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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
18TH APRIL 2018 IN KELSALE VILLAGE HALL AT 7:00PM**

Present: Cllr Alan Revell (Chairman) & Elizabeth Flight – Parish Clerk.

Cllr Alan Revell (Chairman) welcomed members of the public and representatives and formally opened the meeting. He also introduced the new Clerk to the Parish Council, Elizabeth Flight.

Public Forum

A member of the public commented that some of the footpaths in the village were in desperate need of cleaning and asked when this will happen. The Chairman responded by saying that this is a Highways issue and that the Clerk has already reported this issue to them. There has been no response from them to date. **Action: Clerk to follow up and ensure that this issue is addressed.**

A member of the public complained about the number of potholes in the roads in the village. The Chairman stated that there is a reporting tool on the SCDC website that anyone, including members of the public can report the presence of a pothole. He added that SCDC are prioritising the severity of potholes and repairing them as soon as they can.

Part 1: (Approx. 7:15pm – 8:00pm)

1. To receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from – Cllr John Pulham, [REDACTED] (Kelsale PCC), Cllr Ray Ellis, Cllr Martin Lumb, [REDACTED].

2. Approval of the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th April 2017

A member of the public made the point that they had visited the website to read the minutes from last year's meeting and they had not been there. The Chairman stated that the minutes would be uploaded to the new website from this point forward. **Action: Clerk to ensure that the minutes from this year's meeting are uploaded promptly onto the new website.**

The minutes were then taken as read and Proposed for Approval by Cllr Galloway, Seconded by Cllr Roberts and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th April 2017

There were none.

The Chairman welcomed Jonny Crickmore from Fen Farm Dairy. Jonny gave a very interesting and humorous presentation about milk and cheese production on the farm which was enjoyed by all whom attended. The Chairman thanked Jonny Crickmore for his presentation.

INTERVAL (15 Minutes) – Very enjoyable light refreshments were served – Thank you to all those who assisted in organising these.

4. Chairman's Report

A verbal report was given by Cllr Alan Revell. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

5. Responsible Finance Officer's Report

The new Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) Elizabeth Flight read a report prepared by outgoing RFO Jo Peters.

The balance carried forward as at 31st March 2018 was £17,940.12.

There was a larger than normal item of expenditure carried out during 2017/18 and this was for the resurfacing of the Low Rd Car Park. The amount paid for this work was £14,712.00 but the Parish Council received funding towards this project amounting to £6,246.36. I am sure you will all agree the monies spent were worth every penny.

I am pleased to confirm there was no requirement to raise the parish precept for 2018/19.

To advise as part of the statutory audit requirement the accounts for 2017/18 are in the process of being prepared to go to the internal auditor Heelis & Lodge. They will then be Considered and Approved by the Parish Council at the May Parish Council meeting.

As the Parish Council's Annual Turnover is now under £25,000 they will need to abide by the rules of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. This will entail all financial documents being advertised within the Parish Council's website. The Annual Return form will be completed but an External Audit will not be required.

6. Reports from Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council Representatives

Suffolk County Council
A verbal report was given by County Cllr Smith. The Chairman thanked County Cllr Smith for his report. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

Suffolk Coastal District Council

A verbal report was given by District Cllr Dunnett. The Chairman thanked District Cllr Dunnett for his report. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

A verbal report was given by District Cllr Fisher. The Chairman thanked District Cllr Fisher for his report. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

7. Reports from Village Organisations

Kelsale Welfare Trust

No report had been received from Kelsale Welfare Trust.

Kelsale Methodist Chapel

No report had been received from Kelsale Methodist Chapel

Kelsale PCC

Apologies had been received from [REDACTED]. A written report was read in her absence by the Chairman. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

Kelsale Primary School

A verbal report and very enjoyable presentation was given by Carolyn Taylor (Head teacher) The Chairman thanked Carolyn Taylor for her report. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

Kelsale Afternoon Club

No report had been received from Kelsale Afternoon Club.

Village Hall Management Committee

A verbal report was given by Mrs [REDACTED]. The Chairman thanked [REDACTED] for her report. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

Kelsale Craft Group

No report had been received from Kelsale Craft Group

Kelsale Art Group

No report had been received from Kelsale Art Group

Kelsale Melody Makers

A verbal report was given by [REDACTED]. The Chairman thanked [REDACTED] for his report.
(Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

8. Any other matters arising

There were none.

There being no further questions or discussion the Chairman thanked representatives and members of the public for their attendance/reports and formally closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

APPENDIX – Written Reports given at meeting.

REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 2018 FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH, MVO REPRESENTING BLYTHING DIVISION, SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Blything Division covers the town of Saxmundham and the parishes of Blythburgh, Bramfield, Darsham, Dunwich, Kelsale-cum-Carlton, Middleton, Theberton, Thorington, Walberswick, Wenhaston, Westleton and Yoxford

I have served as a Suffolk County Councillor since 2010. For the first seven years I represented Aldeburgh, Leiston, Knodishall, Aldringham and Thorpeness, but took the opportunity presented by [REDACTED] deciding to step down in Blything to move and stand as a candidate here in the May 2017 County Council elections. I worked hard during the election campaign and was pleased and honoured to be elected as your County Councillor.

My reasoning for moving Divisions included wanting to live within the area that I represent and, being a resident of Saxmundham for the last 27 years, I have achieved that. But to be frank the disadvantage has been the greatly increased number of parishes I now represent – rising from four to twelve, if Dunwich Parish Meeting is included as it should be.

I have been fortunate to be a member of the County Council's Cabinet, first responsible for planning, environmental and economic development and more lately having political responsibility for finance (which encompasses a net annual budget of around half a billion Pounds), first combined with responsibilities for arts, museums and library services, but now combined with transformation of the way the council delivers its services, and also since last May for the Sizewell C Project. I hope you will understand that this workload keeps me busy – for perhaps 70 hours each week – and thus I have not been as frequent a visitor to Parish Council meetings as I should wish. I am trying to settle down to an attendance at every other parish meeting, but even this can prove difficult. Examples include Middleton, Darsham and Blythburgh Parish Councils usually meeting on the same evening and the same applies to Saxmundham Town Council, Bramfield-with-Thorington Parish and Walberswick Parish also meeting on the same evening each month.

