

Letheringham

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held at 7.45pm on Monday 21st May 2018
at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall**

In Attendance

Terry Carlin (Chair)
Jean Barker
Maurice Finch
Matthew Bickerton
Richard Gooding

David Allan
Jan McNeill
Robin Vickery

The Annual Parish Meeting commenced at 8.45pm following a presentation by and discussion with Emmett Klipalo and Chris Finbow from the Environment Agency.

1. Apologies

SCC Councillor Carol Poulter

2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting Monday 22nd May 2017

Unanimously approved and signed.

3. Reports for the 12 months to May 2018

i) Chairman of Letheringham Parish Council:

Council Structure and Administration

The Council's auditors BDO completed their audit of our accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017 and our finances received a clean bill of health.

The annual precept for 2017/18 was £1200 this increase is in line with the objective established following the plebiscite that determined that LPC should increase the precept over time to a level which would enable us to cover the cost of employing a Parish Clerk. Whilst, we hope that David Allan will continue to undertake the role as Clerk on a voluntary unpaid basis, we cannot make the assumption that this arrangement will continue indefinitely into the future.

The 2018 /2019 precept has been held at £1200 and therefore households will see no increase in this charge this coming year.



Community development

BBQ and Garden Party

This year saw the annual village BBQ and garden party change venue from Jean's riverside garden to Letheringham Lodge. Our hosts Matthew and Pauline Bickerton made everyone really welcome, and the excellent food and drink ensured the party was enjoyed by everyone. The paper boat race cup was great fun, but I'm afraid the winner was from the USA. We would like to thank all those that contributed to making the party a great success particularly Matthew and Pauline who did a great job as hosts. Also, thanks to Maurice for helping to man the BBQs. Lastly, our thanks also to everyone that contributed with salads and desserts and to the Parish Councillors that share the cost of everything else.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator is up and running and has been used in earnest once this year. Pauline, Matthew and Anthony Widdup also undertook the mammoth job of painting the phone box and have managed to revive the box to its former glory.

Litter Pick

The village litter pick was held on Sunday 22nd April 2018. The turn-out was excellent and we feel that the verges are much improved as a result. Our thanks to everyone that turned out on the day

B1078

The "recommended 30 mph" speed limit signs installed along the B1078 at Park Corner, following the tragic death of Dominic Davies, have made some improvement to the speed of vehicles at this accident black spot.

Whilst we have now finally gained approval to install a moveable Speed Indicator (SID) sign to warn drivers of the upcoming danger and to adjust their speed. Volunteers have undertaken to charge the sign battery units and to transfer the sign at intervals between posts that will be sited on the B1078 to the East and West of Park corner.

We have however, delayed purchase of the SID units until we receive some assurances from potential suppliers of the time the batteries will last before recharging due to the unusual situation in which they will be deployed in Letheringham.

Planning

There have been no major planning controversies this year. We await further consultations on Sizewell C later this year

Conclusion

My thanks to all the Councillors and all the residents that continue to support our objective of maintaining Letheringham as a unique and beautiful place in which to work and live

Terence Carlin (Chairman)
Letheringham Parish Council

ii) Suffolk County Council

SCC Councillor Robin Vickery attended and addressed the Meeting regarding recent initiatives and issues, as set out in the Report attached at Annex A.

Robin also referred to an additional scheme in which the County Council were funding 50% of the cost of new saplings, the costs of which would be defrayed through central buying once the level of demand had been confirmed.

TC raised concerns regarding the introduction of charges for the collection of garden waste, but was advised that this was a District Council issue. Robin observed that Ipswich did not levy such a charge, although it also had the highest Council Tax, which probably reflected the cost of such services.

iii) Suffolk Coastal District Council:

SCDC Councillor Carol Poulter was unable to attend but provided a written Report, which was summarised and read out to the Meeting, and is attached at Annex B.

4. Feedback from village residents relating to the 12 months to May 2018

None.

The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....

Date.....13/05/2019.

