament, as recorded in Hansard.

"The population concerned were much more shaken by the shock of eviction than would have been a more sophisticated and urban population, less tied by tradition to their homes and to the countryside around them on which they worked. When the position was explained to them, when they were told that these training areas were necessary, I will not say that they gladly, but they willingly left their homes, fortified by the promises then given them that they would be allowed to return when the war was over. I can well remember one village shopkeeper telling me that he had been forty years in his shop, and that his father and grandfather had been there before him, but that he would willingly lend it to the Government for the duration of the war, now that he knew that by doing so he would be helping to save the lives of some of our soldiers."

"The population were turned out on the very distinct understanding that they would return when the war was over, and the war has now been over for

some little time. But the military authorities are still in occupation, and nobody has yet been able to extract from the Government a statement as to when these people are to be allowed to return."

(Extract from "Evictions From Battle Training Areas"; Hansard Volume 142, 4th July 1946).

Post Second World War.

After the second world war the population has continued to fall as it had over the previous century (Table 1; Figures 2 and 3).

Table 1: Population and Number of Inhabited Houses in Iken Parish.

Year	Inhabited Houses	Population
1831		382
1851	70	321
1931	63	234
1951	46	164
1981	42	
2011	69	101

Figure 2: Inhabited houses/dwellings in Iken Parish 1694 to 2019.

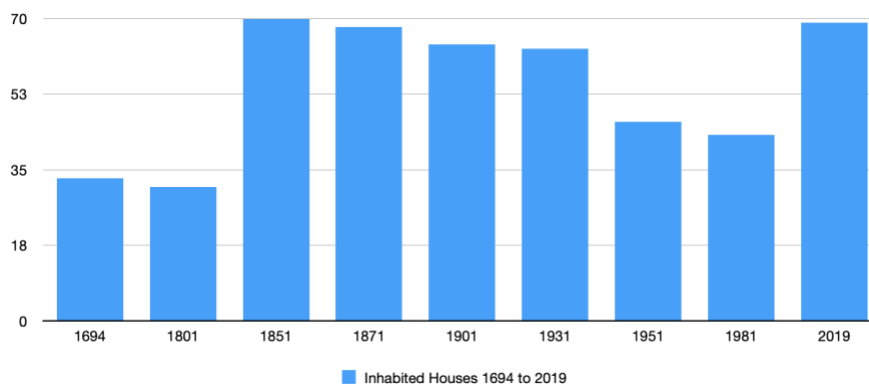
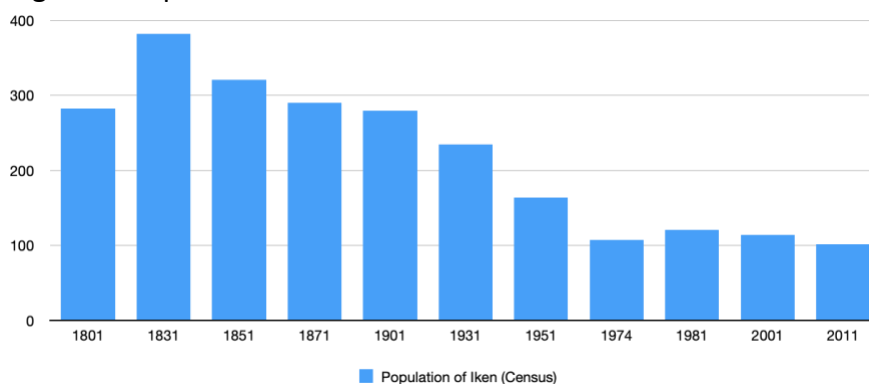


Figure 3: Population of Iken 1801 to 2011.



While the number of dwellings has not altered significantly in the past century, with only a handful of new houses being built, there has been change in the housing stock in Iken. In the past few decades there has been renovation and refurbishment of existing houses, some of which were quite derelict post war. Small cottages have been combined to form larger single

dwellings, extensions have been built, and there has been the creation of a number of holiday lets reflecting the growth of tourism in the area.

