



# MUTFORD NEWS



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## British Cycling Tour of Britain is coming through Mutford

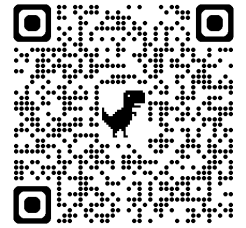
The final stage of Britain's biggest professional cycle race, The Lloyds Bank Tour of Britain Men, will be decided on a 158-kilometre (98½mile) final stage through East Suffolk, between Lowestoft and Felixstowe on **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** and it's coming through Mutford. The five day race begins in the Scottish Borders.

Although the East Suffolk stage will get underway at 11.00am from Lowestoft's Promenade, the actual racing will not start until 11.20am on Tom Crisp Way. The race will go through The Street in Carlton Colville, branch onto Hall Road and then onto Mutfordwood Lane at about 11.24am. It then goes through Church Road and along the Hulver Road. At the end it turns off right on the Benacre Road to Beccles at about 11.31am.

There will be a rolling road block as the race goes through. The race then heads inland via

Beccles and Bungay, and then south through Halesworth, Framlingham, and Saxmundham, before racing along the Suffolk coast between Thorpeness and Aldeburgh. The second half of the route takes in Snape, Wickham Market, Kesgrave, and Martlesham, before a run in and finish on Sea Road in Felixstowe. The stage is expected to finish between 2.08pm and 2.53pm. The stage will feature three intermediate sprints – each with time bonuses – at Beccles, Aldeburgh, and Grundisburgh.

Exact details of the route can be found by scanning this QR code. If you are intending to watch the race in Mutford please walk, if possible, to your chosen viewing point in good time, as there will be limited parking.



## Decorating the Route in Mutford

Mutford Parish Council has been awarded a grant from East Suffolk Council from the '24-'25 Tour of Britain Small Grant Scheme. Grant applications were welcomed from Town and Parish Councils through which the Tour of Britain will be passing on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Awards are to be used towards welcoming the tour through the village or on other cycling related themes.

The Parish Council is looking to purchase some bunting to display along parts of the route through Mutford to welcome the event to the village.

If you live on the route and are able to display some bunting on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 then please be in contact with the parish council clerk who should be able to supply some to you. The tour route will come into the village on Mutfordwood Lane and out via the B1127 Hulver Road so anywhere along this road would be appreciated.

## Mutford Parish Council

The Parish Council do not usually meet in August unless there is a need to arrange an extraordinary meeting. This was not necessary this year, so the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

If you have matters that you would like to bring to the attention of the Parish Council and would like discussed in the public section of the meeting, it would be helpful for the Parish Clerk to know and research the matter before the meeting. An informed discussion can then take place. The Parish Clerk, Angie Colbridge, can be contacted at:

Email: [clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com)

Tel: 07584 136402

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford  
Information taken from council websites as of  
26<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### Current Planning Applications

**Priory Farm, Mutfordwood Lane, [Mutford],**

Installation and operation of a solar farm with a capacity of up to 3.08MW - 15 year extension to planning permission from 28<sup>th</sup> March 2039 to 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2054.

**Ref. No: DC/24/1509/VOC**

Validated: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

ESC Status: **Permitted**

### Responding to Planning Applications

By the time a planning notice is published in Mutford News the opportunity to comment is likely to have passed. Only 15 days is given for commenting from the time when the notice is validated or appears on the ESC Planning website.

If you are concerned about local planning applications keep a regular check on the East Suffolk planning page at:

[publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications](http://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications)  
Key in MUTFORD as the search area.

Only 'material planning considerations' will be taken into account. e.g. local planning policy or loss of amenity (daylight, sunlight, privacy), potential highways issues, wildlife/conservation, potential noise/smells etc.

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### Norwich - Tilbury Pylon Route

Plans to facilitate the transfer of green electricity through East Anglia to the grid have been ongoing for some time now. The question is by which route and means can this be achieved? There are many issues, but the cheapest method is to build an overland link utilising large pylons, rather than putting them underground or by routing cables offshore. Although the route of the proposed Norwich to Tilbury Pylon route does not pass through our immediate area some of you may take an interest as it will have a large impact on our county not only visually but in commissioning too. If you want to find out Suffolk County Council's position on this matter, key this into your preferred internet search engine - *suffolk cc statement norwich tilbury pylon route*.