Attached:

ANNEX A: Written Report from SCC Councillor Robin Vickery

ANNEX B: Written Report from SCDC Councillor Carol Poulter

February 2018 Monthly Parish Newsletter

Suffolk County Council to consult on future Record Office Service in Lowestoft

Suffolk County Council has announced that it will hold a public consultation over the future of the Record Office Service in Lowestoft.

The storeroom in the current Record Office building is not sustainable to continue holding Lowestoft's archive material. Its basement location means that it is prone to flooding and damp hazards, at risk of mould growth and fire resistance is not up to the required standard.

This, along with the general decline in visitors and the council's ongoing requirement to make savings in line with its objectives to fill the budget gap of £56m by 2021, means that changes need to be made to the service in Lowestoft.

The results of the formal consultation will be presented to Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Committee later in the year for a final decision to be made on the future service provision.

For further details of the consultation process, visit www.suffolkarchives.co.uk

Proposal to change home to school travel

On Wednesday 28 February 2018 the consultation to help find a long-term solution to providing affordable home to school transport closed.

In Suffolk, £21 million of taxpayers' money is spent every year getting children to and from school. Suffolk County Council has already introduced a number of efficiency changes to the service saving around £2.6 million. Now, like many other councils across the country, the authority needs to consider making more significant changes across a number of areas, including home to school travel.

The consultation highlights the challenges faced with funding and asks residents for their thoughts on how we adapt to the changing education landscape in Suffolk as schools continue to become more independent, moving away from

being historically under local authority control, with new powers to set their choice of admissions, adjust term dates and manage school travel plans.

The council's current school and post-16 travel policies go above legal requirements, the consultation seeks views on changing these policies, giving the opportunity to explore local solutions as well as three alternative options for children aged 5-16 and 16 plus.

Over 3500 people have already responded to the school and post-16 travel consultation surveys, over 151 people attended one of the consultation workshops and 36 people attended the 'Have your say' event where alternative solutions were presented.

All of the feedback gathered will be carefully and thoroughly considered by Suffolk County Council's Cabinet in June 2018.

www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel.

Suffolk to use drone technology to help manage blue light service incidents

On 15 February saw the official launch of the use of two Small Unmanned Surveillance Aircrafts in Suffolk. The technology, commonly referred to as drones have been developed and funded by Suffolk Resilience Forum for use across the county. As part of a multi-agency Air Support Unit, the drones will be used by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, Suffolk Constabulary, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue and Norfolk & Suffolk 4x4 Response.

The drones will provide a range of aerial surveillance options to support emergency services and voluntary organisations across a wide range of incidents including:

- large-scale open fires or complex structural fires
- urban area search and rescue
- major incident or disaster response
- investigative support
- hazardous materials response including Environmental Impact Assessments
- road traffic accidents



- significant multi-agency events
- missing persons searches
- pre-planned operations and risk information gathering

By improving the ability to see and understand what is happening from the air, the drones will support emergency services and voluntary organisations to inform the decisions they make when dealing with an incident. They will also help to reduce risks to the public and emergency service workers.

The drones and camera equipment cost around £42,500 and they are based at Woodbridge Fire and Police station, have 24/7 emergency response capability and can be used by 17 specially trained remote pilots.

The drones will provide important visual information which will be used alongside experienced operational commanders to complete the decision-making picture and help resolve incidents as quickly and safely as possible. The drones have already been used a number of times, most recently at the fire at Saxmundham train station to not only provide pictures of fire spreading and possible collapse in areas that may not have been possible for firefighters to access or see, but also to assist the joint investigation team to determine the location and possible cause of the fire.

More than 97% of students receive their preferred Secondary School on National Offer Day

This year, Suffolk County Council received its highest number of applications from parents and carers indicating which secondary school they would prefer their child to be educated at from September 2018 in Year 7. The total was 7,447. Last year it was 7171.

91.61% of applicants received offers for their first preference school and 97.23% of applicants received an offer for one of their top three preferred schools. This percentage figure of 91.61% equates to a total of 6822 pupils.