But I do attend where I can and my contact details are widely available. Indeed I am contacted by constituents throughout the area when they need my help or advice and I always follow-up their issues, some with greater success than others. Planning matters are not my responsibility, save the highways aspects of larger developments, and I try to direct these to their Suffolk Coastal District Councillor. This has proved difficult in the last few months with the severe illness of Cllr Raymond Catchpole who covers the northern part of the area, and recently [REDACTED] has resigned his seat representing Theberton and Middleton. A by-election will be held in due course. Yoxford has Cllr Stephen Burroughes as its District Councillor, and he is just completing a particularly busy year as Chairman of the County Council. In normal times I pledge to work closely with all three District Councillors for the best interests and outcomes for our residents.

I have a Locality Budget of £8,000 which can be spent largely as I wish within my Division. I have been happy to make grants (or offers which will be honoured) over the last year to organisations within Saxmundham, Bramfield, Darsham, Kelsale-cum-Carlton, Theberton, Thorington and Wenhasston. Over the course of my four-year elected term I aim to have distributed funds as fairly and proportionately as I can manage across all areas of the Division, but this can be achieved only in part in just one year.

I am well aware of complaints from Parish Councils about highway matters. I always ask Parishes to lodge their complaints first; my job is to follow them up when there appears to have been no action. This is a difficult area for me, as I understand very well the financial constraints on the highways budget in a time of severely restricted local government spending. The severe winter we have experienced has meant spending £1 million more on salt and grit for the roads than estimated. So money is very tight and priority has to be given to filling the 10,000 or so pot-holes reported after the bad weather. Other schemes have had to be delayed and, where luckily they have not, such as drainage works within Yoxford, other controversies about traffic management and parking arise. In most cases I listen to and take the advice of Council Officers – but not always. The footpath from Yoxford towards Darsham railway station had become seriously overgrown, but no action was deemed necessary. I challenged this at the very highest level with the result that the assessment was changed and the necessary work was done. Alas, I cannot do this in all cases! I also understand well that two of my parishes need a Highways Officer to walk round the village to discuss and give advice on a range of highways problems. I had tried to arrange this, and had spoken to a person who had agreed to meet villagers, but postponement has been necessary with the sudden death of that very Officer who has died young, leaving behind a very young family. I am also aware of the problem of speeding motorists, something not easily tackled. Community Speed-Watch teams operate in various villages and do a good job. Vehicle-activated speed signs are now commonplace and are effective to some degree as long as they are moved around every three or four weeks. But new deterrents are necessary, and a trial period using Automatic Number-Plate Recognition Cameras is underway within the County and will report its results later in the year. But the problem remains that the data gathered requires access to the police main computer database, and this has to be done under strict conditions by approved people, who are usually police employees – and the police budget is as stretched as ours! Yet other parishes are awaiting approval of or implementation of schemes which have been drawn-up over recent years. Most will be done eventually as funds allow, but there has to be a strict regime of prioritisation in place when money is scarce, and many of you will have read that some of Suffolk's bridges need urgent attention – so this prioritisation is very necessary to keep the whole road network safely usable.

I want to end with a brief update on Sizewell C matters. In brief, nothing very much has happened since EDF Energy reported-back (very inadequately, I thought) on the results of the Stage Two Consultation. The final consultation, Stage Three, is promised for the end of this year or very early next, before the District Council and Parish Council elections in May, 2019. I hope it will contain meaningful items,

because I (and I believe the community) have been somewhat underwhelmed by both previous stages of public consultation. Huge questions remain about the effect on our precious natural environment, traffic routes and lorry numbers, the effect on coastal processes and many other important matters including the modal split giving the split between sea, road and rail use in transporting goods to site. EDF have been giving contradictory messages about the reality of a Sizewell C development, and have lately said that this is the ‘crunch’ year for a decision. What we do know is that they want our development to come in 20% cheaper than that at Hinkley Point in Somerset, now being developed. The corollary of this is that community benefits will also have to be cut by 20%, not a welcome prospect for our communities who will be so directly affected for the ten-plus years of local development activity and all that goes with it. I am not, and never have been, anti-nuclear power, but this is the only such development in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, encompassing very sensitive wildlife and landscapes, including the world-class RSPB Minsmere Reserve and the National Trust’s Dunwich Heath. We really must protect them and ensure that the quality of life throughout our area remains of the highest quality. I will not fail the residents I represent and will fight for the fairest and best deal for our communities if the development proceeds.

May I place on record my thanks to Parish Councillors for welcoming me and for working alongside me. That thanks also needs to be extended to Town and Parish Clerks with all of whom, I think, I have a good working relationship. It is an honour to represent the people of Blything Division. I have worked hard doing so since last May and will continue to do so in future years.

Richard Smith, MVO

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Welcome to My Annual Ward report, update and more recent news. Below is just a few of the items that have been covered throughout the year and some useful information/contact details

As previously, planning applications/referrals keep me very busy as does my Scrutiny Committee work. Please do get in touch if I can help you in any way. I had a busy year with our ECB allocations (budget all spent) please don't forget to get in touch if you have a project that we can help with. We also have the Exemplar grant system which up to £10,000.00 can be applied for. More details and information on both of the grants is available on our website or please get in touch.

Don't forget that you can keep up to date on all of SCDC news via the website, facebook or twitter pages. <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk>

Can I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and care for the community.

Cllr Phillip Dunnett, phillip.dunnett@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

East Suffolk gets the go ahead

The Rt Hon Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government agreed to the creation of a 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.”

Mr Javid has also confirmed the merger of Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council to become a new single district council named West 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.

In November, 2017, the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government issued a written statement to the House of Commons confirming that he is 'minded to' support the proposals of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils to create a new single authority for the area.

At the same time, he has announced there would be a period of time, running until 8 January 2018, during which those interested could make further representation to him, including making any suggested modifications to the proposals. He has now considered all the comments he received and decided to officially back the plan, which will now be subject to Parliamentary approval.

This is the first time that the Secretary of State has given his backing to such a plan and now gives the councils the go ahead to proceed with getting everything in place to create the new council by May 2019.

“We have a proud record of achieving success through innovative partnership working between Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Council. We are glad that the Secretary of State has recognised this in agreeing the creation of this new ‘super district’ for east Suffolk,”

said Cllrs Herring and Bee,

“We need to evolve, if we are to successfully address the shared opportunities and challenges that both councils face. There have been significant reductions in Central Government funding for councils, but we need to be able to drive and invest in growth and infrastructure projects, as well as providing more much-needed housing. “A larger, more influential East Suffolk Council will enable us to fulfil our potential in driving development, while keeping costs low.”

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. The two existing councils will then be formally dissolved with elections to the new authority.

Register for Garden Waste Collection – Now Schedule starts May 2018

We are urging people who have not as yet signed up to register an interest in joining Suffolk Coastal’s Garden Waste Collection Service to do so.

At its Cabinet meeting in December 2017, Suffolk Coastal decided to introduce a charge for collecting garden waste from homes during next financial year (2018/19).