## St. Andrew's Church, Mutford

Next Services :

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 9am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 11am Holy Communion**

*The above service maybe subject to change.*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9am Holy Communion**

To enquire about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral at St Andrew's during September, please contact :

Martin Warnes (churchwarden)

on 07919 855 726

<https://stpeterscc.org.uk/st-andrews/>

### The Service of Institution for our new Rector

You are all most welcome to come to the Service of Institution of Revd. Andrea Woods and to support her as the new rector in the Carlton Colville Benefice on:

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in**

**St. Peter's Church, Carlton Colville**

*Please arrive early*

### Mutford Scarecrow Hunt Weekend

Dependent on when you are reading this we either hope that you are about to enjoy the Scarecrow Hunt weekend or have enjoyed the weekend which we hope has provided a fun activity for everyone especially those who have supported the event and also our visitors.

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those who made and displayed scarecrows this year and to all those who helped in any way. Thank you especially to those who gave their time to make food, serve in the kitchen, volunteer on stalls, and prepare for the day, those who set up and manned the car park, those who gave tombola prizes or gave money so we could buy prizes and those who were integral in setting up the event in the background. Such a lot goes on. It would not happen without you all.

The winners of the Scarecrow Hunt and the Best Scarecrow prize will be published in the October issue of Mutford News as will the financial results but if you can't wait to see who the winners were, a list can be viewed through a rear window of the Village Hall. All prizewinners will be notified so if you don't hear, sorry, but you haven't won this year.

## Mindfulness Support for Older Adults

The Mindful Life Group is offering an online mindfulness course that is fully funded to support older adults (over 65) and carers or former carers in Suffolk. The course is designed by a clinical psychologist who is also a mindfulness teacher.

The course is based on the mindfulness-based stress reduction course developed by John Kabat Zin but has been adapted for these populations. We have had really good feedback from participants, and we have found that it improves peoples' attention and memory, as well as reducing loneliness, low mood, stress, anxiety and chronic pain.

We currently have courses starting in October, all courses are fully online and are six weeks long. Places are free but limited to around 15 per course.

More information can be found on our website:  
<https://the-mindful-life.com/>

## Rural Coffee Caravan

Sotterly Chapel. NR34 7TX

**Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. 10am - 12 noon.**

Free coffee and friendly chat.

## 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](http://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

## 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

## Monday Club

The next Monday Club will be on  
**7<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm**  
**in the Village Hall.**

**Lasagne, Salad and Garlic Bread**  
**plus the usual raffle and quiz**

***If you want a vegetarian option please let us know.***

You must book this event or advise of any cancellations by September 30<sup>th</sup>

For further information, booking and enquiries contact Rita on

01502 476 767

07766 056 643 or

email [rita\\_smith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rita_smith@hotmail.co.uk)

## Suffolk Mobile Library

The next visits for the Mobile Library to Mutford:

**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

## Beccles Farmers Market

(beside the airfield)

First and third Saturdays in month. 9am - 1pm

Next markets: Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

## Reporting Footpath Obstructions

Suffolk County Council are responsible for maintaining 3,500 miles of public rights of way and 12,000 acres of open access areas.

If you are walking a public footpath which is obstructed either physically or by overgrown vegetation or you find any other issue you can report the issue online at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk>

then click on Report a Public Right of Way Issue.

## Brain Teaser

*I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What am I?*

*See the answer at the bottom of the back page.*



## 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>

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### Reporting Issues with Roads and Pavements

In **emergencies**, such as a missing manhole cover, if a road needs to be closed or where there is a potential danger to life call Suffolk Highways Customer Services immediately on 0345 606 6171. The line is available 24/7.

However if the emergency is on a trunk road in Suffolk, e.g. the A12, then please call the National Highways Information Line on 0300 123 5000.

**Less urgent issues in Suffolk** such as potholes, damaged pavements, road flooding etc. can be reported online where you will be asked to pinpoint the location of the issue on the map and describe the issue. This tool can be found at:  
[suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/potholes/report-a-pothole](https://suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/potholes/report-a-pothole)

Please note potholes of 40mm depth or less are unlikely to be repaired but will still be recorded for future reference.

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### 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.

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**Brain Teaser Answer:**  
Seven

## Waste Bin collections

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Blue and green  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Black  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Blue and green  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Black  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 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

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### 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: 9 – 5pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat, and Sun.

Closed: Wednesdays.

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

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### 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.

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### Dog Fouling

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

[eastsuffolk.gov.uk/dog-fouling](http://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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### Missed Something?

Previous issues of the Mutford News are available on the Parish website  
<http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/mutford-newsletter/>

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