Families who applied online will be able to log on to the council's Online Service from today to see their school place offer, and will receive an email to confirm this offer. We will also send letters by second class post today (March 1), to all



applicants, including those who made a paper application, to give more details about the next steps open to them.

With the current extreme weather, some letters may be delayed by a day or two as the postal service works hard to maintain their services and schedules in this cold spell.

Any parents or carers with children born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007 and who have not yet applied for a school place should make an application immediately by downloading the CAF1 application form from the council's website: www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

For further information, such as how to view your offer online, and for guidance on what to do if you have not received your preferred offer, please read our [School admissions FAQ page](#).

Alignments of Ipswich's Upper Orwell Crossings unveiled

The preferred alignments of Ipswich's Upper Orwell Crossings have been announced today by Suffolk County Council.

The main crossing is proposed to connect to the existing highway at the Rapier Street roundabout on Wherstead Rd, west of the river, and at a new junction, north of Cliff Lane on Holywells Road, east of the river. The bridge crosses the river at an angle and incorporates an opening section over the navigation channel.

The second crossing, will provide a new vehicular link to the Wet Dock Island site and is proposed to be accessed from Felaw Street. The third crossing is a refurbishment of the existing swing bridge over the lock for use by cyclists and pedestrians.

These crossings will improve journey times through and around Ipswich, benefitting those that live and work in the town.

The images of the preferred alignments do not show details of the structure or any of the supporting piers, as the design of the crossings continues and will be announced ahead of the formal consultation later this year.



On March 6, the crossings' project team will be hosting a public information day in the ground floor foyer of Dance East. The event, which will run between 12noon and 7pm, is a drop-in event and will give members of the public the opportunity to meet the team and ask questions about the Upper Orwell Crossings.

The timeline for the crossings remains on track and it is anticipated construction of the crossings will begin in 2020 with completion scheduled for 2023.

Ground investigation works are continuing, with samples being taken on land and in the riverbed.

Good progress is being made and the works in the River Orwell are likely to be finished ahead of schedule. The samples collected as part of this process are vital as it will affect the type and depth of foundations for the bridge and approach embankments.

The team continues to work with affected landowners, businesses and a wide range of stakeholders to minimise impacts on those most located closest to the crossings and is very grateful for their cooperation to date.

Weekly updates on the ground investigations are being published and these, along with more information can be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk/upperorwellcrossings

Commonwealth Day Monday 12 March

As I am sure you are all aware this year is a special year for the Commonwealth and will be one the largest gathering of national leaders that UK has ever hosted. However, the Commonwealth is much more than a collection of Member States. In order to celebrate the Commonwealth, there are variety of events happening across the UK and it would be fantastic if the communities within Suffolk could get involved. If you are interested in hosting an event to celebrate the Commonwealth please visit the following site to find out more: www.chogm2018.co.uk



ANNEX B: Written Report from SCDC Councillor Carol Poulter
News from Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC)
Annual Report

Cllr. Carol Poulter; Ward Member for Hacheston

The penultimate year of Suffolk Coastal District Council's life has been an extremely busy one.

The headline story of the year is the progress towards a new East Suffolk Council, which continues apace. However, the main focus of the council's work – serving the residents of the Suffolk Coastal area - has continued, in what are still extremely challenging financial conditions.

Below, are some highlights from the last twelve months, together with, at the end, some of the information notices sent out.

News from the last twelve months

East Suffolk gets the green light

Earlier this year, the then Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, agreed to the creation of the new 'super district council' for east Suffolk.

In a written statement, the Secretary of State said:

"Having carefully considered all the representations I have received and all the relevant information available to me, I am today announcing that I have decided to implement, subject to Parliamentary approval, both proposals – that is to merge Suffolk Coastal and Waveney district councils to become a new single district council named East Suffolk."