People in Suffolk Coastal will be given the option of paying an annual charge of £43 per garden waste bin (the equivalent of paying about £1.65 per fortnightly collection).

This is a completely voluntary scheme, which people will have to opt to join (rather than residents automatically becoming part of the scheme).

The first paid-for collections are scheduled to start from the beginning of May 2018, with local residents able to subscribe for the new service from 1 March 2018 and we will email them when the subscription service is live.

However, in the meantime, people can [register their interest by completing a simple online form](#).

The reality is that Suffolk Coastal District Council protected the ‘free’ collection of garden waste for as long as it could. In 2015, when most of the councils across Suffolk and Norfolk introduced charging, we decided to maintain the ‘free’ garden waste collection service and to bear the cost of reduced Recycling Performance Payment support, despite the financial pressures on the Council. However, at the time, we did recognise that this is a discretionary service that we provide and we always said we would have to keep this decision under review.

Suffolk Coastal District Council is under increasing pressure financially, with dwindling support from central Government. Next year (2018/19), we are faced with a budget gap of over £2.8 million.

Providing the organic waste collection and composting service currently costs Suffolk Coastal over £1.2 million a year. This cost has been exacerbated by the £200,000 per year reduction in support for recycling organic waste previously provided by Suffolk County Council.

The East Suffolk Business Plan identifies the need for us to become increasingly financially-self-sufficient in the future.

The key thing that people need to realise is that this is about us protecting local services and being able to keep Council Tax increases down to a minimum. Any funds raised from the garden waste collection service will be re-invested in providing services to local people and reducing our budget gap. Suffolk Coastal remains committed to an ambitious programme of community-based and major capital investments, such as the current leisure redevelopment, in the coming years. So we need to continue to identify strong income streams, now and in the future.

Later in the year, subscribers to the scheme will also be given the option of receiving a free, larger (240 litre) green bin for their garden waste (240 litres is the most common wheeled bin size, but the current brown organic waste bins in Suffolk Coastal are 140 litres).

The new, larger green bins are expected to be delivered during the autumn (2018) to those residents who request one and have subscribed to the garden waste service.

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/>

Looking back...

Suffolk Coastal elected a new Chairman and Vic Chairman

Cllr Chris Blundell was elected as our new Chairman along with Vice-chairman Nicky Yeo. Cllr Blundell, who represents the Martlesham Ward took over the post from Cllr Mark Newton. I'm sure you will join us in thanking both of them for their ongoing hard work for the district.

Thanks for your support at the Suffolk Show.

Thank you to all that attended or helped at our Get Active in Suffolk Coastal stand within the sports village at the Suffolk Show. The show also gave us the opportunity to inform people about the Leisure Redevelopment Programme and meet our operators, Places for People Leisure and to also find out more about our other events happening this summer, including Women On Wheels (now to take place in April 2018) and Operation Camouflage and of course the Tour of Britain which finished in Aldeburgh in September.

Officially opened East Suffolk

Suffolk Coastal District Council's new headquarters in Melton were officially opened and over 100 guests were present to see the [REDACTED], 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 2017

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

As you know 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 year's 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.

Suffolk Coastal's investment of £2.5 million in the new leisure centre has been 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.

We would like to thank members of Deben Pool for their support for the redevelopment so far. During the closure, members and visitors can use our other facilities at Leiston, Felixstowe and Brackenbury.

A key part of our Business Plan focuses on increasing access to quality leisure facilities and activities as part of our commitment to getting more people fit and active. We hope Deben will be the ignition for our complete leisure redevelopment to create facilities our communities can be truly proud of.

New plans published for Leiston Leisure Centre

New plans have now been published for [Leiston Leisure Centre](#) and Suffolk Coastal 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.

Suffolk Coastal hope the major investment in the leisure centre will help encourage more people to become fit and active.

The enhanced facility will be given a new, first floor area which will feature a large gym with modern equipment, including cardiovascular, strength, resistance and functional zones. Improvements will be made to the changing areas, providing high quality village wet changing facilities with family friendly parent and child cubicles, separate changing for schools and individual wet-side changing cubicles and showers.

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.

The facility will include a new entrance space, with a coffee shop and an enhanced pool viewing area featuring a soft play area for children. The community will be able to access more fitness classes with the addition of two new dance studios and a group cycling studio, which will also serve as multi-use bookable rooms. Through listening to initial feedback and advice from Sport England, the two squash courts are being retained. Improvements will also be made to the lighting in the pool area and the front car park will be resurfaced.

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.

We would really want to thank the community for their support for the improved leisure centre so far, as their initial input has helped us to rethink the design of Leiston and ensure that the modernised facility will cater for all members of the community. We want to create a fun and contemporary centre that boosts vitality for everyone and we believe the designs reflect this. The centre is in need of modernisation and the improved facility will help more people become fit and active as well as providing a contemporary space for the community to enjoy. We're now looking for final feedback from local people on the design and functionality of the building so we're ready to start working on the project later this year.

The Leisure Team will be contacting and speaking with a range of groups, leisure centre users and other key stakeholders in the next two months. If you are a community group, local club or team and would like to have a chat with the Leisure Team, please email: leisure@eastsoffolk.gov.uk.

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@eastsoffolk.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.

Several of these have gone on to undertake further qualifications within their chosen field, including level 3 apprenticeships in Business admin and Customer Services, level 4 professional qualifications in Housing, and one young person who joined us in 2012 has recently completed a level 5 qualification in HR.

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.

Celebrated 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.

East Suffolk Partnership

The East Suffolk Partnership celebrated its fifth annual Forum with over 200 people attending the fully booked event at Trinity Park.

The theme "Unlocking the potential of growth in east Suffolk" focused on the idea of "inclusive growth". Inclusive growth is an important for promoting economic growth for the benefit of everyone - and we explored how to deliver economic growth while improving local services, supporting communities and protecting the environment.

The important annual event offered excellent networking opportunities and gave delegates the chance to participate in a collaborative approach to working in east Suffolk. Through a programme of presentations, workshops and seminars delegates examined how individuals and communities in East Suffolk can connect to, and feel the benefits from, economic growth.

The East Suffolk Partnership (ESP) attracts people from local communities, voluntary organisations, public services, businesses and local government and encourages them to work together for the benefit of east Suffolk.

Dog Control - Public Space Protection Orders

The Council 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 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

System recognised with second national award (update below in recent news)

The hi-tech system, developed by Suffolk Coastal Port Health Authority for handling imports at the Port of Felixstowe, has been shortlisted for another national award. The Port Health Interactive Live Information System (PHILIS) has been shortlisted for a [Local Government Chronicle Award](#) in the Innovation Category.

