



# THORNHAM UNITED CHARITIES



## Thornham Big Conversation

Have your say on the Future of West Bottom Field



### What's the Plan?

In the old days, funds were handed out to Parishioners at the Church Gate in Advent. The Charity's objectives were changed ten years ago, to allow the Trustees to operate "for the benefit of the village of Thornham and its villagers". The Trustees have an opportunity to change the way the field is run and want to consult widely with everyone in the village to make sure all views are heard.

### Why Now?

The current ten year lease with Thornham Farms Ltd expires in September 2022. The Trustees have to give one year's notice of termination and want to start planning now. This is a once in a generation chance to do something completely different.



### What do you want to Do?

There are loads of ideas. A combination of a wildflower meadow, an orchard, memorial trees, jogging path, nature reserve, wildlife pond. We need to know what YOU want!

### What's the Downside?

The Charity will lose an annual rental income of £1300 and incur costs for insurance and upkeep of the field. The loss of income will be offset by the social amenity of an open area for the use of villagers for ever more.



**What's the Timetable?** It won't happen overnight! We will use this consultation process to decide what to do and start in September 2022. We will probably need to set up a small Team to manage the Project. Trees and wildflower meadows take time to grow and develop, so we need a long term perspective.

### What Happens Next?

We will assess all the feedback and then arrange a public meeting in the Village Hall in October 2021 to decide where we go next.

#### Questionnaire: What I would like to see: (tick as many boxes as needed)

- Leave as is
- Plant memorial trees
- Grow a wildflower meadow
- Put in a jogging track
- Picnic area
- Random trails across the field
- Outside exercise area
- Cycle track
- Other (please specify)



Please return your completed questionnaire to the Village Hall or give to one of the Trustees

You can also complete the questionnaire online on the Village Hall website ([www.thornhambvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.thornhambvillagehall.co.uk) or email any views/comments to [info@thornhambvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@thornhambvillagehall.co.uk))

#### Tell us a bit more – are you:

- Full-time resident
- Part-time resident
- Second home owner
- Occasional visitor

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