Welcoming the news, the Leaders of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Council, Cllrs Ray Herring and Mark Bee, said in a joint statement:

"This is a truly momentous decision for us and for the people of east Suffolk. Although this announcement is a national first, for us in east Suffolk it is the next logical step on a decade-long journey. We are used to breaking new ground, as we have been finding innovative ways to cut costs and manage our business since Suffolk Coastal and Waveney started working in partnership 10 years ago."

"We have already made over £18million in efficiency savings and halved our joint workforce, while still investing in our communities. The creation of an East Suffolk Council will enable us to build on this decade of co-operation to give greater value for money, while continuing to improve service delivery."

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils both voted to approve the proposal to create a brand new 'super district' council, delivering services to communities in the east of the county, in January 2017. A business case was then submitted to the Department of Communities and Local Government in February 2017.

With the Secretary of State's agreement, the new Council would come into being, and begin operations, following the local council elections in May 2019, in which candidates would be standing for election to the new council. The two existing councils will then be formally dissolved.

Register for Garden Waste Collection

It's not too late to register for SCDC's waste collection scheme, launched at the start of this month.

It costs £43 a year. The scheme is optional, with the first paid-for collections scheduled to start from the beginning of May 2018. It's quick and easy to sign up, either:

- ✓ Go online at: my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/MyServices. You will need to register, or login to, your My Eastsuffolk account and then complete the form for garden waste
- ✓ Call Customer Services on **01394 383789**, and choosing option '0'.
- ✓ Or, pop in to see our Customer Service staff in the Customer Service Centre in Felixstowe and Woodbridge Libraries.

You will need a debit or credit card to pay. The fee for one bin is £43 for a year (the equivalent of paying about £1.65 per fortnightly collection). You can place your order now and don't forget to say 'YES' to the upgrade.



There are extensive FAQs online. For more information about the new service see:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/scdcgardenwaste To find out about Suffolk Coastal garden and food waste collection:

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/waste-collections-and-disposal/garden-waste/suffolk-coastal-garden-and-food-waste-collection/>

Protecting the tax payer

SCDC pegged its increase in council tax to less than a fiver for the second year running.

At its Full Council meeting on Thursday, 22 February 2018, councillors voted unanimously to set the increase in its portion of the council tax for the coming financial year at 3.15%. In real money, this equates to a rise of less than £5 for people living in a Band D property during 2018/19. As part of this good house-keeping, the council remains committed to investing in the future prosperity of the District, as Suffolk Coastal's Leader, Cllr Ray Herring, explained:

"Our financial situation is sound, because of the tough decisions we've made over the last decade to streamline our operation and become more efficient. But there is no room to be complacent. There is a lot of uncertainty surrounding local authority funding from Government in the future. This means we need to become increasingly financially self-sufficient, if we are to maintain our frontline services at their current level. We need to make more money from our existing resources, rather than relying on central Government funding."

Although Suffolk Coastal collects the Council Tax (on behalf of Suffolk Coastal, the County Council, Police and Town/Parish Councils), only about 10p in the pound goes towards providing our district council services.

Innovation in East Suffolk gets national recognition.

PHILIS – The hi-tech system developed by Port Health at Felixstowe has won a national award for innovation.

The Port Health Interactive Live Information System (PHILIS) was developed by Suffolk Coastal Port Health Authority for handling imports at the Port of Felixstowe, the largest container port in the UK. It had been nominated in the Innovation category, for the LGC (Local Government Chronicle) Awards. In the ceremony last month, it scooped the award.

Speaking about the system, the LGC Awards judges said: "Our winner shows genuine evidence of national innovation. The outcomes are already delivering significant savings, increased productivity and food security for the UK. The judges were truly impressed."

In addition to benefiting the Port Health service at Felixstowe, the software has now been licenced to all of the major sea ports: London, Mersey and Southampton. During 2016/17, the system has also been developed by the team to manage animal welfare requirements at Heathrow's Animal Reception Centre.