This is the second time the software system has been shortlisted, after it was named a finalist in the Technological Innovation category of the APSE Environmental Services Innovation Awards 2017 in October.

Since its development and launch at Suffolk Coastal’s Port Health Authority in September 2009, PHILIS has been developed to incorporate a scanning module to handle the high volumes of paperwork and original certification that accompanies imported food consignments.

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 (HARC).

The system now:

- Manages 85% of food imported into the UK from outside of the EU
- Supports 100 users operating from 4 Port Health Authorities and HARC
- Handles over 3million containers a year through the 4 ports
- Has delivered at least a 20% saving in officer time at Felixstowe
- Scans around 1 million documents a year
- Generates income for the Council through licence fees

Prosecuted a resident who landed up with a criminal record for waste offence

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils reminded householders that they have a legal responsibility, or duty of care, to prevent their waste from being fly-tipped after a resident pleaded guilty to a waste offence.

The resident pleaded guilty to an offence of failing to fulfil his duty of care towards household waste contrary to Section 34(2A) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in March 2017 from his address. The case was brought to court after twenty sacks of general, unsorted household waste which were found to have been fly-tipped.

We would therefore urge anyone who arranges for any waste to be taken away from their home by anyone other than the Council's service partners Suffolk Coastal Norse or Waveney Norse, to remember the "Scrap Code", to avoid being held responsible, and risk acquiring a criminal record, should their waste end up fly-tipped."

- S: Suspect. Beware of rogue waste carriers – reputable companies do not usually make direct approaches. If in any doubt as to whether someone is a legitimate waste carrier, do not allow them to take your waste.
- C: Check. Ask for their waste carrier registration details, and verify them by checking [the online register](https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers) (<https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>) or by calling 03708 506 506. Always note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take your waste away.
- R: Refuse unsolicited offers to have any rubbish taken away. Always carry out your own research and choose who you wish to approach. Legitimate waste carriers are unlikely to seek business by going door-to-door.
- A: Ask questions. Always ask what exactly is going to happen to your rubbish and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately. A legitimate, professional waste carrier who wants your business should not object to being asked reasonable questions.
- P: Paperwork. Make sure you get a proper receipt containing the written information for your waste. This should include what has been removed, and where it will be going. Make sure the Company or tradesman's details are included.

If you see someone fly-tipping in Suffolk Coastal or Waveney, please report it in confidence online at: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping/how-to-report-fly-tipping

Or by calling Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils on 01394 383789 or 01502 562111, or email environment@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

More information for Suffolk householders, landowners, and businesses about how they can help prevent and tackle fly-tipping is available on the Suffolk Recycling website: www.greensuffolk.org/recycling/fly-tipping

Ran and judged a local competition for a new piece of Art Work at East Suffolk House commission

Suffolk Coastal marked their first year in their new headquarters and were looking for a new and exciting piece of art to be displayed in the reception area which reflects Suffolk Coastal as a district, drawing on aspects of the East Suffolk Business Plan and compliments the architecture of the building.

██████████ who lives locally in Woodbridge was picked by Suffolk Coastal staff and councillors to create a unique piece of work for the council.

Her paintings explore the coastal landscape in semi-abstract style, emphasising the light and atmosphere of the environment. Much of her work focuses on the River Deben, including the boatyards near her river-side studio.

The council received ideas from 22 artists of which five finalists were chosen to come in and meet the judging panel of staff, councillors and external arts experts who made the ultimate decision. Well done and thank you to all those that submitted towards this competition.

Launched a new domestic abuse website launched 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 Suffolk Coastal District.

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

Suffolk Coastal 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 which equals 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 everything from 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 – with the list continuing to grow as Enabling Communities funding reaches communities.

This year each of our councillors have £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>

Crucial Crew Plus trialled at Leiston School

The Alde Valley Academy in Leiston is the first school in Suffolk to trial a new training initiative aimed at keeping young people safe.

Crucial Crew Plus is a new safety initiative aimed at high school pupils, focusing on how to stay safe in all aspects of life and includes self harm, cybercrime, sex education, substance misuse, grooming and healthy relationships, apprenticeships, realities of crime, self-esteem confidence and anxiety.

The training builds on the success of the one day training primary schools are invited to attend each year, Crucial Crew, and is provided to all year groups.

The training is made up of short presentations and interactive sessions which are supported by a number of local organisations including Suffolk Police, Suffolk Coastal District Council's Active Communities team, Suffolk Wellbeing Service, Access

Community Trust, Terence Higgins Trust, Turning Point, Suffolk Coastal Communities team, Suffolk Road Safety, and the Youth Offending Service.

The training teaches children how to tackle the personal dangers they face and helps to prevent them from becoming involved in crime. It delivers hard hitting messages to young people on issues affecting them most, such as sexting, drug and alcohol misuse, grooming and gang violence.

Landguard Partnership: Extension to Agreement

We have supported the Landguard Partnership since 2009. However, the agreement to support the partnership runs out in April 2018. It may be renewed for further 5-year periods, subject to the agreement of all members of the partnership. Partnership members have been consulted and agreed in principle to extend their support. As part of the Agreement, SCDC contributes £18,000 a year to the Landguard Partnership.

Treasury Management and Investment Strategy for 2018/19

Each year, every local authority must approve a policy strategy, which will govern its day-to-day treasury management objectives for that year. The strategy balances the need to maximise performance from investments, money market and capital market transactions, while minimising the risk to the Council's cash flows and banking. The overriding principle is security of Council's money.

Recent news:

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 Suffolk Coastal District Council, the Awards celebrated the business and community initiatives and successes that have taken place in Suffolk Coastal over the last 18 months.

The evening was hosted for a fourth time by [REDACTED] a comedian, writer and presenter of BBC2's The Mash Report and opened with a drinks reception sponsored by Gotelee Solicitors. Parker Communications provided a stunning set and flawless AV support throughout.

With a record number of entries for the awards this year, the judges had a tough job to shortlist the finalists and agree the winners. 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 biotoxin, after a small number of pet deaths in the

region. There is no risk to people or pets from the seawater - the only risk is from ingesting PSP-contaminated animals found on the beach.

Dog walkers are advised to take precautions to prevent their pets from eating anything found on the beach. This may include keeping dogs under close control, on leads or muzzled if considered appropriate, while walking along the coast. Additionally, following recent bad weather and the potential for coastal erosion, those visiting the beach are asked to take extra care when [walking on or below the cliffs](#).

