



Needham Market Town Council
Climate Awareness Group
Tuesday 13th January 2026
7pm, Lounge Bar

Present	Amanda Reardon (Chair); Jo Hughes; Ross Piper, Jean Pittaway, Andy France, Nicola Booth, John Matthissen, John Reardon, Nicole Stewart
Apologies	Alan Wilkinson, Richard Pittaway.
Minutes of last meeting	10.11.2025 - Agreed
TPO Cedars Celebration	John suggested that we have a celebration of the TPO at the Cedars such as a walk which goes to the trees and then have someone there who could talk about the history of the trees. Suggestion that it could be linked with Beating the Bounds. Action Amanda to investigate with David Long.
Orchard Signs Update	Jo is waiting for prices to come back from Chapple signs and has made a start on what will go on each sign. Action Jean will proofread these signs. Jo to ask Chloe if she is happy to make a map of the Orchard. Jo to investigate the best options for braille for the name of each tree.
Pinecroft Way Meadow management	No feedback at this time and we need to know how to proceed as the progress is very slow. There were discussions to consider paying someone to start and establish the area. Action Ross to ask William for the advice and give contact to Andy France who will liaise. Andy France to email Richard P to gain permission for the group to do this.
Feedback from Nicola on Neighbourhood plan	Nicola is our contact at these meetings and has been to the last two meetings. The objectives were reviewed and changed and four new ones added. Feedback was that the objectives were not specific enough and developers could interpret in their own ways which may not meet the needs Needham Market would like. Expectations of climate change and renewable energy are now being included. Land is going to be suggested for building on so that developers can be directed to the places which will suit Needham Market. Impact on infrastructure has been discussed and will be included in the Neighbourhood plan.
Planning for upgrading tree protection in orchard	The trees at Combs Ford have a triangular timber frame which protects the tree, wood at the top and the bottom. Action John Reardon to calculate quantities Ross to purchase Date to be confirmed once resources are purchased.
NM Open Garden Day	New date- 21/06/26
To follow up in office	Middle school bench

Land behind Chalkeith Road	Ross had a meeting looking at the land. It was good to see that the footpath that goes up from Barking Road is part of this land. There is a section here where ponds could be constructed to help water be reduced on Barking Road. Applications go live 19/01/2026 to get the grant to purchase this land. Called- Chalkeith Nature Reserve
AOB	 MID SUFFOLK COMMUNITY ENERGY EVENT Getting involved in clean, local energy Wednesday 21st January 7:00 - 8:30pm The Mix, Stowmarket - Locally-owned projects - solar, retrofit and energy advice - Lower bills & local benefits - saving money and improving health - Community-led action - inspired by people who care An open event for residents, community groups and anyone interested in local energy saving, money and community action Supported by Norfolk & Norwich Clean Energy, Mid Suffolk Energy Community, Suffolk Community Energy, and PALFORDS Ross and Amanda are planning to attend.
Next Meeting	24.02.25, 7pm.