



District Councillors Report to Great Bealings Parish Council

For November 2024

Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward.

Rushmere Village, Great Bealings, Little Bealings, Playford, Bredfield, Grundisburgh & Culpho, Witnesham and Swilland, Westerfield, Hasketon, Clopton, Charsfield, Dallinghoo, Tuddenham, Boulge, Burgh, Debach, Otley.

From District Councillor

Cllr Colin Hedgley

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Planning

Committee Membership.

Cllr Debbie Dean has resigned from the Planning Committee due to ill health. Her place has been taken by Cllr Debbie McCallum.

Planning officer

Rachel Smith a Senior Planning Officer recently died in her sleep. She was an outstanding planning officer. Philip Ridley the Head of Planning, has been moved to another post, Head of Sizewell Planning. Ben Woolnough is now Head of Planning and Coastal Management at East Suffolk Council.

Gravel Pit Application (SCC/0092/24SC/SCREEN)

As you are all aware an application has been made for a scoping application for a Gravel Pit and entrance track to be constructed on the border between Westerfield PC and Tuddenham PC and very close to the Witnesham Parish Boundary.

All PC's are working together to object to this application. A meeting of interested Parish Councils was held on 24th October and the MP the County Cllr and myself attended. However, all traffic movements will start in Westerfield via a new track onto the main Westerfield Road. If an application is approved there will be at least 160 lorry movements per day. But where do these lorries go when diversions are in place? Apart from that my fear is that this will have a detrimental effect on surrounding villages and both the County Cllr and myself will be watching very closely for a full application. This is a SCC area of the Planning System and ESC is only a Statutory Consultee. If approved it could be 16 years of quarrying.

Other planning applications.

As per your Agenda



New Recycling Scheme

A new recycling scheme has been agreed by East Suffolk Council which will require extra wheelie bins to be delivered to every household. Further details will be promulgated soon and it will have to take effect by 2026. Basically, you will have two recycling bins and a food caddy. Bin emptying will work on a 3 week cycle for some bins. (see last pages)

Blue Bin recycling will contain glass, tins, cartons, plastics.

Green Bin recycling will contain paper and card.

Brown Bin will be for garden waste.

Black Bin will be for refuse.

Caddy (smaller than a wheelie) will be for bio-waste. Ie food waste.

Launch of 2024 rural transport survey

The 2024 Suffolk County Council rural transport survey has been launched. The survey is open until 30 November. Your feedback will help us shape the requirements for future rural transport services.

Online [2024 rural transport survey](#) (control and click)

Local company awarded contract for Marina Centre works.

Local company P.J Spillings has been awarded the contract to deliver the construction works for part of the Battery Green development in Lowestoft.

The work will see the demolition of the northern wing of East Suffolk Council's former Marina Customer Services Centre and internal alterations to the remainder of the building to create a repurposed space for the creative sector. The Battery Green development is a multi-million-pound redevelopment and is one of five transformational regeneration projects which received £24.9m from the Government's Towns Fund in 2022.

Designed by Norwich-based architects Chaplin Farrant, the Battery Green development will provide a new cultural and community hub with studio space for creative businesses together with a leisure complex and restaurant.

The Community Team at Britten Pears Arts would love to invite you to our winter Tea Dance taking place this December.

We are pleased for this popular event to return to Snape Maltings. Join us for a festive afternoon of food, dancing and music. A delicious afternoon tea and an opportunity to waltz, foxtrot and cha-cha-cha to a live band.

The event is wheelchair accessible, and suitable for all ages and abilities. We are delighted to offer a discounted ticket price to Care Homes and Care-giving organisations.



WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2-4pm. Doors open at 1.30pm

Britten Studio, Hoffman Building, Snape Maltings, Snape, IP17 1SP

Discounted Tickets are available for £10 per person, with carers going free.

To book these tickets please email the Community Team at community@brittenpearsarts.org

If you wish to book online, tickets can be purchased here: [Tea Dance | Britten Pears Arts](#) – please use the discount code ‘**Quickstep24**’

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have! To find out more information or to book tickets we can be contacted on this email address, or on 01728 687127.

East Suffolk Council’s Community Help Hub has put together an **Information and Resource Pack on Pension Credit** and other support available to pension age people. Please find attached a copy.

This will be distributed to the Town Councils and Parish Councils within our district to equip and enable them to support their own communities using their local knowledge, groups and networks – raising awareness of Pension Credit and other support, and encouraging people to check their eligibility and apply.

