

## County Councillor Report



### Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council, January 2024

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**Flood Recovery** – Please refer to the following website: [Flood Recovery information for Suffolk - Suffolk County Council](#). New flooding should be reported with photographs and relevant dates to: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue>

#### Flood insurance and advice

- Contact your insurer immediately if you have been affected by flooding.
- Read [Recovering from a flood | ABI](#) - advice for those recovering from floods from the Association of British Insurers (ABI)
- [Flood Re](#) is a joint Government and insurance industry initiative which aims to help insurers help households at risk of flooding.
- The [National Flood Forum](#) is a charity that supports those at risk of flooding with independence advice and support.
- [Read more in the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership guide](#)

**Budget Setting** – the Council is preparing to finalise its budget for 2024/'25 which needs to respond to cost pressures from inflation and increased service demand. Pre-decision scrutiny of the Council's budget takes place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00 and will be webcast live, papers are on the Committee Database: [https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=\(11-01-2024\), Scrutiny Committee](https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=(11-01-2024), Scrutiny Committee)

**Locality and Community Grants** – My locality budget still has some funds, please ask if there are local projects which could benefit. Enquiries to the County Council concerning grants for community projects such as for the village hall may be made to Community Information Project Officer, Public Health and Communities. Phone no. 07860-832328, or [emma.currie@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:emma.currie@suffolk.gov.uk)

**Highways** – Reminder to please report any defective road signs with a photograph. All highways defects should be reported on the web site: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue>

**Suffolk's Environmental Awards Open for Nominations** - Suffolk County Council recognises the valuable environmental work done throughout Suffolk and invites nominations for an awards ceremony to be held on 27 March 2024, at The Hold in Ipswich. Categories for the 2024 Awards are:

- Waste Reduction and Recycling Award
- Enhancing Biodiversity and Landscape Award
- Greenest Business Award
- Greenest Small Business Award
- Greenest Community Award

- Green Hero Award (People's Choice award)
- Greenest School Award
- Green Tourism Award

Nominations are now [open online](#) at [www.greensuffolk.org/awards](http://www.greensuffolk.org/awards) and close on 31 January 2024.

**Large Scale Solar Energy Developments** – SCC Cabinet Member Richard Rout has written to ministers objecting to the large land-take demanded by land based solar. Cllr Rout's letter can be found at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/suffolk-cc-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-very-large-scale-solar-farms-24-10-23-redacted.pdf>

**Homes for Ukraine** – 'Thank you' payments for hosts will be extended from March 2024 to March 2025, completing a third year of support. Payment timetables and award will remain as they are currently paid. Further details on payments out can be here: [Ukraine: information for hosts - Suffolk County Council](#)

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