

## County Councillor Report

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### Walsham-le-Willows Council

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*On behalf of the Council administration, I extend our deepest sympathies to His Majesty The King, and all the Royal Family, on the sad news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen.*

*Her Majesty, through her great sense of dedication and duty was a constant source of strength and inspiration to us all. Across the county, the country, the commonwealth and beyond, there will be a sense of profound loss. We are deeply saddened by her passing but our nation is all the stronger for having had her as our Queen. May she rest in peace. God Save The King.*

**Local Welfare Assistance Scheme** – This scheme is intended to locate practical help for those experiencing financial hardship this winter. An application either individually or made on behalf of a supporting organisation may be made to [www.suffolk.gov.uk/FinancialHardship](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/FinancialHardship)

Local organisations offering assistance include Citizens Advice Bureau, district and borough councils, health services and voluntary organisations, or for help with home heating Warm Homes Healthy People on **03456 037 686** or email [whhp@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:whhp@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)

**Spent Battery Disposal** - The Suffolk Waste Partnership has signed up to the Stop Battery Fires Campaign launched by national safe electricals recycling group [Material Focus](http://MaterialFocus.org), which aims to raise awareness of safe battery and electricals recycling and disposal. Batteries and electricals containing batteries get crushed in the waste or recycling process resulting in self-combustion. Please discard used items at recycling centres or supermarket drop off points.

**Solar Together open for Registration** - This scheme is to assist homeowners through a Group Buying Scheme for rooftop solar from pre-approved installers. Solar Together Suffolk is supported by Suffolk County Council and all local borough and district councils. From 22 August – 26<sup>th</sup> September Suffolk residents can register for assessment with no obligation: [www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk](http://www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk).

- **22 August - 26 September:** registration is open, it is free and with no obligation
- **25 November:** deadline to accept your recommendation and proceed with an installation.

**School Applications Open** - Parents and carers can apply for primary and secondary school places for September 2023. The deadline for secondary school is Monday 31 October 2022. The deadline for primary schools including infant and junior schools, is Sunday 15 January 2023. Apply online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions)

School Travel eligibility is based on nearest suitable school which might not be the 'catchment' school. To find out about school travel policy please visit [www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel).

**Ukraine** - Suffolk has been sponsoring Ukrainian guests for just over 6 months, some are not yet ready to be independent but for various reasons cannot continue to stay with their current host. Also more people are fleeing the conflict each day. We are therefore asking anyone who thinks they may be able to help a family in need to sign up to the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

We are in need of a wide range of homes for single people, mums with children and complete families. Anything “self-contained” is especially helpful. If you think you can help, or know anyone who is interested, please visit [homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk](https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk)