

County Councillor Report



Palgrave Parish Council, December 2023

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Flood Recovery – Suffolk Floods Team have issued a format through SALC for collecting local evidence following storms Babet and Kieran, if you have not received it please let me know. This should be returned to SCC by the end of December. It will enable engineers to focus on trouble spots, actions and assess eligibility grants to be administered through District Councils. Please refer to the following website: [Flood Recovery information for Suffolk - Suffolk County Council](#) and continue to report with photographs and relevant dates to: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue>

Flood insurance and advice

- Contact your insurer immediately if you have been affected by flooding.
- Read [Recovering from a flood | ABI](#) - advice for those recovering from floods from the Association of British Insurers (ABI)
- [Flood Re](#) is a joint Government and insurance industry initiative which aims to help insurers help households at risk of flooding.
- The [National Flood Forum](#) is a charity that supports those at risk of flooding with independence advice and support.
- [Read more in the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership guide](#)

Budget Setting – the council is preparing to finalise its budget for 2024/'25 which needs to respond to cost pressures from inflation and increased service demand. Thank you to all who have responded to the budget survey to date.

Marsh Lane Solar Farm – Noted

Major Projects at Stanton – Equation Warehousing DC/23/1154/OUT: National Highways has submitted a holding objection valid until 24th March to enable completion of a review of effects on the strategic road network. Jaynic Various Proposals DC/22/2190/HYB: Co-Part have pulled out but Jaynic is continuing to pursue its application for developing the site.

Highways – Reminder to please report any defective road signs with a photograph. All highways defects should be reported on the web site: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue>

Suffolk's Environmental Awards Open for Nominations - Suffolk County Council recognises the valuable environmental work done throughout Suffolk and invites nominations for an awards ceremony to be held on 27 March 2024, at The Hold in Ipswich. Categories for the 2024 Awards are:

- Waste Reduction and Recycling Award

- Enhancing Biodiversity and Landscape Award
- Greenest Business Award
- Greenest Small Business Award
- Greenest Community Award
- Green Hero Award (People's Choice award)
- Greenest School Award
- Green Tourism Award

Nominations are now [open online](#) at www.greensuffolk.org/awards and close on 31 January 2024.

Reminder - Consultation on Suffolk Libraries – a 13-week two-part consultation is open until Friday 26 January 2024 to seek views on future library services. A competitive Tender Process will follow with a new contract awarded in November 2024. Please do respond to this consultation if you value the current services or have ideas on how they might adapt:

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/about/news/suffolk-county-councils-library-consultation-process>

Pylons Project and Grid Reinforcement – Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex County Councils have jointly commissioned Hiorns Smart Energy Networks to prepare an independent report into the Norwich to Tilbury project. Leaders of the three councils are asking National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) and the electricity system planner, National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) to consider the findings. The final report is available to read at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/n2t-the-hiorns-report.pdf>

Large Scale Solar Energy Developments – SCC Cabinet Member Richard Rout has written to ministers objecting to the large land-take demanded by land based solar. Cllr Rout's letter can be found at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/suffolk-cc-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-very-large-scale-solar-farms-24-10-23-redacted.pdf>

Homes for Ukraine – 'Thank you' payments for hosts will be extended from March 2024 to March 2025, completing a third year of support. Payment timetables and award will remain as they are currently paid. Further details on payments out can be here: [Ukraine: information for hosts - Suffolk County Council](#)

Merry Christmas to you all and Happy New Year!

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