In the mid-19th century the occupations recorded in Iken were victualler, corn/coal agent, shopkeeper/tailor, blacksmith, and 5 farmers; there was a Parish Workhouse and also two public houses for recreation, one at The Boot (also a butcher's shop) and the other, The Anchor, serving those who worked at Iken Cliff in the pre-railway era when it was a commercial area used for transporting coal and wheat.

The Village profile for Iken published by the East Suffolk District Council in 2019, and indeed the census, sadly does not list occupations in this way, only allocating residents to a socio-economic classification which provides none of the richness of detail previously recorded. ([Iken Village Profile](#)).

While there are no longer any shops or public houses in Iken, a Village Hall was built on a generous gift of land from the Mann family who farm in Iken. Built in the 1950's, the current hall has fallen into disrepair, but the Parish Council is actively working to raise the funds to secure its future. The Village Hall grounds act as a hub for Village activities along with the Church and a private facility, Hardy's Barn, which has generously been made available.

The 'Suffolk Coastal Local Plan' adopted by East Suffolk Council in 2020 identifies a 'Settlement Hierarchy' in relation to development plans. Iken falls within the classification of 'countryside' due to its remote location and lack of services and facilities and this has informed the policy and planning approach for the Parish. ([Suffolk Coastal Local Plan](#))

Farming.

Farming is central to life in Iken. The character of the area is dominated by the quiet and pastoral setting and the seasonal changes on the land under the careful stewardship of the landowners. With Yarn Hill Lincoln Reds and sheep grazing on restored water meadows and large areas established as pollen and nectar areas, as well as maintenance of marshland, wildlife is able to flourish.

Located in the Sandlings area of the east of Suffolk, the free draining, sandy soil plus the micro-climate that protects crops from the harshest frosts is perfect for turf growing and vegetable production, with potatoes, onions, sugar beet and carrots grown extensively. Access to Outdoor free-range pigs feature locally for the same reasons.

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Fundamental to the modern character of Iken is its habitat within an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Iken falls within the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape which stretches from Kessingland in North Suffolk to the Stour Estuary in North Essex. The River Alde forms the northern boundary of the Parish, dominating the landscape, and providing diverse habitats including grasslands, fresh water, reedbeds, saltmarsh and mudflats. Natural England describes the scientific interests of the site as "outstanding and diverse' and the Alde-Ore Estuary has been designated as a [Site of Special Scientific Interest](#)

(SSSI), a [Ramsar](#) internationally important wetland and a Special Protection Area under the European Union Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds.

The Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Nature Recovery Plan recognises the decline in abundance and distribution of species on this coastline and across the Sandlings and the Nature Recovery Plan currently being implemented aims to address this, with priority species including the Redshank, Swifts, Ringed Plover and Hedgehogs. ([Nature Recovery](#)).

The Alde, whilst providing an extraordinary habitat for wildlife, also carries a threat of flooding to Iken. In December 2013 the Environment Agency warned that serious flooding was expected due to high tides. During the night, the river overtopped the walls in Iken and weakened it, allowing gaps to form and water to flood the marshes and meadows. It is thanks to the quick intervention by the landowners and farmers along the river that the gaps in the walls were filled with 2000 one-ton sandbags; the river was contained so that no dwellings in Iken were affected. Others up-river in Snape were not so lucky, and the river walls at Hazelwood Marches were breached permanently.

In the assessment of future Flood Risk carried out by the Environment Agency, Iken has been placed in Flood Cell 5. In order to protect the Upper Estuary a plan to upgrade the river walls has been agreed and it has been confirmed that funding has been granted from central Government to start Phase 1 of the works to improve the river wall embankments on the upper estuary to include Iken, a success made possible by the hard work and persistence of many including local Iken farmers and the Iken Parish Council. ([The Alde and Ore Estuary Trust](#); [The Alde and Ore Association](#)).

The estuary and wetlands are recognised as forming an important part of the character and beauty of Iken and its environs. Perhaps this was best articulated by Julian Tennyson, a writer and historian famous for his book 'The Suffolk Scene' who died in 1945, aged 30 and far from his own country, at the Battle of Arakan in Burma. His headstone can be found in Iken churchyard.

