

A report for parishes from District Councillor David Ritchie

February 16th 2023

Dear all,

I have £1,100 left in my East Suffolk Council Enabling Communities Budget. This is because a community group who asked for funding did not take up my offer. If you have a project that I can help to fund, please get in touch asap. All applications for this financial year have to be in before the end of February. It must be a project, or a part of a project, that you have not yet started.

The projects that I have already funded in the financial year 22/23 are as follows:

Date	Amount	Group/Organisation	Project
3rd May 2022	£1,500	Bungay Town Council	Funding towards Jubilee costs.
20th May 2022	£200	Rumburgh & St Michael Village Hall Management Committee	Funding towards Jubilee costs.
16th November 2022	£1,000	GPC Flixton, St Cross & St Margaret South Elmham	Funding towards new road signs.
28th November 2022	£1,500	Bungay Community Support Group	Funding to transform an empty butcher's shop in Wingfield Street, Bungay, into a one-stop community hub.
30th November 2022	£1,000	Bungay in Bloom	Funding to purchase plants et
-	£1,000	Cost of Living	Cost of Living contribution
16th January 2023	£200	GPC Flixton, St Cross & St Margaret South Elmham	Additional funding towards new road signs

I first became a district councillor in 2006. I have served three terms as a County Councillor, from 2009 until 2021. I have now decided to step down from East Suffolk Council (the district council) so I will not be standing in the council elections in May. My role at ESC, as Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Management, has developed into a full-time commitment and I have many other responsibilities as well as things I would like to do. So, I was already thinking of standing down. Now that I am a carer for my wife, who has been housebound in a downstairs bedroom for the last few months it is essential that this now becomes my priority. I will miss my role as councillor. I will miss the people. I will miss you all.

I have worked with many outstanding officers on many important projects. I am sorry to be leaving before completing the Lowestoft Flood Risk Management project and building the tidal barrier. I have enjoyed working with you all: Bungay Town Council and all the parish councils and parish meetings in Bungay and Wainford ward.

Thank you for having me as one of your District Councillors.

Best wishes,

David Ritchie

One of the two District Councillors for the Bungay and Wainford Ward of East Suffolk Council.

Chairman of Coastal Partnership East

Cabinet member for planning and coastal management at East Suffolk Council.

Chairman of the Suffolk Coast Forum

Chairman of the board for the Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project.

Chairman of The Southwold Harbour Management Committee.

Chairman of the Local Plan Working Group.

Chairman of the Developers Forum