



County Council Report for Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

June 2018

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Changes at County Council - Nicola Beach, our new Chief Executive and former Director of Infrastructure and Environment at Essex County Council is now in place. Also Suffolk County Council's new Leader Mathew Hicks took office on 24th May. • Councillor Mary Evans is Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs

Home-to-School Transport – Cabinet Decision Pending- new proposals for school and 'post-16' students will be decided by Cabinet on Tuesday 19th June. Papers are now available on Suffolk County Council's [website](#) under item 19-06-2018. After considering the evidence gathered during consultations, the recommendations include removing the obligation to consider cross county boundary schools and retaining support for post-16 students per the current policy. A change to nearest geographic school versus the current catchment based system is part of the new proposal.

Suffolk Day 21 June 2018 - Thursday 21 June is the annual celebration of Suffolk and the longest day in the year, with a variety of events being held across the County! Events include guided walks, treasure hunts and competitions, there is something for everyone to enjoy and get involved with.

Go to <https://suffolkday.co.uk/> to find an event near you.

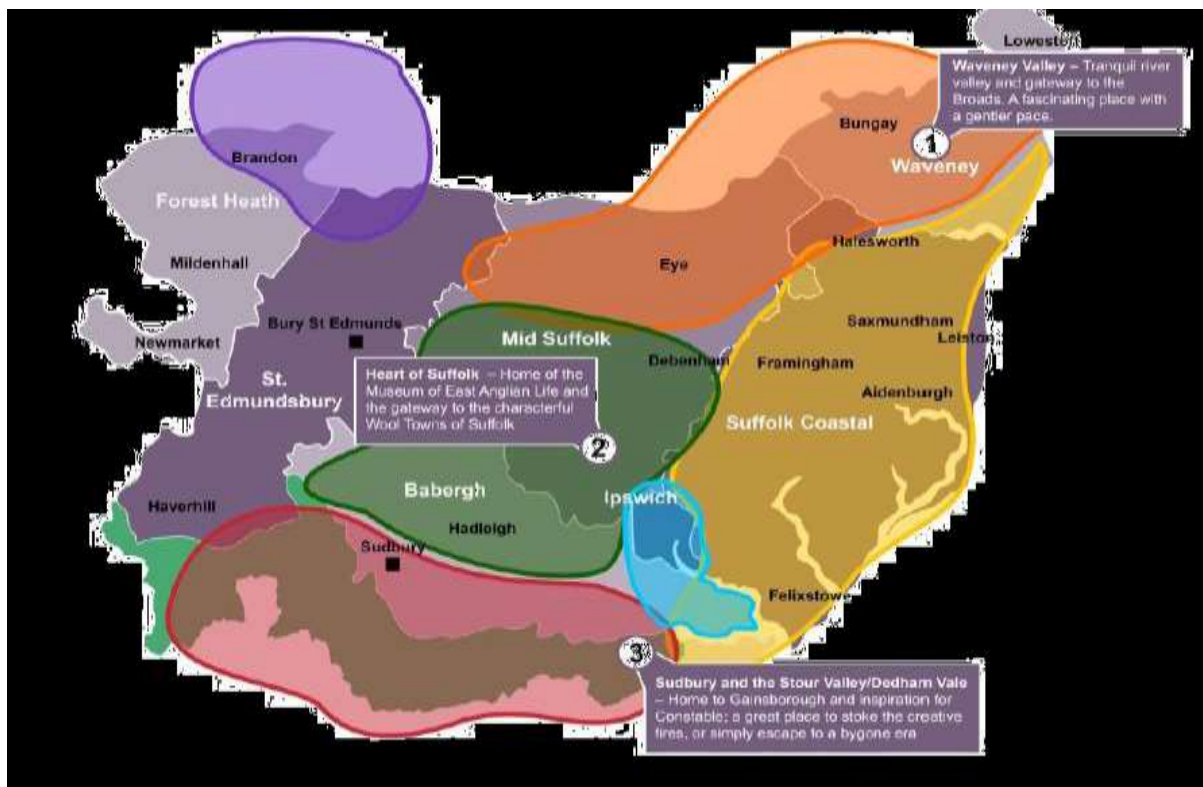
On-call Firefighters - The fire service is looking to recruit more on-call firefighters who must be 18 or older, and live or work within five (possibly ten) minutes of a fire station. An employer's consent would be needed for absence while on duty. Earnings are approximately £5,000 per year. More information can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/working-and-volunteering-for-fire-and-rescue/how-to-become-an-on-call-firefighter/>



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Tourism Strategy – Heart of Suffolk – Brand needs more publicity and investment, MSDC is working on ways to improve central Suffolk tourism advertising facilities. The Visit Suffolk web site can be used for advertising, contract arrangement extends to March 2019 <https://www.visitsuffolk.com/>



Planning – Verbal report

Public Access Reminder –Public access is available at 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket. Please note that it is best to ring ahead to ensure that someone is there who has the expertise to assist, 0300-123-4000.

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