"The loveliest part of the whole river is at Iken, where the church and rectory stand lonely on a little wooded hill at the head of the bay that curves sharply back beneath the bracken and oak trees and steep sandy cliffs. There is something very restful about this place; very old and very friendly; there is no church in England which gives you in quite the same way such a feeling of security and changelessness. Behind it our fields, woods and heaths stretching down to Orford, to the right of it are the marshes and distant sea. A huge expanse of river lies before you when you lean over the graveyard wall; the long, dark pinewood of Blackheath and the bay in the corner where the widgeon gather in thousands on winter nights, seem at least two miles off; but wait till low tide and you will see the whole river fall away and it becomes a flat shining ocean of mud with the channel a thin thread through the middle of it. Whimbrel, curlew, redshank, dunlin, shelduck, mallard all the birds of the river come up to feed around Iken flats and their din sets the tame duck quacking raucously

in the decoy at the back of the marshes. The noise of the birds is all that you will hear at Iken, except when the east wind drives across the marsh and lashes at the thatch of the church. When I was a child, I decided that here was the place for me to be buried. I have not altered my mind. Everyone wants to lie in his own country: this is mine. I shall feel safe if I have the scream of birds and the moan of wind and the lapping of water all round me, and the lonely woods and marshes that I know so well. How can anyone say what he will feel when he is dead? What I mean is that I shall feel secure in dying”.

Extract from: “Suffolk Scene” by Julian Tennyson (1939)

Village Consultation.

The initiative to create a community plan was first discussed by Iken Parish Council in August 2022 and followed up at subsequent meetings where it was minuted that it would be a Parish Plan rather than a Neighbourhood Plan. The guidance provided by East Suffolk Council on producing town and parish plans was followed ([East Suffolk Council – Guide to Producing Town and Parish Plans](#)).

A local steering group was created to lead the process, the Iken Parish Plan Steering and Action Committee (IPPSAC), with membership and Terms of Reference agreed. The information below was provided by IPPSAC ahead of a village consultation.

The aims of IPPSAC:

- To gather the views and ideas of all those who make up the community of Iken.
- Once everyone in Iken has been given the opportunity to give their views, these will be presented in a Parish Plan.
- This will be shared with everyone in the village and with the Parish Council.

Why this is being done:

A Parish Plan can be valuable for several reasons:

- It can identify positive aspects of Iken that we can build on as a community.
- It can identify concerns that villagers might have.
- It can give the Parish Council a plan of action, helping them focus their work on what the community has identified as priorities.
- It can encourage community action, participation in village affairs, volunteering and community spirit.
- It can be used to support applications to Government and other agencies which might provide funds for Parish projects.

What it is not:

- The remit of IPPSAC is to plan, consult on and produce a Parish Plan for Iken based on the views of the community.
- It is not a vehicle for present or future land or house planning. This would need a Neighbourhood Plan rather than a Parish Plan.
- IPPSAC is independent from the PC, and it is not taking on any of the work of the PC.
- However, the plan can help provide guidance and support the work of the PC.

How it will be done:

Events and activities will be held that give the people of Iken an opportunity to give their ideas and views on what should go into the Parish Plan. These events will be:

- Inclusive – offering everyone in the community the chance to take part and give their views.
- Comprehensive - identifying all the important aspects of life in Iken for which we need to plan.
- Positive – bringing forward proposals which will support quality of life in Iken in an inclusive way.

Collecting the Views of Iken Residents.

