

May 2024 District Cllr Mike Tayler Annual Report

Raised the rurality of the Ward, and the marked lack of services. He had two meetings in the last few weeks, both not directly relating to Little Bardfield, but had stimulated Cllr Taler to ask questions, why were some services not available in this community, were they wanted and were they needed? The meetings were for services which should be available for all ages, but happened to focus on the young, namely Buffy Bus – bus for preschool aged children, and older, namely lunches predominantly for older people in Pam's Place, Thaxted. Buffy Bus did not visit Little Bardfield nor anywhere else in Cllr Tayler's ward, even though it acts as an outreach into the community for early years play and development. He understood some of the difficulties with the service but wondered if more could be done. Pam's Place was a community centre in Thaxted offering facilities, food, socialisation and friendship. He realised the Cricket Club offered some of these benefits, but not as regularly. Would transport being provided to Pam's Place help with increasing use from the village? Cllr Tayler had spoken to Peter Holt, the CEO of UDC, and he had sent him part of the Blueprint Uttlesford relating to rural issues. These rural aspects had now for the first time been incorporated into the Corporate Plan. He had also attended meetings regarding the future of waste disposal and recycling and The Local Plan Panel.