

## County Councillor Report



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### Walsham Parish Council - **Happy New Year to All!**

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**Tier 5 (Highest) Alert Level** – National Lockdown. For local information refer to [suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus), for central government go to: [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**NHS 111 Expanded Helpline Service** - please phone the Helpline first before going to A&E.

**COVID Support Reminder** - The Home But Not Alone freephone **0800 876 6926** is active and staffed from 9am to 5pm Mon. to Fri., as is the Suffolk Advice and Support Service phone **0800 068 3131**.

**Schools** - Special schools and key workers' children will be provided for during the new lockdown, please check individual schools: <https://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/schools?qorder=time>

**Primary School application deadline Friday 15 January 2021** for Primary, Infant, Junior or Middle school for September 2021 entry. Applies to children born between 1 Sept. 2016 and 31 Aug. 2017. Go to [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions), or call 0345 600 0981.

**For Comment: The Suffolk Design** – SCC is asking members of public for feedback in shaping new developments. The Streets Guide is part of the Suffolk Design initiative which is where District and Borough planning authorities and the County Council are working together to improve the design criteria and guidance for new developments across the county. The consultation is open until **5pm** on **Wednesday 10 February 2021**. Members of the public can take part by visiting, [www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolkstreets](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolkstreets).

**Consultation: Post-16 School Travel Policy** - The consultation will be open until the **15 February 2021** for people to have their say on the proposals for 2021/ 2022. Key elements are:

1. Annual cost increase for travel and cost of a spare seat as previously agreed by SCC in 2018.
2. Align the Post-16 policy with the School Travel (5-16) policy to support students to attend their nearest Suffolk school sixth form, rather than an out of County school
3. Clarify Suffolk County Council's Independent Travel Training scheme.

Details of the policy can be found at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/post16travel](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/post16travel).

**Recycling Centres** – The online booking system is operating for recycling centres. Also refer to the Suffolk Recycling Xmas page - [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/green-christmas](https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/green-christmas)