'East Suffolk House' officially opened

Suffolk Coastal District Council's new headquarters in Melton were officially opened last year, and over 100 guests were present to see the Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk, Clare, Countess of Euston, carry out the opening duties – amid praise for the design of the new building. The new offices were achieved without creating any extra tax burden on local people and now have offices that should create significant long-term saving for the tax payer. We have now got a modern, energy-efficient headquarters, which will enable us to continue to provide a high quality of service to local people.

Suffolk Day Thursday 21st June 2018

On Wednesday, 21st June 2017, we had our first celebration for our wonderful county where Suffolk Day celebrated Suffolk's history, art and culture, cutting edge technology, stunning coastline, wildlife, food and drink, businesses, sport, university – the list goes on and on. This year scores of fun events will take place across the county once again in celebration of the wonderful county we visit, work, enjoy and call home.

We launched our first ever summer photo competition in east Suffolk

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils have been working in partnership since 2008 and to reflect this, we wanted to celebrate east Suffolk as a great place to live, work and visit with the new East Suffolk Photo Competition.

The competition has four categories: Living in east Suffolk; Working in east Suffolk; Explore east Suffolk; Under 16s (in any category)

The competition proved to be a huge success and congratulations once again to our winners and many thanks to all those that sent in their wonderful photos via Instagram – keep an eye out for this years competition.

We Saluted our Suffolk Armed Forces



Thousands of people flocked to the seaside town of Felixstowe for a fun-filled weekend celebrating Suffolk Armed Forces Weekend 2017. The action-packed event was hosted this year by Suffolk Coastal District Council in June. As well as providing fun for all the family, the event had a serious side - recognising the huge contribution made by our servicemen and women, as well as marking the important 350th anniversary of the Dutch attack on Landguard Fort (which was the last time foreign forces launched an armed landing on English soil). We would like to once again thank the many volunteers, who gave up their weekend to make the two days so much fun for everyone else and the organising committee for their hard work and dedication to creating this enjoyable weekend.

Started the work to transform Deben Leisure Centre

Deben Pool closed on Thursday 31 August and work started on Monday 4 September for a 10 month period to transform the facility into a state-of-the-art leisure centre.

The new leisure centre has been designed with the Council's leisure development partner, Pulse Fitness and operators Places for People Leisure and includes a new, spacious gym, featuring modern equipment and the pool area will feature a new health suite with a steam room, sauna and ice room.

SCDC's investment of £2.5 million in the new leisure centre was boosted by £500,000 in Sport England National Lottery Funding. The work to develop the leisure centre is part of the council's five-year programme to improve leisure facilities for the district and to encourage more people to become more active. The refurbished Deben Leisure Centre is now due for re-opening in a matter of weeks.

New plans published for Leiston Leisure Centre

New plans were published for Leiston Leisure Centre and SCDC are now looking for feedback from the community. Leiston is the second leisure centre in the district to be revitalised following the completion of Deben Leisure Centre in Woodbridge this summer, with work planned to start this autumn.

The improved leisure centre has been designed with the Council's leisure development partner, Pulse Fitness and will continue to be run by Suffolk Coastal's operational leisure partners, Places for People Leisure.

The enhanced facility will be given a new, first floor area which will feature a large gym with modern equipment. Improvements will be made to the changing areas, with modern facilities, while a new health suite containing a sauna, steam and ice room with heated beds, a feature shower and relaxation area is being created, accessible from poolside. There will also be a new entrance space, with a coffee shop and an enhanced pool viewing area featuring a soft play area for children.

Work is planned to start in autumn, with an initial closure needed to undertake structural work for a short period. The leisure centre will then partially open to give access to parts of the facility during the work.

If you would like to stay up to date with the progress of the Leisure programme, sign up to receive our regular newsletter by contacting: leisure@eastssuffolk.gov.uk

We love apprentices in east Suffolk!

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are celebrating the impact of apprentices within the two councils after recruiting a record number this summer.

The apprenticeship scheme has become well established within the two councils, with 43 trained since 2012. Even once their apprenticeships have been completed, 70% of apprentices over the last three years have stayed with the councils to develop bright careers within the authorities.