Love East Suffolk this spring

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

The annual '[Love East Suffolk](#)' scheme encourages east Suffolk residents to organise group litter picks in their local 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.

The launch of the scheme runs alongside the Great British Spring Clean (2 to 25 March) which aims to bring together people from across the country to clean up litter from their towns, villages, countryside and coastline.

Organising a litter pick in your town or village is a simple but effective way to dramatically improve your local area; it also makes a real difference to wildlife and the environment. We are hugely grateful to anyone who voluntarily picks up litter, whether this is through an organised litter pick or a quick beach clean – this, combined with the work of street cleansing teams from Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Norse, really helps east Suffolk remain such a beautiful place in which to live, work and visit. 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

Update - . PHILIS wins at national awards

Over 1,000 of the most senior figures in British local government gathered at Grosvenor House, London on 21 March to celebrate the sector's greatest innovators as they attended the annual LGC Awards ceremony.

Winning the Innovation category was the Port Health Interactive Live Information System (PHILIS) developed by Suffolk Coastal Port Health Authority for handling imports at the Port of Felixstowe, the largest container port in the UK.

The winners of the awards were selected by panels featuring some of the country's most respected council chief executives and other senior council officers who interviewed representatives of the shortlisted councils.

The LGC Awards are about celebrating the people and organisations doing the most to ensure their area succeeds. These people are true innovators, who are dedicated to local public service and improving their local area despite austerity. PHILIS has been a great success. Suffolk Coastal's Port Health team has developed cutting-edge bespoke technology, which has been adopted nationwide to make handling huge

amounts of imports faster and more efficient, saving time for our staff but also helping speed up the import process that our country depends upon.

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

The commercial success of PHILIS supports the councils' aim of financial self-sufficiency.

Take part in Suffolk's biggest walking festival to date

With over 120 walks on offer, this year's Suffolk Walking Festival is shaping up to be the biggest yet.

Whether you are young or old, a novice or an expert, there is something for everyone. You could kick start your day on a Dawn Chorus walk or end it on a Twilight Safari, have a go at Nordic Walking or spend a day geocaching and seek out the treasures dotted around the landscape.

[The three week festival](#) launches with two walks at St Peter's Brewery in Bungay, on Saturday 12 May, each walk including a brewery tour.

Once again, the festival will include a challenge walk and this year's walk covers over 60 miles in just four days. The walk explores The Sandlings, a landscape of sandy soils, heathlands and forests stretching between Southwold and Ipswich.

This year also sees the launch of the Festival Fringe, a series of events that get you close to nature in the very heart of Suffolk's countryside. Fringe highlights include 'Twilight Safari', where you can experience nightlife waking up in an ancient woodland; 'Suffolk Sketchbook' where you can learn to sketch in the iconic setting of Snape Maltings; and 'Iconic Images', a series of photography workshops with one of Suffolk's leading professional photographers.

East Suffolk walks include:

- Discover Kessingland - 12 May
- Launch Jaunt (2 or 5 miles) - 12 May - St Peter's Brewery, Bungay
- Sizewell Dawn Chorus Walk - 12 May
- East Anglia's Valley of the Kings - 13 May - National Trust Sutton Hoo
- Iconic Images - 13 May - Southwold
- Suffolk Sketchbook - 15 May - Snape Maltings
- Nature Reserves of Woodbridge - 16 May
- Magical Minsmere - 16 May
- Historic Wickham Market - 16 May
- Wilderness As Far As The Eye Can See - 16 May - Carlton Marshes
- Pepper's Wash & the Roman Road - 18 May - Framlingham
- Benacre Dawn Chorus walk - 18 May

- Nordic Walking - 19 May - Carlton Marshes
- Historic Wickham Market - 19 May
- Nordic Walking - 20 May - Woodbridge
- Wellbeing walk - 20 May - RSPB Minsmere
- Beachcombing for Beginners - 20 May - Bawdsey
- East Suffolk Lines Station to Station - 21 May - Beccles
- Sea, Heath & Fen - 23 May - Sizewell
- Westleton Nightjar Walk - 25 May (Natural England)
- Nordic Walking - 26 May - Woodbridge
- Mindfulness and Nature - 26 May - National Trust Dunwich Heath
- Scenic Heights & Saintly Sites - 27 May - Bungay
- Beccles to Beccles - 27 May
- Signs of Spring - 27 May - National Trust Sutton Hoo
- Geocaching - 29 May - Carlton Marshes
- Walk in the Park - 29 May - Nicholas Everitt Park (Lowestoft Rising)
- Walk in the Park - 30 May - Brampton
- Walk in the Park - 31 May - Sparrows Nest Park (Lowestoft Rising)
- Westleton Nightjar Walk - 1 June (Natural England)
- Nordic Walking - 2 June - Lowestoft
- Sizewell Belts Wildflower Walk - 2 June
- Beachcombing for Beginners - 3 June - Bawdsey

It is great to see such a wide variety of walks and activities in this year's walking festival and we would encourage as many people as possible to take part. The walking festival is a great way to get active, connect with people and most importantly have fun! We hope that this year's events encourage people to get out, get walking and enjoy the wonderful surroundings we have here in Suffolk.

There are over a hundred walks right across the county so there is bound to be something for you, whether it is seeing out wildlife, learning about the silk industry or exploring our villages and towns.

The Walking Festival is organised by Suffolk County Council and is supported by Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils.

Tickets for the events and walks are now on sale. To buy tickets or find out more information visit [Suffolk Walking Festival](#). The festival is part of Suffolk County Council's Discover Suffolk project which aims to improve and promote access to the Suffolk countryside – over 100 walking, cycling and horse riding leaflets are available to download for free from discoversuffolk.org.uk

Protecting the tax payer

Suffolk Coastal has 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, Suffolk Coastal District Council's Members 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 in Council Tax for people living in a Band D property during 2018/19.

In fact, the annual increase in Council Tax on a Band D property for next financial year, from £157.32 to £162.27, is a rise of just £4.95 (or by less than 10p a week!), which is the same as 2017/18.

But 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," said Cllr Herring. "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."

"This year marks a decade of successful partnership working with our colleagues in Waveney, dating back to when we were among the first councils in the country to appoint a joint Chief Executive. This partnership has created £22.5m in combined savings since 2008 – an amazing achievement when each council only has a £12million annual budget (2017/18 figures). The councils have also nearly halved their joint workforce, from 1,353 on 1 April 2008 to 733 on 1 April 2017."

"We will continue to review our services and adopt a more commercial approach. We are confident we can deliver quality services, while continuing to make efficiency savings and investing in the future."

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.

