



MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 2nd December in Mutford and Rushmere Village Hall. 7pm start.

All residents are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk: Angie Colbridge on 07584 136 402 or email clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com

Parish Clerk's Report

At the PC meeting in November, Councillors discussed the following:

- An emergency information sign for the play area
- Safety issues on and around the Chapel Road area
- Thermal Imaging opportunities for the new year
- Alternative play area safety surfacing
- Policies including General and Sexual Harassment in the Work Place Policy and Procedure

District Councillor Smith attended the meeting, the report for November can be viewed in full on the Parish Council website. Suffolk County Councillor Cloke's full report can also be viewed on the Parish Council website.

The Clerk noted that there was one reported crime on or near Beccles Road for the month of September under the category of Other Theft. This information is as reported on the Police.UK website. The local Police Beat Officer has requested that any incidents seen to be taking place be reported by residents with as much information as possible. Details of how to report incidents can be found on the Suffolk Constabulary website and also in most issues of the Mutford News.

Clr Wilby has resigned from the position of councillor for Mutford Parish Council. The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Wilby for the time and efforts she has given to the parish council and the community during her time on the council.

St. Andrew's Church, Mutford

Everyone is welcome to join us at our services.

Sunday 1st December 9am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th December 11am Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION 9AM

Sunday 5th January 9am Holy Communion

Every Monday and Tuesday at 9am the Rector will be saying Morning Prayer in Mutford Church
(for about ½ an hour)

This will include prayers for the village. If you would like her to pray or give thanks for anything at all please ask.

To enquire about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral at St Andrew's, please contact :
The Rev'd. Andrea Woods on 01502 810552
or email

rector.carltonandmutford@gmail.com



The Carol Service

in Mutford Church will be on

Sunday, December 15th at 3pm.

Make a note in your diaries and come and celebrate with everyone else.

Come and sing your hearts out!

A Happy and Peaceful Christmas to you all

Mutford Parish website <http://mutford.suffolk.cloud>

Current Planning Applications

Applications within the parish of Mutford
Information taken from council websites as of
24th November 2024

1 Oceans Gift, Hulver Road, Mutford, NR34 7UL

Change of use of section of land from
agricultural to garden.

Ref. No: DC/24/3172/FUL

ESC Status: **Permitted**

Anaerobic Digester Planning Appeal

Land at Copeland Way, Ellough. NR34 7TL
Planning Appeal APP/V3500/W/24/3354097
Re Planning Application No: SCC/0124/22W
Appeal Start Date: November 18th 2024

Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion plant and associate infrastructure.

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Suffolk County Council to refuse to grant planning permission.

The appeal will be determined on the basis of a hearing. Suffolk County Council has forwarded all the representations made to them on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

In deciding whether to provide further comments, you are advised that the appellant may have submitted additional evidence that you have not previously seen. Your comments can address such matters.

If you do not have internet access you can send your comments to the case officer:

Hamish Walters, The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol. BS1 6PN

Any views/comments you may wish to make should be received by December 23rd 2024

Beccles Farmers Market

(beside the airfield)

First and third Saturdays in month. 9am - 1pm
Next markets: Saturday, December 7th & 21st

Monday Club

The next Monday Club will be on
2nd December at 1pm
in the Village Hall.

FESTIVE LUNCH
plus the usual raffle and quiz

For further information contact Rita on
01502 476 767
(leave answerphone message if not answered)
or 07766 605 643
or email rita_smith@hotmail.co.uk

Suffolk Mobile Library

The next visits for the Mobile Library to Mutford:

Thursday, December 19th

Thursday, January 16th

10.30-10.45am – Lindenette (near Land Rover garage, in west of village)

10.50-11.05 – Old Post Office (near cross-roads on Hulver Road)

11.10-11.25 – Village Hall, Mill Road

Save your stamps for the RNIB

Every contribution helps to make a difference to blind and partially sighted people.

All stamps are accepted, new or used, first or second class, foreign, presentation packs or even albums. Please don't include Post Office labels or pre-printed postage marks as these have no value to RNIB. Simply leave a small margin of paper around the edge.

With the Christmas season approaching, we will be getting more post than usual so please remember to save the stamps and help. There are small collection boxes in the Village Hall and the Book Swap Box for used stamps. If you have a stamp album you would like to give or would like your stamps collected then please ring Annie Shreeve on 07888 699 434.

Village Hall Wi-fi

Full fibre wi-fi is now available free of charge in Mutford Village Hall for all users. Details of the network name and password can be found on notices within the hall.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR BIN COLLECTION DATE CHANGES - SEE PAGE 4

Your Say and Involvement in Council Services and Budgeting

Suffolk County Council is seeking feedback from residents, businesses and community organisations as it prepares its budget for the next financial year.

