

Parish Report July 2019

Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

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Work on A14 Update - Highways England is planning to close the A14 in whole or part between J51 (Beacon Hill) and J43 (Bury) at night (8.00 pm – 6.00 am) Mondays – Fridays between 15th July and 16th August. The official HGV diversion route uses the A143 and A140. Closure at weekends may be necessary as a last resort.

Ipswich Northern Route Consultation Live - Suffolk councils are exploring options for a new road north of Ipswich to link the A14 and A12, potential routes include (1) inner from Martlesham to Claydon, (2) middle from Woodbridge to Claydon, and (3) outer from Melton to the A140 near Coddenham. The public consultation runs from Friday July 5 to Friday September 13, with public drop in sessions- refer to Website www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk

Respond to the consultation online here: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/INRConsultation/

Bus Services Review - Suffolk County Council is assessing whether it can maintain some of the more highly subsidised bus services due to funding pressures. Routes serving Walsham are not directly affected, a list of affected routes is on Suffolk County Council's website www.suffolkonboard.com .

Broadband Update - Check your area on www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com/upgrade-now. The BetterBroadband newsletter is available on [July 2019 newsletter](#)
[Recently connected areas \(May 2019\)](#)
[Planned coverage \(April 2019 - September 2019\)](#)

Pothole Repair Criteria Changing – You will be pleased to learn that a trial scheme in Ipswich to reassess how potholes are categorised for repair will be applied across Suffolk starting this summer. The new system allows engineers to repair potholes close to each other during the same visit, tackling smaller potholes before they can expand.

Green Access Strategy Consultation - Communities are invited to comment on the County Council's Green Access Strategy - Rights of Way Improvement Plan as part of a ten-week consultation. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) requires councils to provide rights of way for walkers, cyclists, riders and those with mobility problems. The public consultation runs from 8th July 2019 and runs until 20th September.

To access the strategy and comment go to : www.suffolk.gov.uk/rowip