Apprentices are currently working in service areas across the two districts, including HR, planning, housing, finance, legal and Active Communities, with 13 new recruits joining the councils earlier this month. In return, we offer them all a business based, supported recognised qualification, a modern working environment, generous annual leave entitlements and valuable work based skills from day one.

Celebrating older residents on Silver Sunday

Older residents from across east Suffolk were invited to take part in a number of free activities as part of a national campaign to reduce loneliness. Silver Sunday is an annual celebration of older people and raises awareness of the social isolation which affects so many. To mark the occasion, free events and activities took place in Suffolk Coastal and Waveney and older residents are encouraged to get involved and try something new.

As detailed in our Business Plan, we want our communities to thrive and for our older residents to feel supported, healthy and engaged. Silver Sunday is a great opportunity to celebrate our older people and ensure their invaluable contribution to society is not overlooked. Along with partner organisations, we are working to combat social isolation and loneliness, which can have a devastating effect on people's physical and mental wellbeing. More details for 2018 Silver Sunday coming soon.

Cycling on the prom at Felixstowe

SCDC ran a year-long trial and consultation which allowed cycling on Felixstowe Promenade after a request from Felixstowe Town Council. After running the consultation, to which over 500 people responded, it was therefore recommended to Full Council that SCDC removed the notices prohibiting cycling on the prom at Felixstowe to allow all to safely enjoy the promenade.

Dog Control - Public Space Protection Orders

SCDC considered the outcomes from the pre-consultation exercise and the public consultation on the introduction on the draft Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) which outline dog controls in the district. Town and Parish Councils and the public were consulted on the seven proposed PSPOs which replace the existing by-laws, enactments and a local "order" in the Suffolk Coastal district area, which impose requirements on dog owners. As well as updating controls, PSPOs also provide a more effective and efficient way of dealing with these types of offence through the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice. The benefit of this approach is that controls, such as the prohibition of dogs on certain beaches during the summer months, can be more effectively enforced through the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices rather than by way of prosecution. This isn't about banning dogs everywhere. It's about replacing the existing laws to protect specific places where problems have been raised, with a more effective way of ensuring people control nuisance dogs. For instance: keeping dogs on leads at Landguard Point nature reserve – subject to time of year; banning dogs from gated and fenced children's play areas; excluding dogs on Aldeburgh and Felixstowe beach – at certain specified times

Launched - a new domestic abuse website in Suffolk Coastal

A new website was launched in Suffolk Coastal to support those affected by domestic abuse. The Coastal Action Against Abuse (CAAA) website promotes the group incorporating professionals who work in partnership to raise public and professional awareness and understanding of the impact of domestic abuse on victims, their families and the wider community within the Suffolk Coastal area.

The website signposts the public to local services and support in the area, links to national and local campaigns and increase awareness of types of abuse: <http://www.c-aaa.uk/>

Felixstowe started work to become a dementia-friendly town

Felixstowe started work to become the first dementia-friendly town in Suffolk Coastal to help make lives easier and support more accessible to people affected by dementia. It's estimated that around 12,800 people in Suffolk are currently living with dementia, with the number rising in the future. Felixstowe hope the introduction of support groups and information sessions to businesses and individuals will help improve the community's understanding of dementia. If you would like to get involved with the Felixstowe Dementia Action Alliance, email: fxttaa@gmail.com or phone 07717 150993. For further information visit: www.dementiafriends.org.uk

We invested over £1m in Suffolk

SDCD is celebrating the success of its Enabling Communities Budget this month as funding pumped into communities reaches over £1 million, since the scheme launched in December 2013. So far, our councillors have supported over 750 projects and community initiatives, with funding amounting to £1,038,048. Support has also been given to 23 projects through Suffolk Coastal's Exemplar Grants programme, amounting to £187,940.

The budget has supported a wide variety of projects, including new play areas, improvements to community buildings, charities which help the youngest and oldest members of our communities, sports clubs and activities which cater to all ages, community tree planting and lifesaving defibrillators.

