

**Walberswick Car Parks Limited (WCPL) Report for
Walberswick Annual Parish Meeting – 21 May 2026**

The Walberswick Car Parks is registered at Companies House as a private company established and owned by the Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC) to operate the two beach front car parks. 100% of the operating profit of Walberswick Car Parks is covenanted to the WCLC. The WCPL is run by a board of Directors who are all volunteers from the village. The current long-term Directors are Josie Bassinette (Chair), Hannah Sutton and Rita Woodcraft. We are happy to welcome Karen Lewis who joined as our newest Director in March 2026. We would also like to warmly thank Bill Willison and Debbie Tipple who stepped down as Directors this year. We have one year-round employee who is the Business Operations Manager. We also have locally hired contractors who help maintain the car parks and keep the area tidy. Thanks to everyone for their hard work!

We are pleased to report that 2025 turned out to be a very good year with lots of sunshine when we most needed it during the holiday periods. Despite a substantial increase in business rates, we managed a significant increase in the amount we were able to covenant to the WCLC in 2025 -- £59,794. This compares to £55,162 in 2024 and £40,498 the year before. These tremendous results come largely from careful expenditure management and the efficiency of the RingGo operating system which now supports coach parking, weekly tickets and an easy method for those who prefer to pay prior to arrival if they don't have good connectivity in the village or don't have the Ringgo app. The vast majority of our visitors were (or became) familiar with the system as it is now widespread across Suffolk and the South East. Our Business Operations Manager has worked hard to reply to any operational issues and to emails from concerned customers quickly.

The start of 2026 has been challenging with cool and wet weather compared to last year. Like all of the Suffolk coast, the impact of the massive build-up of Sizewell C traffic and construction and road closures is impacting on our visitor numbers. We are hearing from across coastal Suffolk of a significant drop in business as visitors and residents are discouraged by weekend closures of the A12, high volumes of lorries and the sight of fences, construction sites, noise and dust in place of Suffolk's quiet rural idyll. We will have to hope for glorious weather and more staycations for the remainder of the year.