Funding for transport schemes to bring forward housing

This week the government has announced that Suffolk County Council's bids to the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) have 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. It means that the schemes have been considered attractive enough to be shortlisted and will subsequently undergo further development work.

The £5 billion Housing Infrastructure fund (HIF) forms part of a comprehensive programme to enable the government to fulfil its commitment to build 300,000 homes a year by the mid-2020s.

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 enabling 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.

Vote Now! - Visit Felixstowe Tourism Award 2018

The online vote for the first ever Visit Felixstowe Tourism Award has gone live this morning, Monday 26 March at 10.00am.

This new annual award will celebrate the tourist industry in the seaside town of Felixstowe by rewarding a tourist related organisation or businesses which has excelled during the past year.

The Visit Felixstowe Tourism Working Group has shortlisted six key 'highlights': the new Felixstowe Pier, the award-winning Felixstowe Museum and Felixstowe Ferry Golf Course, the first ever Felixstowe Carnival Proms Concert, the action-packed Suffolk Armed Forces Weekend and the hugely successful Festival of Fabric which was launched in 2017.

From today, the general public can select their favourite with an online vote on the [Visit Felixstowe website](#).

Closing date for voting is Friday 20 April 2018. The winner will then be announced at the Annual Town Meeting held at the Felixstowe Academy on Wednesday 9 May 2018.

We would like to congratulate all six shortlisted nominees for their achievements over the past year, alongside everyone else who contributes to welcoming, entertaining and looking after our visitors.

Now it is over to the general public who will select the worthy winner".

For further information, please contact Felixstowe Forward on 01394 444577 or 01394 444884

felixstowe.forward@eastsoffolk.gov.uk.

Raising the Bar nominations now open

The award nominations are now open for the Raising the Bar Awards 2018 to find the pupils and students, and people, places and projects that are Raising the Bar in education for Suffolk's children and young people.

The competition to find a co-presenter has also been launched. For the third year running Suffolk County Council is looking for two young people to co-present the Raising the Bar Awards ceremony, alongside former BBC presenter and broadcaster Terry Baxter. Terry, an experienced event host, will mentor the pair to prepare them for the awards ceremony at Trinity Park in Ipswich on Tuesday 10 July 2018.

We have so many talented young people in the county, and this is a fantastic opportunity for them. We are looking forward to the auditions and working with the winners to showcase just some of the inspiring stories from Suffolk education at the Raising the Bar awards ceremony.

To enter the competition, aspiring co-presenters must be aged 14-18 and need to submit a one-minute video audition answering the question 'Why should you co-present the Raising the Bar Awards 2018?' Competition details, and video tips can be

found at: www.rtbawards.com. The deadline for co-presenter video auditions is Friday 30 March 2018.

West Suffolk College is also backing the presenter search, and will be hosting the auditions for shortlisted co-presenters at its studio in Bury St Edmunds.

Nominations are open across 14 Raising the Bar award categories, including awards for children and young people, teachers, staff and volunteers, as well as schools, settings and projects. The Raising the Bar Awards are an important way of recognising excellence and success in all parts of the county, and to use these examples to inspire others.

They are a chance to say well done to pupils who have really worked hard, overcome barriers or inspired others. It also gives staff and parents the opportunity to say thank you to those working in early years, primary, secondary, post-16 and SEND education who are going the extra mile and who deserve recognition for this.

Nominations are open to all publicly funded educational establishments in Suffolk. Anyone can make a nomination by visiting www.rtbawards.com and completing the nomination form by Tuesday 1 May 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 13 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.

The race will showcase Suffolk's heritage and iconic landmarks, bringing major investment into the county. It will also encourage more people to take up cycling and live a more active and healthy lifestyle, contributing to our ambition to make Suffolk England's most active county and we are thrilled to be welcoming the OVO Energy Women's Tour to the area once again, particularly as we will be hosting both the start and finish of the opening stage in East Suffolk.

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.

Adnams has supported the Women's Tour and Tour of Britain for a number of years and is delighted to welcome the professional riders back to Suffolk and in particular Southwold. It is a real credit to the County and the support of the local community that we are able to host a full stage in the County. 2018 is set to be an exciting year for cycling in Suffolk, with the addition of the Tour Ride and other cycling events to the calendar.

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.

It is particularly exciting for Breast Cancer Care to be involved in this year's OVO Energy Tour Ride. More than 500 people in Suffolk will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year* and the funds raised from the Tour Ride will help our charity continue to support and make a positive difference to these people and the lives of the thousands of people facing breast cancer in the UK.

In total 17 teams will compete in the 2018 OVO Energy Women's Tour, including four British squads, Wiggle HIGH5, Trek Drops, WNT Rotor and Storey Racing, with the riders set to compete in the race being announced during the early summer.

Two weeks after the race a special sportive will take place on Sunday 1 July, starting and finishing in Southwold, giving members of the public the chance to ride one of two routes, both of which will use the Stage One route. Further details of the OVO Energy Tour Ride supporting Breast Cancer Care, including how to enter are available on the [Tour Ride website](#).

A one-hour highlights programme of every stage will be broadcast daily on ITV4 and Eurosport and available on demand via the ITV Hub and Eurosport Player. The OVO Energy Women's Tour is a part of the UCI Women's WorldTour, comprising 23 events around the world in 10 different countries.

Useful reminders/contact details etc

Tragically we updated you within our reports last June with a Statement following London Bridge terror attack.

With the tragic events that took place in London and Manchester last year, Suffolk Constabulary's Chief Constable moved to reassure local residents and visitors that although the county remains safe, the approach to policing will be continuously reviewed to help mitigate any potential further threats.

The latest guidance on recognising the terrorist threat and remaining vigilant can be accessed via the National Counter Terrorism Security Office website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-counter-terrorism-security-office>

To report any suspicious activity or behaviour call **0800 789 321** or in an emergency dial **999**.

Help us keep our communities safe by reporting any suspicious activity and please pass any useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident. <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

DO NOT USE THE LINKS IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

To report information anonymously on any crime, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Crime reduction advice can be accessed via the Suffolk Constabulary website.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

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.

While it is great we are recycling more than half of our household waste here in Suffolk, this campaign will hopefully help people better understand what can be put in their recycling bins and what can't. Contaminating your recycling bin isn't a small problem and this year it's costing Suffolk taxpayers over £500,000 just to remove the wrong stuff. This money could be better spent supporting services elsewhere. It's therefore vital that we all do our bit and help get our recycling right.

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?'

We are pleased that many food businesses across East Suffolk have been awarded the highest possible rating for food hygiene, however, we are reminding you to check the food hygiene rating sticker when choosing where to eat out.

