

Little Bentley 2025 Report  
Tendring District Local History Recorders

Highways and Infrastructure - Village roads were subject to closure throughout the year for a variety of reasons, including accidents, broken water mains, fallen trees, and damaged cables. In December, potholes on Rectory Road were patched to provide limited and temporary improvement to a country lane subject to ongoing damage due to lorry and bus traffic and the effects of winter weather. Speeding remained a concern, in particular, regular summer Wednesday motorcyclists heading to Great Bentley village green.

Community events during the year included:

- Bi-monthly litter picks followed by coffee at the Bricklayers pub.
- Coffee and cake on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday morning of each month in the Church Hall.
- The third Little Bentley Beer Festival on the 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April in the Church was a well-attended event organised by the Little Bentley Events Committee and supported by a number of local sponsors. It raised money for local charities including the church.
- In addition to regularly scheduled services in St. Mary's Church, services were also held in the Bluebell Woods on 5<sup>th</sup> May, followed by cream teas in the Church Hall, and then at Little Bentley Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> June followed by a BBQ and access to the extensive gardens at the Hall.
- A Village Community Garage Sale Trail was held on 19<sup>th</sup> July, with participating residents placing items for sale in their front yards.
- The Annual Fireworks Display, BBQ and bonfire was held next to the Bricklayers Arms pub and was organised by the Parish Council.

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