1. An 'Iken Café' event was held at Hardy's Barn on Saturday, 10th August 2024.
 - 29 people attended; several residents from the parish sent apologies due to being on holiday or otherwise engaged.
 - Information on 'What' was being done, 'Why' it was being done and 'How' it was being done was provided.
 - Attendees were invited to provide their thoughts to contribute to the Parish Plan by writing these on 'sticky notes' and appending them to 'posters' with the following headings:
 - The Identify of Iken: What aspects of Iken do you value most? What do you like, or think is good about living in Iken?
 - Building a community: Could and should we build a closer community in Iken? If so, how would you like to see this happen, what sort of events and action would help build the community?
 - Village amenities: Village Hall – ideas for developing this as a resource – renovation/funding sources/how would you want to use it? What other amenities do we have that we could improve?
 - The Environment we live in: Have you any views or ideas on
 - traffic, transport and highways in Iken?
 - footpaths?
 - farming?
 - river/flooding?
 - Anything else you would like to post about?
2. Residents of Iken who were not able to attend on the 10th of August were invited to give their views and ideas on 31st of August 2024 from 1200-1300 in the grounds of the Village Hall.

This Parish Plan has been written which presents the views of all those who have chosen to participate.

Views of Iken Residents: Summary of Contributions:

This section of the plan provides a summary of the views of attendees at both events. In total, 41 Iken residents attended one or other event and contributed their views. Based on the 2011 census, this represents 41% of the total population.

Identity of Iken:

What aspects of Iken do you value most? What do you like, or think is good about living in Iken?

Attendees valued Iken for:

- Being a beautiful place to live.
- The peace and quiet – “a quiet haven – which is why we moved here!”. “Quietest place in Suffolk”.
- Having a friendly atmosphere, ‘knowing everyone’, ‘lovely neighbours’.
- “Nature”, the countryside and the cows.
- The thatch, the common, no signage, the history and a sense of continuity; “over centuries of change it remains the same”.

Building a Community:

Could and should we build a closer community in Iken? If so, how would you like to see this happen, what sort of events and action would help build the community?

- Building a community was seen as important; “sticking up for each other and caring for each other”; inclusivity; identity – ‘pastoral paradise’.
- Many noted that they would like more events like the ‘Iken Café’ and to mark national occasions, such as the Coronation. One to three events a year were suggested with two comments that these should have “with no real agenda”.
- Some referred to the possibilities of activities in the village hall if refurbished (see below).
- Other ideas were also put forward including
 - Wine and cheese parties.
 - Barbeques.
 - Open gardens.
 - Church fundraisers – it would be good to resume even if held in Snape or Sudbourne village halls. Good friendly place.
 - Book club/Book and magazine swaps/Pop up pub/Coffee mornings/Craft club.
- The WhatsApp group ‘Iken Hoo’ was noted as being loved.

Village Amenities:

Village Hall – ideas for developing this as a resource – renovation/funding sources/how would you want to use it? What other amenities do we have that we could improve?

- There was significant majority support for the Village Hall to be renovated to enable community events.
- One participant put forward what they recognised to be a controversial view - that the size of the population of Iken did not justify fixing/replacing the Village Hall and noting: "however, we do have an amazing church to be used as a gathering place?". Another noted: "Accept it is not practical for today but preserve for tomorrow".
- The question of how to fund the renovation was raised and some thoughts on how this might be done were noted as well as ways of covering ongoing costs (solar and battery power).
- The neighbours to the VH would like it soundproofed.
- Many ideas for using the VH were noted.
 - Fitness classes.
 - Community/social events i.e. quiz nights.
 - Day art classes/creative workshops.
 - Coffee mornings.
 - Hire VH to scouts.
 - Small play area in the grounds of the VH.
 - Community events/art classes.
 - Tea parties, Christmas drinks, keep fit classes, exhibitions, gardening events.
 - Parish council meetings.
 - Ping pong.
 - Hired out for artist exhibitions.
- Other amenities requested: defibrillator in the heart of the village.
- Another post box.

The Environment We Live In:

Have you any views or ideas on; traffic, transport and highways in Iken; footpaths; farming; river/flooding?

- A majority of participants raised traffic as an issue, particularly in relation to speed and the size of vehicles.
- Signage in the Village was raised – some would like more; others don't like signage.
- Flooding on roads, potholes and tree roots under tarmac were of concern with a note that the County Council should be encouraged to repair roads and drains.
- Taking care of river biodiversity and the SSSI was noted, and the suggestion of the introduction of a speed limit on the upper reaches of the river to reduce disturbance to wildlife.
- Footpaths: comments included a request to maintain these, in particular the river path, and a request for more footpaths.
- Farming: "support" was noted and (see above) farming is valued as part of the character of Iken; on participant noted a request for 'sessions' about what they are doing on the

land. There was one request for consideration when spraying crops – notification of when spraying was to happen.

