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Christmas lights: At a meeting held on Thursday January 14 the parish council thanked all those who had taken up its invitation to display Christmas lights to brighten up the village and the village became a brighter place. Some villagers have also taken up English Heritage's suggestion to leave their lights in place until Candlemas, Tuesday, February 2, to further brighten this rather bleak period. The parish council continues to offer help to those who are self-isolating. Volunteers are willing to assist with collecting shopping and other vital supplies or posting letters. There are already some good-neighbourly arrangements where people are helping more vulnerable residents. The parish council scheme does not intend to replace these arrangements, rather to support them as necessary. Residents needing help should phone 01502 806099 so that a volunteer can be arranged as quickly as possible.

Church services: It has been decided that public worship across the benefice will be suspended for the time being. Four churches, Blundeston, Fritton, Lound, and Somerleyton will remain open for private prayer during daylight hours on Wednesday of each week.

Neighbourhood Plan: The draft pre-submission consultation phase of the plan for Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton continues until Friday, February 26. Public consultations will be held by Zoom on Wednesday and Wednesday, February 17, both at 7pm. These will provide residents with opportunities to ask questions and discuss the plan with members of the Steering Group. To book a place up to 24 hours beforehand visit www.lound.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan or email somerleytonlound@gmail.com. If anyone has any questions contact Miles Thomas on 01502 730613 or Jenni Livingstone on 01502 730610.

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