

Report by Recorder for Ashfield cum Thorpe Annual Parish Meeting Monday 12th May 2025

Every year I prepare a report for the Suffolk Local History Society to record what has happened in Ashfield. My report is made available to residents and is also filed with The Suffolk Record Office, along with reports from other Suffolk Villages.

Every year, I think that nothing much has happened in Ashfield, and in particular, 2024 seemed quite uneventful and calm, however, when you look back over the years, it is sometimes surprising how things change, and this illustrates the need and importance of continuing to keep records.

A few highlights of 2024: -

The weather seemed unremarkable, but a cold wet spring meant that many fields were waterlogged, and some were reploughed and re-seeded.

Some work to ditches and hedges took place to minimise flooding, prompted by Storm Babet in 2023.

The Parish Council the Community Council, the Church and Ladies Group, all continued to function and to go about their business. The Community Council installed sound baffling panels to the ceiling of the hall.

Completed property transactions included the sale of at least 3 houses and the sale of 160 acres of Grove Farmland and two agricultural plots. In addition, 5 more houses and a building plot were advertised for sale, but remaining unsold at the end of the year.

I have completed and published my report for 2024, and continue to note events of 2025. As ever, I welcome contributions from residents old and new so that we don't forget our history.

Anita Sharpe, Ashfield cum Thorpe Village Recorder.

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