In particular, we hope the Councils will use one of the articles provided for inclusion in their local parish newsletters and magazines to reach as many households as possible. There are also flyers, posters and information booklets that can be made available on community noticeboards and in local venues such as libraries, coffee mornings and over-60s groups.

If you have any contacts with Town Councils and Parish Councils within your wards, **please encourage them to use these resources**. The pack will be sent out shortly via SALC.

We are also attending/planning a series of events on this theme across the district over the next few months, in addition to our regular ‘Help with Money’ outreach drop ins in Bungay, Southwold and Felixstowe. We are using a combination of local data (including LIFT) and contacts to identify suitable venues. Where possible we try to ‘piggyback’ on existing groups or events to ensure an audience. We are a small team so we have to be realistic about our capacity, but if you have any areas of particular need within your wards, I would be happy to discuss possibilities. Megan Clifford | Senior Financial Inclusion Officer | Community Help Hub East Suffolk Council

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Working days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday



Pension Credit
Information Resource

(Double click on W) Or see attached to this report.

Fraud Awareness Week

Fraud awareness week is from 17th –23rd November Concentrating on Tenancy Fraud.

Suffolk loft insulation offer

Suffolk Climate Change Partnership would like to share this following information with councils:

According to the Energy Saving Trust, an uninsulated home loses a quarter of its heat through its roof. For the second year in a row, help to afford eco-friendly loft insulation is now available for Suffolk residents.

The Suffolk Climate Change Partnership has teamed up with an insulation provider to help Suffolk residents make their homes warmer and save money on their energy bills. Residents will receive a 50% discount off their purchase of 200mm or 370mm wide insulation rolls (up to £200) with free delivery, from High Loft, the UK's leading eco loft insulation brand.

The offer is open to anyone in Suffolk and will only close once the allocated funding has been spent. Simply go to www.highloft.co.uk/pages/suffolk-council-200-loft-insulation-contribution and fill in the form to receive your discount code.

[To find out more click on this link to visit the dedicated webpage on insulation](#)

Appendix E

Twin Stream Options– Collection Patterns

| Option 3 | | | | | Option 7 | | | | | | | Option 11 ✓ | | | |
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| Collection Calendar | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Collection Calendar | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Collection Calendar | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 |
| Refuse | | | | | Refuse | | | | | | | Refuse | | | |
| Recycling | | | | | Recycling | | | | | | | Recycling | | | |
| Food | | | | | Food | | | | | | | Food | | | |
| Garden | | | | | Garden | | | | | | | Garden | | | |

- Refuse – Fortnightly
 - Recycling – Fortnightly alternating
 - Food – Weekly
 - Garden – Fortnightly
 - Pattern repeats – Every 4 weeks
- Refuse – Three weekly
 - Recycling – Fortnightly but out of sync with residual
 - Food – Weekly
 - Garden – Fortnightly
 - Pattern repeats – Every 12 weeks
- Refuse – Three weekly
 - Recycling – 2 weeks in every 3
 - Food – Weekly
 - Garden – Fortnightly
 - Pattern repeats – Every 3 weeks (6 incl GW)
- Results clearly show 3 weekly residual options reduce Carbon emissions, increase food collection yields and boost recycling performance

Twin Stream Collection System Summary

- 2 recycling bins:
 - containers (glass, plastic, cans/tins, cartons)
 - fibres (paper and card)
- Recycling and residual collection frequency depends upon option chosen
- Food waste collected weekly (separate collection vehicle)
- Garden waste collected fortnightly?



www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk



@suffolkrecycles



Suffolk recycles



Help with your energy bills this winter

We can help in a number of ways -

- **Winter fuel payment**
We recommend you check your eligibility for Pension Credit as soon as possible - we can help you with this
- **Check if you can get a fuel voucher**
If you can't afford to top up your prepayment meter, you might be able to get a fuel voucher.
- **Check if you can sign up to the Priority Services Register**
You can get extra help from your gas and electricity supplier by signing up to the Priority Services Register.
- **Help with Energy grants**
You might be eligible for grants or schemes run by your local council or charitable organisations.
- **Check if you are able to access any other forms of support**
Other forms of support may be available to help you keep warm or pay your bills

We're also here for general advice on managing debt and money

Get in touch if you need advice or help

Call advice line 0808 278 7866 • Email us at caes.org.uk