

# MUTFORD NEWS

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## **MUTFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE**

Following a lot of background research and public engagement including a village survey, three public meetings and two public consultations, the Plan is now (almost) ready!

East Suffolk Council has accepted the Independent Examiner's report, and has agreed that the Mutford Neighbourhood Plan can go to a Referendum following some minor modifications, at a date yet to be agreed – but possibly October.

If a majority of residents vote 'Yes' at the Referendum, the Plan is due to be 'adopted' at a full meeting of ESC in late November. It will then become a statutory consideration for all planning application in the parish.

For full details and documentation, go to:  
<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/mutford-neighbourhood-plan/>

## **MUTFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

Next meeting of Mutford Parish Council  
Mutford Village Hall. 7pm start:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

All residents are welcome to attend.  
For more info: John Armstrong, Parish Clerk  
[jamutfordpc@btinternet.com](mailto:jamutfordpc@btinternet.com) 476418

## **Back by popular demand!**

The Vehicle Activated Sign is back and working on Hulver Road, near the crossroads.

The sign can record the time, date and speed of vehicles.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help with operating and maintaining the sign.

If you can help, please contact  
[MutfordNews@gmail.com](mailto:MutfordNews@gmail.com)  
or call Jenny 01502 476518



## **Mutford Parish Council: Tackling issues raised by residents in the Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Broadband speed:**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the broadband speed test.

Whilst some homes in the parish enjoy high speed connectivity, some homes – particularly in the outlying areas, suffer from very poor broadband speeds. From early 2020, broadband speeds of at least 10Mb will become a 'universal obligation.' The data will provide a useful baseline. Watch this space...

### **Dark Skies:**

The Mutford Village Survey was conducted in 2017 as part of the background research for the Mutford Neighbourhood Plan. The survey found that many residents felt strongly about the importance of retaining the rural identity of the village, including enjoying the dark night skies.

One of the ten policies in the Mutford Plan requires planning applications for new developments in the parish to include a statement explaining how any external lighting has regard to preserving the dark night skies in the neighbouring area.

The Parish Council would like residents to consider maintaining external lighting to a minimum intensity level unless safety is compromised, and of low energy consumption, to conserve the dark skies and maintain the aesthetic character of the village.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within parish of Mutford  
*Info. correct as of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019*  
Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)  
planning applications:  
<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

### CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Retrospective planning application reference erected structure adjoining existing stables in South East corner. Ref No ENF/2019/0052/STRUCT 2. New application for construction of lambing shed and dry store for hay and straw. Ayers Acres Stables Church Road Mutford Suffolk  
ESC status: Awaiting decision

### CURRENT APPEALS

None

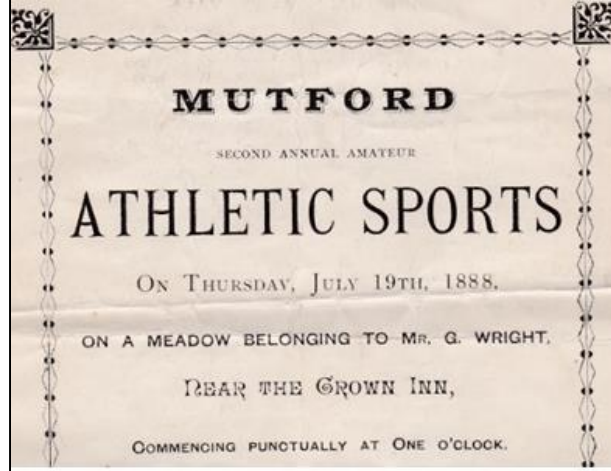
### RECENT DECISIONS

- Construction of domestic extensions including house extension, underground garage, gazebo and extension to existing privacy bunding. Beulah Hall Dairy Lane Mutford NR34 7QJ  
ESC status: Permitted (additional privacy bunding withdrawn)
- Additional static caravan (for family member). Windy Acres Mutfordwood Lane Mutford Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 8HD  
ESC status: Refused
- Demolish existing double garage and remove outbuilding to allow erection of No. 1 Self Build Chalet Bungalow and detached garage. Rivendell, Church Road. Mutford Beccles Suffolk NR34 7UZ  
ESC status: Appeal dismissed
- Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - Construction of a single new dwelling with detached garage and the formation of a new vehicular access. Manor Farm House, Church Road Mutford NR34 7UZ  
ESC status: Appeal dismissed

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### Did you know...

A dragonfly is one of the fastest insects in the UK, with a top speed of around 30 mph



### Mutford Sports Day – in July 1888

Recently, someone came to the village to visit his great grandmother's grave in St Andrew's cemetery. Whilst he was here, he handed over a leaflet promoting a sports day to be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1888 'on a meadow belonging to Mr G Wright near The Crown Inn'. Events included 'Putting The Weight', 'Quarter Mile Flat Race', 'Two Mile Bicycle Race', a 'Tug of War' – and a 'Consolation Race'. There were 15 committee members, three judges, a timer and a starter!

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### Did you know...

A bat survey, conducted in Norfolk since 2013 was extended to the Waveney Valley in 2015. As part of this survey, bats have been monitored at Wood Farm House, in the north of the village, over 4-5 nights each year. The survey uses a recording bat detector, set up overnight, which makes an audio record of all bats passing over during the hours of darkness.