The council has launched an online consultation to explain its current financial position and give Suffolk residents an opportunity to share their views on proposed Council Tax changes and spending priorities.

The consultation offers an opportunity to understand how the council manages its finances, the cost-saving measures already in place, and how the council might generate more money to support essential services.

The council can increase its budget in two main ways: by receiving more funding from the government or by increasing Council Tax. The consultation asks residents for feedback on which council services they have used recently, whether they support increasing Council Tax contributions and which areas they would like to see prioritised in the council's budget-setting process.

Responses to the consultation will be considered alongside feedback from businesses, public sector partners and elected members, as well as advice from council officers, as it prepares next year's budget.

The consultation is open now and closes on Monday 16th December 2024. To participate, visit

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2025_26_budget

The results of the consultation will be included in a final report when the budget is set in February 2025.

Police

Call 101 for non-urgent matters.

Always call 999 for emergencies

To report something anonymously call

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Non-urgent reports can also be made to Suffolk Police via www.suffolk.police.uk.

Go to the 'Contact Us' page.

There is also a live Chat online service for non-urgent matters: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

0% Interest free energy efficiency loans

The Warm Home Suffolk Loans scheme opened to homeowners across Suffolk on 1st November 2024 and applications can now be made at <https://www.lendology.org.uk/warm-home-suffolk-loan>. Energy efficiency upgrades such as insulation, solar panels, batteries, glazing, or heat pumps are possible with loans from £2,000 to £15,000 to be repaid over a maximum of seven years – at 0% interest.

Issues with Water and Flooding

Emergency mains water leaks contact:

Essex and Suffolk Water 0800 526 337

No mains water supply contact:

Essex and Suffolk Water 0345 782 0999

Sewer flooding contact:

Anglian Water 03457 145 145

Suffolk County Council has a comprehensive web page devoted to flooding including flooding of homes. This can be found at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk>

To report a power cut or to report damaged power cable / poles

Call 105 to report a power cut. This is a free-of-charge call from any network. Do not call your electricity supplier. Electricity suppliers are not responsible for the power lines that connect to homes or businesses.

What do you reckon?

Boxing Day.

How did it get its name?



See the answer at the bottom of the back page.

If you need help...

Samaritans.....116 123

Anxiety UK.....03444 775 774

Mind.....0300 123 3393

Calm.....0800 58 58 58

Crisis text line.....(text)85258

Child-line.....0800 11 11

DANES - Disability Advice.....01502 511 333

Countryside Code

Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs

Advice to walkers and runners on country roads

On roads with no pavements pedestrians should keep to the right-hand side of the road so oncoming traffic can be seen. Keep close to the side of the road and be prepared to walk in single file if you are in a group. If you come across a sharp right-hand bend it may be safer to cross to the left-hand side of the road to gain visibility and cross back after the bend. Do not cross the road on a sharp bend.

Please lower your speed approaching bends

Please drive on our village and country roads safely. Think ahead, as walkers, cyclists and horses can be round a hidden or blind bend. On some corners there is even insufficient space for two cars to pass safely. Furthermore, wet and cold weather, as well as mud, can cause adverse stopping conditions. Please take care!

What do you reckon? Answer:

The Name Boxing Day comes from a time during Queen Victoria's reign when the rich used to box up gifts to give to the poor. Boxing Day was traditionally a day off for servants - a day when they received a special Christmas box from their masters. The servants would also go home on Boxing Day to give Christmas boxes to their families.

Waste Bin collections

Wednesday 4th December – Black

Wednesday 11th December – Blue and green

Wednesday 18th December – Black

Tuesday 24th December – Blue and green

Thursday 2nd January – Black

Wednesday 8th January – Blue and green

Bins should be out by 6am

For missed bins call 03330 162 000

8.45am-5pm Mon-Weds and Fridays

9.30am-5pm Thursdays

Recycling Centre ('the Council tip')

You have to book a slot to use the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft. This facility is free to use for household waste (certain items like rubble, tiles, plasterboard etc., are charged for).

Open (Oct - Mar): 9 – 4pm

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat, and Sun.

Closed: Wednesdays and

Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

For more information and to book a slot, go to:
www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page

Fly-tipping

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. East Suffolk Council will seek, where possible, to prosecute anyone caught illegally dumping waste. You can report it anonymously.

Call 0333 016 2000 or report online.

Dog Fouling

For info on how to report dog fouling to East Suffolk Council's Environmental Protection, go to:

eastsuffolk.gov.uk/dog-fouling

Where there is a persistent problem council officers will try to identify irresponsible dog owners who could face a fixed penalty fine of £80 or a fine of up to £1,000 if there is a conviction in the courts.

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