

Parish Council Report for the period: August 2025

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Covering Nailbourne; Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternate Fridays 08.00 to 16.00

- Neighbourhood: social issues/ disputes

15/8/25 Resident reported concerns that travellers have purchased land adjacent to the Valley Road opposite The Manor. Keeley spoke with a contractor who was tying in hedges to new fencing, who was unable to give any information. Keeley has since found out that the city council are in touch with landowners to ensure that no work is carried out without appropriate permissions.

- Safety and reportable incidents

None reported

- Community engagement and signposting

Keeley regularly has a presence in Barham on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons and has occasionally used the village hall for a base on a Friday afternoon. Keeley speaks to residents and listens to any issues or concerns they may have sign-posting accordingly.

- Number of Specific Resident referrals (self and/or professional) for August

Two, both signposting to local activities.

- Number of Positive Wellbeing appointments for August

Zero

- Events

Keeley has obtained funding with the help of the Village Hall Committee and has organised the setting up of a free chair-based exercise class for the community. Starting 11th September at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Poster attached. Grateful

thanks go to the Crown Charitable Fund and the Kent Community Foundation for their generous award to enable this project to run for two years.

Keeley has been working with a local resident to set up a Health & Wellbeing Information Market. 20 Stallholders are booked to attend Friday the 19th of September at the Village Hall. The event has been advertised online and via posters around the local villages. Poster attached.

- Trading standards/ scams

Talks from Neil Butcher from Trading Standards are available, and Keeley has offered this to the Coffee Stop meeting. At the moment, they feel that they would not like to have Neil come to the group but may be interested in a separate event. This is something Keeley will look into organising, after the Information Market.

- KCC Community Warden service update

The warden service aims improve community resilience, support the vulnerable and the elderly, foster community cohesion and wellbeing and assist with navigating community services.

We do this by patrolling our wards, looking for anything which could be a safety issue for residents, listening to people talking about anything that is a concern or worry and enabling them to find a way forward. We also offer a 12-session programme of support to help anyone who feels isolated and lonely, to re-engage with their community.

We work closely with the police, social services, GP practices, Trading Standards and local charities and organisations to offer the most appropriate solutions.

Our work is bespoke to the needs of the community within our designated wards.

Questions