County Councillor Report



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National restrictions - The Government has <u>announced initial guidance on the restrictions the nation</u> can expect to be in place from 5 November to 2 December.

COVID Support - The Home But Not Alone freephone **0800 876 6926** is active and will be staffed from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. The Suffolk Advice and Support Service phoneline **0800 068 3131** is also available for support to debt, benefits, employment or housing worries.

Suffolk Recycling Centres - Recycling centres remain open by appointment only during the new lockdown restrictions. Bring shops at Foxhall and Bury will close. Appointments can be made via our online booking system.

Suffolk Highways Communication Protocol – The recommended way to communicate with Suffolk Highways is through the Customer Services team, problems should be reported using the web-based tool is best. To follow up, email customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk or telephone 0345 606 6171.

Suffolk Lorry Route Review – Please note that the review of Suffolk's lorry routes initiated earlier this year is taking longer than expected to get underway, however it may be timely for parishes to consider the current lorry route plan and develop comments, particularly given the new commercial developments in Central and Mid Suffolk. https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/lorry-route-plan-review-in-suffolk/

KickStart Programme – Employers may qualify to engage young adults for a period up to 6 months under a Government funded programme - https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/kickstart-scheme-brand-guidelines
Potential employers interested in establishing a Kickstart placement should refer to the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, who are fulfilling the 'gateway' organisation function for Suffolk. The main contact to signpost employers to is Emma Alderton – emma@suffolkchamber.co.uk. Interested young people aged 16 – 24 and on Universal Credit should enquire through the Job Centre Service.