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 the Council's Food and Safety Team to ensure they are compliant with food hygiene law and so if a business is not displaying a FHRS sticker, it might be they have something to hide! 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

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, with many wrongly thinking they should call the electricity supplier they pay their bill to.

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.

Be cautious

Please be especially cautious of any individual who approaches you and offers to sell you something at an incredibly reduced price.

Trust your instincts – If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Anyone who is offered goods for sale out the back of a van, by a person who approaches them in the street, or uninvited at the doorstep, should be highly suspicious. Goods sold in this way may be stolen, counterfeit, unsafe or simply overpriced.

Our advice is simply never to deal with traders in this way.

Help us keep our communities safe by reporting any suspicious activity.

Please use the following link to pass useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

DO NOT USE THIS IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

To report information anonymously on any crime, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Crime reduction advice can be accessed via the Suffolk Constabulary

website <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

Register to vote <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

Use this service to apply to register to vote or to:

update your name, address or other details on the electoral register
change your voting preferences, for example to vote in person or by post
change whether you're on the open register

It usually takes about 5 minutes.

This service is also available in Welsh (Cymraeg).

You may need the following, if you have them:

- your National Insurance number
- your passport if you're a British citizen living abroad

You need to be on the electoral register to vote in elections and referendums.

Cllr John Fisher - Report to Kesale Annual Parish Meeting 18th April 2018

Apart from the routine licensing and planning matters the item which has taken much of our time is the proposed creation of a new East Suffolk District Council to replace the Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Districts.

The new District will have 55 councillors (compared to the combined total of 90) representing 29 Wards. The ward boundaries and names are currently being worked up for presentation to a combined full council meeting on 30th April and if agreed will be presented to the Local Government Boundary Commission. The Boundary Commission will consult on these between 3rd July and 27th August and publish their final recommendations on 23rd October. Elections for the new council will take place on 2nd May 2019.

REPORT FOR ST MARY & ST PETER, KELSEALE FOR THE YEAR 2017

Church and Churchyard Maintenance – We are hoping to get the damaged creature on top of the church tower repaired. This has been in a bad state of repair for a few years, and we are in the process of trying to get a grant to get it fixed. We also have to fund maintenance work in the church and churchyard on an ongoing basis. The churchyard maintenance policy, which is on display inside the church, is the basis for such regular work in the churchyard.

Toilet and Kitchenette – Plans for the provision of a toilet and kitchenette in Church have been put on hold until we can get enough funds in place to cover the development costs of this project, estimated to be in the region of £5-6,000.00. We have a small display in Church showing our proposals.

Flower Festival – We held our annual Flower Festival over the May Spring Bank Holiday weekend, with the theme ‘Women of the Bible’. The arrangements were backed up with a short text explaining a bit about each of the women portrayed, and all the visitors seemed to enjoy the experience. We also offered cream teas for sale each afternoon, and had a craft stall and small art exhibition. This event each year heralds the start of our annual fund-raising at the church.

Concerts / Other fund-raising – We held three fund-raising concerts in Church last year. Shortly before the start of the first one, we had a major electrical fault and had to move the artists from the east to the west end of the church so that they could see their music by natural light! The audience joined in the fun and helped. The rest of the evening, and both the other two concerts passed without a hitch, and were all much enjoyed by the audiences. We also have our annual Harvest Supper in the Village Hall each autumn, which is open to anyone who wants to attend.

Messy Church – We hold our Messy Church sessions for young families in the Village Hall every two months; this gives families the opportunity to have fun with crafts, enjoy a story time (based on a Bible story), finishing with a hot meal. Until we have the appropriate facilities available in Church, we will continue to use the Village Hall for these sessions.

Calendar – Unfortunately we didn’t manage to get out a Church calendar for 2018 but intend doing so for 2019. We also hope to have some postcards on sale before the end of the year.

Contact Magazine – This bi-monthly church magazine, which was printed for free by a member of Saxmundham’s congregation, was withdrawn in the middle of 2017 because the ancient printing machine failed. Within a couple of months of this, it was apparent that Kelsale cum Carlton village needed something to be published giving service times and a notice of upcoming events, and so a short leaflet has been put together, again on a bi-monthly basis, and those who delivered the Contact magazine all kindly agreed to deliver this newsletter as well. This will continue until such time as an alternative form of disseminating information can be found. If anyone in the village is not getting a copy of this newsletter, please let someone from the church know and we will try to ensure that is rectified. Copies are left in church, and a copy is also put on the church noticeboard in the village.

Kelsale CEVCP School

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REPORT FOR KELSEALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Another successful year has passed and Kelsale School continues to grow and to thrive.

We were inspected by Ofsted in May 2017 and were rated as GOOD. The report was very positive and I was delighted at how well the inspector captured the ethos of the school in the day she was with us. Last year results were excellent with our year 6 results well above national and county; within top 25% nationally and top 20% Suffolk for reading and maths. Unfortunately they came after the inspection!

Staffing is quite stable; we have a very strong and close team with a range of skills and expertise, producing outstanding teaching. [REDACTED] left last Summer and we employed the 2 trainee teachers who trained with us last academic year – [REDACTED].

The roll has continued to rise. This time last year it was 142 and today is 156. We have 4 full year groups and just 12 spaces to capacity. We are expecting the roll to be 161 in September, but expect that to rise. We have draft plans for another additional classroom for September 2019, which will bring our capacity to 200. As we have grown, parking has become an issue; we are looking at solutions, meanwhile I apologise to our neighbours.

Teaching and learning at the school is at least good, with much now outstanding. Pupils at Kelsale enjoy school, have excellent learning behaviours and a wide range of experiences;

- Pupils experience a range of sports within routine lessons and enjoy competition. Our sports teams have done exceptionally well again this year
- They experience a range of athletics; running, high jump, hurdles, discus, javelin, shot put.... Much of this equipment has been purchased with help from donations from the Parish Council.
- We have given pupils taster sessions of some more unusual sports: golf, fencing, archery, cheerleading,
- Pupils in classes 5 and 6 have Yoga lessons, which teaches relaxation and more
- Most pupils leave Kelsale confident in the water, many capable of swimming a range of strokes confidently.

We have refurbished our swimming pool with funds raised by The Friends, Governors, Parish Council and District Councillor's Enabling Community Budgets. We are really appreciative of these donations. Thank you.

We hosted a Country Dancing event, attended by more than 250 pupils from local schools. Pupils are taught to ride their bikes safely on the road. They participate in Wake 'n Shake every day.

