

Walsham Le Willows Parish Council Meeting 12 Nov 2019 - District Councillor's Report

General Election – December 12

A General Election has been called for Thursday 12 December, 2019. The Notice of Parliamentary Election were dispatched next Friday (8 November) and Parish Councils are requested displayed this document on all parish noticeboards.

Haughley and Thurston adopt Neighbourhood Plans

Two communities have seen their Neighbourhood Development Plans adopted as part of Mid Suffolk's Development Plan, making them the fifth and sixth areas in the district to complete their Neighbourhood Plans. This strengthens the control these villages have over development in their areas and Mendlesham recently had a planning application rejected because it did not comply with the adopted neighbourhood plan.

More free swimming for youngsters

Following successful summer take up, Mid Suffolk District Council has extended its free swims offer during half term and will also be running the initiative over the Christmas holidays too which aims to help promote healthier and active lifestyles in the districts. Free swims will be available from 20 December 2019 to 5 January 2020 inclusive at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stradbroke Swimming Pool.

Fly-tipper billed more than £1,500 for dumping waste in Stowupland

Mr Andrew Wall, who was living in the High Street, Needham Market at the time of his offence, dumped 12 sacks of household waste in November 2018 in Stonebridge Lane, Stowupland. Sgt Brian Calver from the Suffolk's Rural Policing team found the sacks during a routine patrol. Following a guilty plea, the court fined Mr Wall £1,000, along with costs of £477.41 and a victim surcharge of £100. The Suffolk Waste Partnership, which consists of all the Suffolk councils including the County and partners, is also hoping to launch a campaign over the winter aimed at reducing fly tipping in Suffolk.

Free recycling talks for residents

Suffolk's Recycling Centres offer free 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle - not a Waste of time!' sessions to interested parties to learn more about ways to reduce waste and recycling.

Neighbours, parish or community groups are invited to set up a session, offering an ideal additional or alternative way to access information about recycling which is also available on the Suffolk Recycling website. To book a visit from their Information and Education Manager any interested parties can email Sharon Lockhart: Sharon.Lockhart@fccenvironment.co.uk

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