This year, each of our councillors has £6,500 to allocate to new projects, enhancing existing projects or community groups in their ward. To find out how your local councillor is spending their budget, or for more information about the Exemplar grants visit their contact details pages to get in touch: <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/yourcouncil/councillors/suffolk-coastal-district-councillors>

Suffolk Coastal Business and Community Awards Winners

The 2018 Suffolk Coastal Business & Community Awards took place on Thursday 15th March at The Hangar, Kesgrave Hall. Organised by SCDC, the awards celebrated the business and community initiatives and successes that have taken place in Suffolk Coastal over the last 18 months.

On the night there were more than 70 businesses and groups represented alongside the many individual finalists and distinguished guests. We are always surprised and heartened not just by the dedication and energy that people show in supporting their local communities, but also in the breadth of the ways that our winners find to help and support the community. We would like to thank them all, as well as all those who nominated them for these awards. A big thank you also goes to our sponsors. The way these awards continue to go from strength to strength says a great deal about the fantastic community spirit across Suffolk Coastal and is one of the reasons this is such a fantastic place to live.



Reminder - Safety advice on the beach

Dog walkers are reminded to take extra care when visiting the coast following further reports of palm oil and the ongoing risk from Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning. We are continuing to receive reports of palm oil along the Suffolk coastline and whilst it is not toxic, it can cause illness in animals if ingested in quantity. Palm oil can be reported by calling 01502 527100, supplying an exact location. Dog owners are also reminded to take precautions against Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP), a naturally-occurring marine bio-toxin, after a small number of pet deaths in the region. There is no risk to people or pets from the seawater, but dog walkers are advised to take precautions to prevent their pets from eating anything found on the beach.

Love East Suffolk this spring

To coincide with the start of spring, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils once again launched their community litter pick scheme which rewards residents for cleaning up their communities.

The annual 'Love East Suffolk' scheme encourages residents to organise group litter picks in their area; all groups participating before 31 May 2018 will receive £20 for their nominated community fund or charity, and will be entered into a £200 grand prize draw, with prizes provided by Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Norse.

Both Suffolk Coastal Norse and Waveney Norse can provide groups with litter-picking equipment including sacks and disposable gloves, as well as removing any collected litter. Litter pick sticks, bag hoops and tabards can also be hired, subject to availability. To be eligible for the scheme, all registered groups must submit a photo of their event and permit use of the photo for publicity purposes. All cash awards would be payable to a recognised charity or community group chosen by that team of volunteers. To register your litter pick, please visit www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/love-east-suffolk

Funding for transport schemes to bring forward housing

In March, the government announced that Suffolk County Council's bids to the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) had successfully got through to the next stage.

This is an important step forward for the bids, which have been supported by Ipswich Borough Council, St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council. The schemes will now undergo further development work.

The HIF aims to support the development of infrastructure which will enable the development of new homes. In Suffolk's case the HIF would be used to construct road infrastructure in Bury St Edmunds and to the east of Ipswich. The council's bids are for:

- £15 million - East Ipswich junction and capacity improvements on or near to the A12 corridor between A14 and A1214.
- £12 million - Improvements to A14 Junctions 43 and 44 near Bury St Edmunds.

The next stage will require the councils to work with Government officials to further develop the bid and a final decision on the bid is expected later in 2018.

Women's Tour comes back to east Suffolk

After hosting a very successful Men's Tour in September The OVO Energy Women's Tour will return to Suffolk this June, as the county hosts the opening stage to the UCI Women's WorldTour race on Wednesday 13th June.

Over 100 of the world's top cyclists will race from Framlingham to Southwold, home of race sponsors Adnams, taking in a 130-kilometre route through Suffolk, including Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Ipswich, Stowmarket and Halesworth. It will mark the fourth time that Britain's biggest women's cycling event has returned to the county, and in a boost for fans there will also be a chance to ride much of the route, in the OVO Energy Tour Ride sportive event supporting Breast Cancer Care on Sunday 1 July. This popular event brings many visitors to our region and provides a real boost to the local economy. As always, we will be working closely with local communities, businesses and schools to get them involved with Tour-related activities. Stage One will start from the centre of Framlingham, re-visiting the town midway through the stage as a bonus for spectators, with the finish coming on Southwold's Promenade, just yards away from where the race began in 2016.