With 12,876 bat passes recorded over the 5 years, this year, with 7,266 passes, was by far the most productive. There were 11 different species of bat recorded, Pipistrelle, both Common and Soprano accounting for 90% and lesser numbers of the other bats Natterer's, Daubenton's, Serotine, Leisner's, Barbastelle, Brown Long Eared and 56 of Britain's largest bat the Noctule which has a wing span of up to 40cm.

For more info: <https://www.batsurvey.org/>  
[Thanks very much to Alec Hillier for conducting the survey & providing the data]

## St. Andrew's

Next Services:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 11am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9am - Holy Communion

### Come To The Races (on film)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2pm

Mufford Village Hall

£6 ticket includes your Betting Money and Afternoon Tea. Good prizes and Raffle



For more info and tickets contact Roy  
01502 476707

### Heritage Open Days (13<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September)

The country's largest heritage festival, with the aim to raise appreciation for Europe's rich and diverse cultural assets and their need for care and protection.

The central principle: throw open the doors to historic monuments and buildings, in particular those normally closed to the public.

Local events include:

- Historic Bus Tours courtesy of the East Anglia Transport Museum. East Anglia Transport Museum, Chapel Road, Carlton Coalville, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR33 8BL
- Pakefield Old Lighthouse  
Pontins Holiday Centre, London Road, Kessingland, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR33 7PF
- The Lowestoft Scores Exhibition.  
Flint House, 80 High Street, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1XN
- Polkey's Mill and Reedham Marsh Steam Engine House. Reedham Marshes, Reedham, Norfolk

Other events locally at Gunton & Halesworth.

For more info: [www.heritageopendays.org.uk/](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/)

## High Tide Festival, Aldeburgh

10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September

'One of the most exciting theatre festivals in the country'

Plays, Talks, Readings, Comedy...

<https://www.hightide.org.uk/>

### 2019 Ride and Stride

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Annual sponsored Ride and Stride.

A national event for cyclists and walkers across the country to raise money for their local county Churches Trust: sponsors pay an agreed sum of money for each place of worship visited between 9am and 5pm on Ride and Stride Day.

The event, run by volunteers, is inter-denominational.

For more info:

<https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

### The 45<sup>th</sup> Grand Henham Steam Rally Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019,

10am - 6pm. Gates open at 9am.

Henham Park,

near Southwold, Suffolk. NR34 8AQ

<http://www.henhamsteamrally.com/home>

### Aldeburgh Food & Drink Festival

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.

'A food festival with 3 demo stages & two weeks of 50+ fringe events'

<https://aldeburghfoodanddrink.co.uk/>

### Beccles Farmers' Market

Farmer's Market at the old heliport, Ellough.

Over 25 stalls

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month

9am – 1pm

Next markets: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

### Beccles Country Market

Every Friday. 9.15am – 11am

Quaker Hall, Smallgate, Beccles

### Blythburgh Mini Market & Café

Last Friday of every month. 10.30-12noon

Blythburgh Church.

## RECYCLING CENTRE

### ('Council tip')

Nearest Council-run site is Hadenham Road, South Lowestoft Industrial Estate, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR33 7NF

(off Tower Road, via London Road-A12. Road opposite Screwfix)

Open every day except Wednesday:

April – September opening hours\*:

**9am – 5pm (7pm on Thursdays)**

[\*From 1st October, the recycling centre will close at 4pm every day – and closed all day Wednesday \*]

### Did you know...

The A12 will be closed in both directions overnight from the **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, between 7pm & 5am, to allow resurfacing work to be carried out at Station Road, Blythburgh. Go to <https://suffolk.roadworks.org/> for the diversion route.

### Pot-holes in road

To report pot holes in local roads:

Go online:

<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

Or call Suffolk County Council:

**0345 606 6171**

### To report fly-tipping:

Go online:

[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping/)

Or call East Suffolk Council:

**03330 162000**

### To report missing/ damaged road signs

Use a quick & easy online tool to report obscured, missing or damaged road signs

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/report-an-obscured-missing-or-damaged-sign/>

Or call 0345 606 6171

## Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - BLACK bin

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. - BLUE & GREEN

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. - BLACK

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. - BLUE & GREEN

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - BLACK

**Bins should be out by 6am**

For missed bins call Norse  
01502 427100

8.30am-5pm Mon-Thurs

8.30am – 4.30pm Fridays



## SUFFOLK LIBRARIES MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Mutford once a month, on Thursdays

Lindenette, Hulver Road 10.30 - 10.40am

Old Post Office 10.50 - 11.00am

Village Hall 11.10 – 11.20am

Next visits: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

Further info call 01473 351249 or

Email: [help@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:help@suffolklibraries.co.uk)

## Can you help?

This newsletter is distributed to every home in Mutford by volunteers.

We need more volunteers to provide cover in case of sickness or holidays, particularly if you live in any of the following roads:

Holly Lane,

Newson Avenue,

Mill Road

Please contact Jenny (01502 476518) or email [mutfordnews@gmail.com](mailto:mutfordnews@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you!

## Police

- In an emergency always call 999
- For non-emergency calls, dial 101
- To report a crime anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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