- Flooding: Worry about flooding expressed; updates and information on flood defence work were requested, as was information on the ways the community can support these efforts.

Anything Else You Would Like To Post Your Ideas About?

- The power infrastructure projects in the Suffolk Coastal area were noted – Sizewell C; ‘no windfarms; no solar farms’.

And finally, a reminder was given:

- Do remember Iken Church isn't just for services and Christian worship. Feeling gloomy and need a quiet moment to yourself? Do use Iken Church – it's a wonderful, peaceful, friendly place and belongs to everyone in the village.

Action Plan

IKEN CONSULTATION 2024/2025

Retaining the Identity of Iken

Improving the Sense of Community

What is the issue?	Action that could be taken	Who can help with this	Resources Needed
IDENTITY AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENT			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What residents' value includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other residents. ○ Beautiful countryside. ○ Proximity to the river. ○ Walks around the village. ○ Space. ○ The peace and quiet – the lack of noise from dispersed houses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iken PC to continue to provide its full support to maintain and enhance these values into the future and engage actively with all the relevant management bodies. • Iken PC to consider developing a Neighbourhood Plan which would guide future housing development in the Village. • All Planning Applications concerning Iken are considered and commented upon by the Parish Council. • Individuals can register as users of Public Access, on the East Suffolk District Council website to receive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents. • ESDC. • Local Councillors. • Parochial Church Council. • Church Wardens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance.

	<p>an automated email every time there is a planning application related to Iken. They can then make individual comments.</p> <p>Registration</p>		
<p>LOCAL ENVIRONMENT - RIVER – AONB - SSSI</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The River Alde forms the northern boundary of the Parish, dominating the landscape, and providing diverse habitats. The preservation of the river and its banks and thus restoring and preserving biodiversity/SSSI is valued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community to engage with the Alde and Ore Community Partnership (AOCP) re planning and river use, including light pollution. IPC to consider how it might make closer ties with the The Alde and Ore Association (AOA), the Suffolk and Essex Heaths and Coasts National Landscape and other organisations dedicated to preserving the environment locally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Alde and Ore Association (AOA) The Suffolk and Essex Heaths and Coasts National Landscape . The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust (AOET). 	<p>Assigned liaison person from Iken.</p>
<p>FLOODING/RIVER WALLS</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A large proportion of Iken is low lying and in Environment Agency Flood Cell 5. Without improvement to the river walls there is a serious risk of flooding to land and properties. 	<p>The PC to continue liaising with The Environment Agency (EA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Alde & Ore Community Partnership (AOCP). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The East Suffolk Water Management Board (ESWMB). Coastal Partnership East (CPE). 	<p>Funding</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been identified that the Iken River walls will be upgraded in Phase One of the Environment Agency Alde and Ore Estuary plan. • This is only part funded at present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual donations to the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environment Agency (EA). • The Alde & Ore Community Partnership (AOCP). • The Alde and Ore Association (AOA) • The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust (AOET). 	
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SOCIAL

