

Coddenham Community Response Group (CCRG) Report to the Annual Parish Meeting

29th April 2025

The Group has now been running for 5 years; created in order to coordinate community response during the Covid pandemic, the CCRG now serves a new purpose – coordinating events and providing support for the village organisations.

The website – www.coddenham-parish.uk continues to provide information about village events and is supported financially by CCRG member organisations, advertising and grants. Each organisation has its own pages where information about the Groups can be found. Event information can be found on the front page. We also advertise events in the surrounding area so, if you would like to include information about an event, please email - support@coddenham-parish.uk

It has been a busy year for the village organisations; St Mary's Church has been fundraising for vital repairs, The Coddenham Centre has hosted some exciting events and launched some new fitness classes, the History Club has created a permanent display space in the church, the Community Shop has welcomed two new supervisors, new Post Office staff and found two new suppliers for bread and cakes, the Parish Council has carried out a Housing Survey, the Gardemau Trusts have supported lots of local people and organisations financially, The Day Foundation has refurbished some of its properties, and the Parish Council and Coddenham Centre have recently launched highly successful Community Lunches. All of this is made easier by the support that the organisations give each other and the support of the community and its fantastic volunteers.

We always include 'The Environment' on our agendas. CCRG is committed to helping the community to become 'greener'. We are fortunate to live in a beautiful place and we all feel a responsibility to keep it that way. The Reuse, Recycle, Reduce events, a Parish Council initiative, at The Coddenham Centre have provided a forum to spread the environmental message and will continue in 2025.

If you know of anyone moving into the village, the CCRG has created a 'Welcome to Coddenham' brochure for new arrivals. Please contact – [support @coddenham-parish.uk](mailto:support@coddenham-parish.uk) if you know someone who would like one.

CCRG member organisations are currently working on a plan to refurbish and improve the playground equipment at the Recreation Ground. This is valuable asset to the community and encourages families to visit and use the other amenities in the village e.g. the Community Shop and the village walks.

The 8th of May sees the nationwide commemoration of 80 years since VE Day. The CCRG have organised a bell peal and beacon lighting in the churchyard and a fish and chip supper with 1940s style entertainment at The Coddenham Centre on Saturday 10th May. Everyone is welcome.

Finally, exciting news for 2025 - the Coddenham Fete will return on 13th July! Rachel is organising the fete with support from CCRG members. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact Rachel -rachel.coddenhamfete@gmail.com

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Current Chairperson