

County Councillor Report



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Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

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School Transport - The Passenger Transport team has put plans in place to ensure that all children eligible for transport can get to school. Guidance on school travel and health can be found at <https://www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel> and www.suffolkonboard.com/covidguide. Unfortunately spare seats cannot be committed at this time, but this position will be reviewed in October once numbers are better known. If under exceptional circumstances a parent has **no means whatsoever** of getting their child to school, please contact transport.review@suffolk.gov.uk to seek immediate assistance.

Schools – To date schools have had a successful start to the term with very high attendance levels across Suffolk. This is a direct result of the high level of planning and preparation that each school, teachers and support staff have put in over the summer.

Remembering VJ Day, 75 years ago - Saturday 15 August was the 75th anniversary of VJ Day in the UK, marking Victory in Japan at the end of the Second World War. The team at Suffolk Archives have put together a [special online exhibition marking VJ Day](#), exploring the stories of two Suffolk men who were taken prisoner in the Far East, Able Seaman Harold Lock and Private Raymond Suttle, from the 4th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, as well as looking at the way our county marked the end of the Second World War.

County Council and Suffolk Corona Watch – Suffolk Public Health has set up its own web site available on www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/jsna/coronawatch. This holds national and local data, including confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19), deaths from coronavirus, care home outbreaks, and Google social mobility data.

Civil Parking Enforcement -has been undertaken by West Suffolk Council as of April 2020 when this function was transferred to local councils from the police. Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) may issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) for offending vehicles within regulated zones, pavement parking and dangerous parking remain within police jurisdiction. PCNs carry either a £50 or £70 charge.

Planning and Gov White Paper – the changes proposed are substantial and have wide implications for both district and county planning functions. The consultation closes on 29th October. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>