We enjoy strong links with the community. Pupils enjoy participating in for services throughout the school year, some at the church and others here at school. Following a Harvest service in school pupils packed and delivered over 90 food parcels to local elderly residents. Pensioner lunches continue to be well attended each month.

We have had numerous visitors to school to enhance learning; Owls, French Café, musician from AVA, a panto from Essex and Suffolk Water called 'Super Splash Heroes,' a performance of 'The Secret Garden' by Spinning Wheel Theatre and visitors from different faiths.

Pupils have enjoyed school trips; KS1 pupils visited Easton Farm Park, KS2 pupils enjoyed a day at Duxford and all pupils visited Pipers Vale Gym in Ipswich

We have special days in school, when parents are encouraged to join in the activities; Guy Making, Christmas Decoration Day and Egg Decoration Days.

We have 3 performances each year in order for every child to have the opportunity to be on stage; Classes 5 and 6 performed Mystery at Magpie Manor last summer, classes One and Two performed 'Baubles' at Christmas and Classes 3 and 4 recently performed 'Oink'. In addition, pupils have performed at two county music productions.

The Friends have raised another £4000 this year. They have provided us with partial funding for the swimming pool refurbishment and a new adventure play area as well as supporting trips and visits financially. Thank you to [REDACTED] and her team.

In summary, we have had an amazing year. Kelsale School is thriving in every sense. Pupils feel safe and secure, are happy, feel valued and understood and enjoy attending. We place strong importance on developing personal skills, in order to prepare pupils to be 'good' and successful citizens. Pupils (and staff) are resilient and eager to learn. My staff are truly amazing outstanding practitioners; caring, highly motivated, hard-working and constantly striving to be the best they can.

Carolyn Taylor
Headteacher
April 2018

Kelsale Village Hall Report for the year 2017 – 2018

Introduction:

Kelsale Village Hall Management Committee is made up from representatives of the various regular user groups of the facilities in the building. Our new Treasurer, [REDACTED], took over from [REDACTED] at the AGM 2017. [REDACTED] has continued to fulfil the role of Bookings Secretary. There are now 6 Trustees: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. There are also three other members: Ellie Denny, Simon Francis and John Harvey. There is no Chairman or Secretary, although Sue Granville-George takes the Minutes of meetings and Eileen Cuthbert chairs the meetings. [REDACTED] is the Promoter of the 100 Club which continues to be successful with a membership of 107. In 2018, [REDACTED] took over the running of the 100 Club and once again there are over 100 tickets allocated. On Wednesday mornings, we continue to host the Post Office; the Parish Council often have a representative to hear residents' queries; coffee mornings are every Wednesday and Friday and there is a successful village Market Stall each month – Wednesdays are usually buzzing with people coming in to make use of these facilities.

Events:

The events put on during the year were as follows:

1. A Film Night with archive film shown by [REDACTED];
2. A talk about The Wildlife of Kelsale and a series of 3 seasonal wildlife walks starting from the car park, recording observations about plants, birds, butterflies etc seen on the route - these have been continued this year;
3. The Quiz Night in October was a fun and very successful event and there were calls for it to be repeated again in the coming year.

Repairs and Improvements:

The primary focus for the year has been the application for a grant to fund the upgrade of the lighting and heating in the Hall and Committee Room. This led to a sum of £2000 being awarded by the EDF locality fund which was supplemented by money from KVH funds in order to replace some switches and the heaters in the Main Hall and all light fittings in the Hall, Committee Room and on the entrances and stairways, with low energy LED lamps. This was finally completed in November 2017. This should help reduce our electricity bills in the coming year.

Following the success of the trial leaflets produced last year, new leaflets about the Village Hall were designed and printed at Leiston Press. They were put out in the dispensers for people to take away for reference.

The purchase of a support frame for the unisex toilet by the Committee Room has been a success.

The KVHMC regular meetings have been changed to the evenings of the first Wednesday of the month in order to facilitate new regular class bookings.

New red and gold upholstered chairs have been given by the Parish Council for use in the Main Hall. The cost was covered by a grant from Suffolk Coastal District Council by District Councillor Phillip Dunnett's locality fund. The old plastic chairs were offered locally for collection and they were taken and used by Kelsale Parish Council, Saxmundham Scout Group, a company in Debach, a pub/church hall near Woodbridge and Saxmundham Library. Most gave donations to our funds for their chairs.

[REDACTED] very kindly adjusted the coin meters in the Hall to accept the new-style £1 coins and also adjusted the rate to bring payments back to the correct cost to users. They had been undercharging for some time.

A Bookings Diary for the Hall and Committee Room was trialled for the year but it proved to be too burdensome for the Bookings Secretary to maintain it up to date as there are constant changes by users.

There was a scare when one group using the Hall left a gas tap turned slightly on and an electric hob as well. The gas leaked out and there was the potential for an explosion – all users were therefore reminded that they must always check and turn off everything before locking up.

██████████ offered to help us by taking on the weeding and maintenance of the forecourt. Such voluntary help is invaluable and we should consider whether this is something which could be used for other maintenance jobs around the building.

The water heater in the Committee Room kitchen failed totally and had to be replaced like for like just before Christmas.

The future for 2018 – 2019:

There are various repairs to the fabric of the building which need attention fairly soon but we will have to tackle them as and when our funds improve this coming year. The trial of reducing the number of Committee meetings will have to be looked at as gaps of 2 or 3 months between meetings is too long. We need to have more fund raising events to top up our funds – fresh ideas are welcome!

Finally:

It is important that we try to get more help with the running of the Village Hall, so if anyone can offer to take on a job which will help out such as – taking care of the pots on the forecourt; taking on the publicity for events and making sure that advertisements go out in good time to the local Press – we would be delighted to speak to you and you can let us know what you can do to help.

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Report for KVHMC 2017/18

Melody Makers
Report
To Kelsale-cum-Carlton
Annual Parish meeting
April 2018

The Melody Makers singing group continues to sing despite some setbacks we have had in the past year.

We stopped singing in the Village Hall for a short period last autumn due to transport problems for our members from Saxmundham; However these have now been resolved (we've found a friendly taxi firm) and we are back again.

We sing melodies, folk songs and show tunes and of-course Carols at Christmas time.

We meet every Monday Night at 7.30 in the Village Hall Committee Room and sing until 9.00.

Over the past year we have sung for the Forget-Me-Not Group here in the Village Hall, The Wardens Centre in Sizewell and Age Concern at the Fairfield Centre in Aldeburgh plus the Carol Concert at Christmas.

Our numbers have remained about the same as last year with a few new faces and a few retirements but we are always pleased to see new member, so if you enjoy having a good sing please come along, you would be most welcome.

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