

## Parish Report May 2020

### Walsham Parish Council

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**County Council and Covid-19** - Suffolk County Council is resuming public council meetings using virtual interfaces which will be live streamed. If a member of the public wishes to ask a question (including supplementary), then this should be submitted in advance to be read on their behalf. Please contact the Business Manager (Democratic Services) on 01473 260855.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/the-council-and-its-committees/council-meeting-dates/>

Please note the current link for [Financial support for businesses during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

**C-19 Testing Expanded** - The SCC C19 testing web page <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/testing> is dedicated to local information and links for the general public, it went live on 5 May. The page includes links to other organisations, updates on temporary test locations, and eligibility criteria. Examples of temporary mobile test locations include Eye and Diss.

Those eligible for testing include:

- all 'essential workers' including NHS and social care workers with symptoms
- anyone over 65 with symptoms
- anyone with symptoms whose work cannot be done from home
- anyone who has symptoms of coronavirus and lives with any of those identified above
- NHS workers and patients without symptoms, in line with NHS England guidance

**Suffolk's Recycling Centres (HWRCs) open from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May by appointment** - A transitional online booking system will go live on 12<sup>th</sup> May to control traffic and manage demand. To make a booking, please visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres) or call 0345 606 6067. Residents without a booking will not be able to enter. Temporary restrictions are in place and will be gradually lifted, trade waste and re-use items should not be brought to recycling sites until further notice.

Garden waste collection has resumed this week in Mid Suffolk and Babergh and should not be brought to HWRCs.

**Highways England Works on A14 between J50 and J52 (Claydon to Stowmarket)** – Resurfacing is planned starting on May 11<sup>th</sup> for 12 weeks, mostly at night, various restrictions will be in place on the A14. Some night diversions using the A143/ A140 route are likely for a portion of this time.

**Reminder - School Transport Opt-in** – Eligible students/ parents need to opt in to receive Council Funded School Travel for 2020/2021, the deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020. Please refer to [www.suffolkonboard.com/optin](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/optin) or <https://www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel>