

County Councillor Report



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Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

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Suffolk Highways Contract Renewal – SCC 's current contract with Kier ends on 30th September 2023. The County is seeking a partnership to deliver highways projects after this contract ends. A new contract is envisioned to be worth close to £1 billion over a projected 20-year period.

Independent Review of Suffolk County Council's SEND services – The team from Lincolnshire has completed its review of the Special Education Needs and Disabilities service in Suffolk, results will be available in October.

Suffolk Recycling Centres Update – Post July 19th social distancing requirements at recycling sites are being relaxed, as are some other limitations such as the 2-axel trailer rule. Bookings can be made online via <https://suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page> or by calling 0345 606 6067.. Further changes are planned after 16th August.

Locality Budgets – The County Council locality scheme is now open again for applications. Please get in touch if any local projects need financial support.

West Suffolk Hospital Trust New Build – The SCC Health Scrutiny Committee has an observer role on plans for the replacement of WSH by a new hospital, the preferred (adjacent) location is Hardwick Manor. The Trust is encouraging communities to engage and a second phase of public outreach will begin in the autumn. Refer to <https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/New-healthcare-facility/>

Womens Bike Tour - The 6th and final stage of the tour runs from Haverhill to Felixstowe via Stowmarket on 9th October, it will be the first time since 2014 that Suffolk has hosted the final stage. The full route can be found here: [The Women's Tour | Stage Six \(womenstour.co.uk\)](https://www.womenstour.co.uk)

Covid-19 Update – The Prime Minister has announced that [step 4 of the easing of COVID restrictions in England is to go ahead](#), from Monday (19th July).

SCC bulletins are available on [via the Suffolk County Council website](#). For updates on the vaccine rollout refer to [SNEE NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service website](#)