



Needham Market Town Council
Climate Awareness Group
Tuesday 24th February 2026
7pm, Green Room, Community Centre

Present	Amanda Reardon (Chair); Jean Pittaway, Andy France, John Matthissen, Mark Dimes, Jo Hughes (late)
Apologies	Nicola Booth, John Reardon, Nicole Stewart, Ross Piper, Alan Wilkinson.
Minutes of last meeting	13.01.2026 - Agreed
TPO Cedars Celebration	The Community Council have welcomed the idea of acknowledging the TPOs as part of the Beating the Bounds event on Sunday 19th April. We need to find someone who is willing to give a brief precis of the history and importance of the trees. John M will ask Jen Overton if she is willing as she did a lot of the work to collate the information needed to attain the TPOs.
Orchard Signs	Jean has proofread the work which Jo had completed. Chloe has agreed to make the map which can go on the larger sign. There will need to be a QR code which will link to a page on the website where videos are linked. This is the most sustainable way of accessing the videos Action Jo to investigate the BSL, voiced and subtitled videos Jo to contact Gina to show and liaise regarding the printing Jo to contact Nigel Coton regarding the posts Amanda to agree creation of a link page on the website for the videos. QR code to be created for the page.
Pinecroft Way Meadow Management	Andy contacted Richard Parmee regarding the meadow and offering CAG input this year. Richard explained that they are finding the site difficult to establish as a meadow as the soil is too nutrient rich. There will be one more attempt this year. The reality is that this area may be returned to the usual mowing regime.
Orchard tree protection	Measurements have been taken. Ross and John R will buy the resources this week. Dates were discussed and Amanda will create a WhatsApp poll to decide on a final date. We will need to discuss borrowing pole whackers and post diggers.
NM Open Gardens	Sunday 21st June. CAG would like to include the orchard as part of this event. Jean will get in touch with the organisers to discuss.
Chalkeith Nature Reserve	Ross is currently preparing everything to register the company and is putting together all the info for the grant enquiry form and the grant application itself. A decision may be held up as the County Council elections mean that there is a moratorium on some decision making even at District Council level.
Community Energy Event	Amanda and Ross had attended. Whilst some of the action going on around the County was inspiring there wasn't really anything we could hop on and join at this time.
Follow up	Middle school bench.
AOB	From Ross Piper: Please could everyone take a look at the planning application for the Port One expansion at Mason's Quarry. We need as many objections as possible - the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's objection letter could be used as a basis. The plans would result in nearly the total destruction of a County Wildlife Site. Lots more to object to as well beyond the ecological impact.
Date for next meeting	March meeting- Tree protection in the Orchard. April meeting- 20th 7.00pm.