

Parish Report November 2019

Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

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Cabinet Changes: The following cabinet level changes are effective as of 15th October:

- Cllr Mary Evans is Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills (and remains Deputy Leader). Mary.Evans@suffolk.gov.uk
- Cllr Gordon Jones moves to Finance and Resources. Gordon.Jones@suffolk.gov.uk
- Cllr Andrew Reid joins as Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs. Andrew.Reid@suffolk.gov.uk
- Cllr Nick Gowrley takes on County Council's property and assets, in addition to Economic Development, Housing and Enterprise. Nick.Gowrley@suffolk.gov.uk
- Cllr Richard Rout takes on Sizewell C, in addition to Environment and Public Protection. Richard.Rout@suffolk.gov.uk

Other Cabinet positions are unchanged, Cllr Richard Smith leaves the Cabinet after 4 years.

Recycling - A new public recycling centre will open at Fornham Rd in Bury St Edmunds at the end of November replacing the centre at Rougham Hill. A charity reuse shop will also be opening on site towards the end of the year. SCC operates a total of 11 Public Recycling Centres across the County. <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres>

The Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Gt Blakenham is undergoing trials and is set to re-open in December following extensive upgrades. This site takes all of Suffolk's recyclable materials where they are sorted and prepared for entry into the market.

School Travel Policy Review – SCC is undertaking a review of school transport led by Chief Fire Officer Mark Hardingham. The review may lead to changes to the current School Travel Policy, or to elements of the Policy to ensure it runs more efficiently and is consistent with relevant DfE Guidance. DfE has recently consulted *on revising statutory home to school transport guidance (ended on 31st October 2019)*.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/home-to-school-transport-and-admissions-team/home-to-school-travel-and-transport-statutory-guid/>

Civil Parking Enforcement across Suffolk – CPE was scheduled to transfer from the police to local authorities on 31st January 2020, but this date is likely to be postponed due to general election delays. SCC is setting up a Suffolk Parking Partnership to implement CPE and provide a consistent approach to enforcement across the County. Mid Suffolk and Babergh have made enforcement arrangements with West Suffolk Council and Ipswich Borough Council, most of Mid Suffolk will use West Suffolk as its partner. Any new restrictions or changes will go through SCC.