Information Notices

Recycling Right?

All recyclable waste collected from Suffolk households is taken to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Great Blakenham, where it is sorted and baled before being sent on for recycling. This facility is designed to only accept and process certain materials. If the wrong items are delivered they have to be removed, sometimes by hand.

To ensure the correct items are put into their recycling bins, residents are being asked to remember the following points to combat contamination:



- Food waste, glass, electrical items, and batteries are just some of the common contaminants found. These items can't go in your recycling bin at home but they can be recycled elsewhere. Information on where they can be recycled are in the leaflet and online.
- Textiles and clothes can no longer go in the recycling bin, either bagged or loose. Instead people are asked to donate their clothing to charity shops, or to take it to their nearest recycling banks.
- Some people are even putting used nappies in their recycling bins. These must always go in the rubbish bin.
- Anything smaller than 4cm, such as loose bottle tops or shredded paper, won't get recycled they fall through the sorting process. However, bottle tops can be recycled by simply washing and squashing plastic bottles and putting the tops back on.
- Aluminium foil needs to be rolled into a tennis ball size before being placed in the recycling bin.

Over the last year, contaminating recycling bins cost Suffolk taxpayers over £500,000 just to remove the wrong stuff. For more information about what can be recycled in your blue bin, please visit www.suffolkrecycle.today

Food Hygiene - Remember to ask 'where's the sticker?'

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) helps people make an informed choice about where to eat by highlighting restaurants, pubs and cafes with excellent food hygiene. Food businesses can display their black and green FHRS sticker advertising their current food safety rating. This gives an immediate insight into the kitchen and shows how seriously the business takes food hygiene.

All food businesses are checked by SCDC's Food and Safety Team to ensure they are compliant with food hygiene law and so. Food businesses with poor food hygiene standards will have a rating of 0 (urgent improvement necessary), 1 (major improvement necessary) or 2 (improvement necessary). People are encouraged to take food hygiene seriously when choosing where to eat and so if the FHRS sticker is not visible, always ask 'where's the sticker?' You can also check the rating of food businesses online at ratings.food.gov.uk.

All food businesses are capable of achieving the top FHRS rating of 5 (very good) and having a top rating can attract more customers. Food establishment owners should make sure their FHRS sticker is proudly on display on the door, the menu and in any advertising.

Power cuts: Don't be left in the dark – dial 105

There's a new number to call if you have a power cut. When the power goes out, it can leave people feeling unsure about what to do. Research by Energy Networks Association found that 72% of people don't know who to contact during a power cut.

105 aims to solve this problem, providing you with an easy-to-remember number that will put you through to your local electricity network operator - the company that manages the cables, wires and substations that bring electricity into local homes and businesses. 105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales, and you can call the number from most landlines and mobile phones. It doesn't matter who you choose to buy your electricity from - anyone can call 105.

You can also call 105 if you spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put you, or someone else, in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, call the emergency services too. To find out more, visit powercut105.com.

Reminder to take care by the Coast & Flood warnings

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are advising people to take extra care by the coast and to take extra care if they are out on the seafront, as storms can make parts of the coastline unstable.

To keep up to date with any forecasts and flood warnings
<https://www.gov.uk/browse/environment-countryside/flooding-extreme-weather>

Flood warning information, as well as guidance about preparing for floods, can be obtained from the Environment Agency website. When exceptionally heavy rain is forecast, the Met Office will publish local weather warnings.

Action Fraud

If you think you have been targeted by a scam, or know someone who has, then call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or report it online. Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and internet crime.

[Note: A copy of this Report in a larger font can be requested from the Parish Clerk]