

Report to Bungay and Wainford Parishes July 2023 from County Councillor Judy Cloke

Since my last report, I have followed up on several issues , often as a result of items raised at Parish Council meetings.

Following on from my report last month about a plan for possible mitigation of traffic flows in Bungay, I will shortly be meeting with some members of the Town Council to explain the detail more fully with Wayne Saunders our Highways engineer. East Suffolk Councillors Specca and Hammond have been invited to attend this meeting.

With my support and with matched financial contribution from my Highways budget , traffic calming measures have been ordered for both Flixton and Mutford .

I have also had lengthy discussions with the Highways safety team and Wayne on how to reduce the speed of traffic through Mettingham, Shipmeadow and Barsham ; I have put our suggestions to the parish councils and await their responses.

I spoke to our MP , Mr Peter Aldous on Sunday 9th about the increased traffic along Top Rd St Andrew connected with the Bio digester in Ellough and expect further contact. Staying with Ellough, I was approached by Suffolk Police some months ago regarding the issues they have been having with ' boy racers' at the roundabout nearest to the go cart track. It is not just the racers but their audience members who are in the habit of parking up on a nearby verge which now looks like a layby. It would appear the ' No Parking ' signs were in place but not the Traffic Regulation order to support them, so the Police could not either move the youngsters on or issue tickets. The cost of getting this was quite low, so I approached Cllrs Topping and Lever from Beccles for funding , between us we were to fund $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost , asking Suffolk Police to fund the remainder. Repeated attempts to sort this out came to nothing as I was ignored , so just to get the job done we have split the cost three ways instead of 4.

Staying with the Highways' theme , the Policy Development Panel about road signs, of which I was a member has completed its work and a report will be with Cabinet shortly.

Mutford Parish Council has recently had their notice board at the Village hall repaired with funding from my Locality Budget.

Because of a shortfall in funding for their current contract Bungay Area Community Transport asked several Waveney County Councillors for support from their Locality Budgets. At the time of writing , I am the only one who has helped them , with £2.5k of funding. Our family has used their services and I think they do a marvellous job.

Having met the action group opposed to the Shipmeadow Solar farm and undertaken a bit more reading I have written to the developers RES and asked some questions of my own – I await their reply.

I am also helping Flixton Parish Council in their efforts to get a footpath on private land reopened to residents.

Suffolk Archives' free summer exhibition '*Wolsey's Ipswich*' opens on Friday 14 July at The Hold on Ipswich Waterfront and will explore the legacy of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey thanks to funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Businesses across Suffolk and Norfolk have been recognised for their environmental successes at this year's Carbon Charter event, held at Anglia Car Charging's headquarters

in Broome on 5 July 2023. These are the people who installed the chargers at Bungay Community Centre

People are being reminded of the importance of disposing of waste batteries properly following a fire at a Suffolk waste transfer station.

Operations were briefly disrupted at Haverhill waste transfer station in Homefield Road after fire broke out amongst 50 tonnes of rubbish on June 16.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has announced plans to create a new fire control centre here in Suffolk; currently this is a joint service with Cambridgeshire Fire Service

More than 400 years of fascinating historical documents held at Suffolk Archives are to be digitised and made available online, thanks to an agreement between Suffolk County Council and Ancestry.

Better broadband is on its way for around 80,000 properties across rural Suffolk in a £100 million investment under a £5 billion government infrastructure programme. This project is managed by BDUK who in turn have contracted CityFibre to do the actual work of installing the cabling. Decisions on where broadband infrastructure is installed will be made by BDUK and not by SCC.

Suffolk County Council's Cabinet is set to discuss the future of library services in Suffolk at its next meeting on 11 July. The current contract with Suffolk's Libraries Industrial and Provident Society (IPS), worth £5.92 million per annum, comes to an end on 31st July 2024. The Council now needs to consider how library services will be delivered following the expiry of the contract. The report to Cabinet will recommend that a new Library Service contract is procured using a competitive tender process.

To enable meaningful engagement, public consultation, and a competitive tender process to take place, the report also recommends that the current contract with Suffolk's Libraries IPS is extended by 10 months, to 31 May 2025. The public consultation will be used to inform the requirements and future development of the new service.

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