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iken is a very spread-out community with no central hub /meeting point such as a shop or pub. The central focus could be Hardy's Barn or the refurbished Village Hall. • There have been successful one-off social events organised and there is a desire for more but no one group has been identified to organise them. <p>Aims: To Retain -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendly atmosphere – everyone knows everyone. • Tolerance and understanding of each other. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC to identify an active small group from the village to organize. • Two purely social events per year - Spring and Summer and Winter. • Consider a coffee morning once a month. • Request to use a venue such as Hardy's Barn/Church or the Village Hall once refurbished. • Catering ability and budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iken PC. • The Village Community. • A social coordinator needs identifying with 4-5 other volunteers. • This could be recruited either via Iken Parish Council or Iken Hoo WhatsApp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthusiasm. • Funding • Seeding finance from the Iken Town Charity • Charging for attendance.
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COMMUNICATION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communication in the village is valued, with the WhatsApp group being mentioned. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to use a WhatsApp group for good news and non-PC issues. • The PC are asked to consider a regular online newsletter or WhatsApp post to raise the profile of its work and keep the village informed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iken PC members and Clerk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal finance for newsletters and website
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IKEN PARISH HALL REFURBISHMENT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iken Parish Hall was built in the 1950s on land donated by the Mann family. It is currently unsafe as it contains asbestos and over the past decade it has fallen into disrepair. It is unusable. • There is a strong local desire to repair and refurbish the Village Hall so that it can be used as a Community Centre for local village events. • Many ideas for use of the VH include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Village Social Events ○ Parish Council Meetings, ○ Fitness Classes ○ Quiz Nights ○ Art Classes/Creative Workshops ○ Coffee Mornings ○ Hire to Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iken Parish Council to continue working actively to consider appropriate ways to move forward with renovation of the PH with the support and help of members of the Iken community. • The Parish Council to ensure that the residents are updated on plans and finances needed for refurbishing. • Harness local support to form groups from the community to support with fundraising, overseeing refurbishment etc. • Provide regular feedback to the village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iken PC. • Funding opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthusiasm of the Village. • Around £120k.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Small Play Area in the grounds of the VH, ○ Tea Parties, Christmas Drinks, ○ Gardening Events, ○ Hire out for Artist Exhibitions. ● The neighbours to the VH would like it soundproofed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Parish to look to appoint a Social Committee to run the Village Hall and organise social events once it is refurbished. 		
<h3 style="color: #0070C0;">TRAFFIC ISSUES</h3>			
<p>DANGER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speed and Volume. ● Size of Lorries. ● Lack of Consideration for Tourists- Walkers and Cyclists. ● Broken signposts. ● Danger at crossings i.e. junction of Tunstall Rd and Orford Rd. <p>INCONVENIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Potholes. ● Road Flooding outside Iken Hall and in Sandy Lane. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IPC to consider applying to SCC (and ESDC) for a speed restriction through the village. ● IPC to ask for a regular inspection visit from SCC Highways. ● The PC already has this as a Standing Item on its agenda and has identified a Councillor to take the lead for regular discussion with the Suffolk CC Highways. ● COMMUNITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any villager can use the online SCC self-reporting tool for highway problems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Iken PC. ● SCC Highways. ● The Community. ● Local Councillors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SCC Finance.
<h3 style="color: #0070C0;">VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR</h3>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is only one defibrillator. The problem is that the village is widespread. Should there be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IPC to consider whether the present defibrillator needs replacing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● East Of England Ambulance Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finance (BHF Grant)

<p>another placed elsewhere in village as well?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has not been a basic life support training session for several years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, should there be one or two and where? • To arrange BLS/Defibrillator training session annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Heart Foundation 	
<h3>ENERGY COAST INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS</h3>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is continuing anxiety about the cumulative impact of the energy infrastructure plans on the Suffolk Coastal area, including EDF's building of Sizewell C, and the converter stations at Friston and Saxmundham for Lionlink, Sealink and Scottish Power windfarms, East Anglia One and Two. • There is concern that there will be increased traffic congestion on the A12 and local B roads – many of them narrow and winding, HGV traffic threatening health (air pollution) and road safety, damage to farming, tourism and related businesses, damage to an Area of Natural Beauty and destruction of wildlife and the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iken PC to keep itself and the Village informed of the developments and liaise and support other local councils. • The village residents can obtain information from local action groups including SEAS and SASES and from EDF websites (Sizewell C), Scottish Power websites (EA1 and EA2) and National Grid websites for Lionlink and Sea Link. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjoining Parish and Town Councils. • SCC and ESDC Councillors. • Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) and National Association of Local Councils (NALC). • National Government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment of PC and village residents to monitor various applications and planning process on an ongoing basis.