

MUTFORD NEWS

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MUTFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE

**The Referendum will be held on
Thursday 17th October 2019
at Mutford Village Hall.**

Polling will be open from 7am – 10pm

The referendum will be to decide on the following question:-

'Do you want East Suffolk Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Mutford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area'.

You will have received a flyer publicising the referendum, and a polling card from East Suffolk Council.

The final version of The Mutford Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Parish website:

<http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/neighbourhood-plan/>

Printed copies can also be viewed at Beccles Library and East Suffolk's Customer Services Centre, The Marina, Lowestoft.

The Mutford Neighbourhood Plan sets out the vision for Mutford through to 2036 and has been developed from your views on how you would like Mutford to develop in the future.

The result of the referendum will be posted on the Parish Website on Friday 18th October 2019

**THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER 2019 IS
REFERENDUM DAY
PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE.**

Hedgehogs...

are a gardener's friend, as they eat snails, slugs and insects. Check for hedgehogs before you light bonfires

MUTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 7th October 2019

All residents are welcome to attend.
For more info: John Armstrong, Parish Clerk
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Volunteers please!

We are still looking for more volunteers to help distribute this newsletter.

If you can help, please contact
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or call Jenny 01502 476518

Mutford Parish Council: Tackling issues raised by residents during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan

Off-road parking

Background research for the Mutford Plan found that many residents had safety concerns about increased on-road parking in the village.

One of the objectives of the Plan is to ensure that adequate off-road parking is a critical element of planning approval, with a policy supporting a minimum of two off-road car spaces per dwelling.

Potholes

Another issue raised by residents was road maintenance and potholes. Potholes can be reported to Suffolk County Council via an easy-to-use interactive map on their website

<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk> or by telephoning 0345 606 6171.

The Suffolk Highways Team will then undertake an inspection to decide whether, based on certain criteria, the damage to the road requires attention.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within parish of Mutford

Info. correct as of 1st October 2019

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)

planning applications:

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Horse arena for private use.
Mutford Wood Cottage Mutford Wood
Mutford Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 8HG
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- 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

Badger Watch in Mutford -

A small group of volunteers monitors
badger activity in Suffolk:

'Badgers in Mutford have recently been very busy excavating and cleaning out their setts, with evidence of fresh clean bedding material being gathered to line out their chambers. After the long dry spell, the recent rains have been very welcomed to make feeding of their staple diet much easier; fortunately, Mutford has several good ponds that they can access to drink from. With the hedgerows now laden with blackberries and a variety of fruit falling from bushes and trees, there is a lot of good food for the badgers to build up their fat reserves for the months ahead.

A couple of day nests were located where some clan members preferred to sleep above ground during the really hot nights of summer, also a few tree trunks have been used as scratch posts to keep the claws in order. A wasp's nest was spotted on a bank which they had dug out as they are partial to the wasp larvae.

Numerous dung pits were found either near the setts or in nearby hedgerows which are possibly used for marking territorial boundaries; it's interesting to observe these throughout the year to see how their diets can change through the seasons.

The nearby A146 has claimed several badgers again this year possibly from roaming further for food or looking for a mate. Please let us know of any road casualties so that records can be updated.

Also, please let us know of new building sites so that we can ensure badgers are mitigated for.

suffolkmammals@outlook.com '

(Thanks to Peter
from Suffolk
Badgers & Other
Mammals Group
for this article)



St. Andrew's

Next Services:

Sunday 6th Oct. 9am - Holy Communion
Sunday 20th Oct. 11am - Morning Worship
Sunday 3rd Nov. 9am - Holy Communion

Beccles and District Museum, Ballygate.

Current exhibition: The Rix Collection - looking at the Samuel Wilton Rix's collection of documents detailing Beccles history between the 15th and 19th Centuries.

Open Tuesdays to Sundays 1:45pm - 4:30pm until 31st October. (Museum closes for the winter from the 1st November)

Entry to the Museum is FREE, but donations are very much appreciated.

Try Parkrun

(several people in Mutford already have!)

Free weekly 5km timed events organised by local volunteers.

Walk, jog or run - or volunteer.

9am every Saturday

Nearest Parkrun: Claremont Pier, Lowestoft

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

Parkrun is a not-for-profit organisation

Essex & Suffolk Water

Essex & Suffolk Water offer a wide range of free services to help their customers including:

- Cap water charges if you use a lot of water and are on certain benefits.
- Arrange payment for water directly from benefits.
- Offer a dedicated bereavement line on 0800 090 2422. (Mon - Fri, 9 - 5)
- Support in the event of an interruption to the water supply. (e.g. for medical conditions or baby bottles.)
- If your household income is less than £16,105 and more than 3% of that is on your water bill then we could reduce your water bill by up to 50%. If you have relatives on pension credit then they would qualify for lower bills too.

To find out more, call 0345 782 0111 or go to <https://www.eswater.co.uk/>

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 3rd October and Thursday 31st October 2019

Further info call 01473 351249 or

Email: help@suffolklibraries.co.uk

Beccles Farmers' Market

Farmer's Market at the old heliport, Ellough. Over 25 stalls

1st & 3rd Saturday every month
9am - 1pm

Next markets: Saturday 5th & 19th October

Did you know...

The National Cycle Network is a UK-wide network of signed walking and cycling paths connecting cities, towns, and countryside.

The Network was created by the charity Sustrans. There are 10 national routes. The longest is Route 1, which is 1,695 miles, from Dover to the Shetland Islands - and comes down the east coast, via Norwich, Beccles and Framlingham.

A regional route - Route 31, travels from Reedham to Southwold, via Beccles, Ellough and Sotterley.

For more information:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/national-cycle-network/>



It is important to stay safe when cycling. If cycling at night it is a legal requirement* that your cycle must have white front and red rear lights lit. Flashing lights are permitted but it is recommended that cyclists who are riding in areas without street lighting use a steady front lamp. *The Highway Code Rule 60

If you are driving, please give cyclists plenty of room when overtaking.

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:

As from Tuesday 1st October, until end of March, the opening hours are **9am – 4pm**

Flooding

To report blocked or overflowing drains, flooding on the highway, broken or missing manhole/drain cover

Go online:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping/

Or call East Suffolk Council:

03330 162000

Or call Suffolk County Council:

0345 606 6067



Flood warnings and flood alerts

Take care when walking in coastal areas.

There is a very useful interactive map to check for local flood warnings and flood alerts:

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings>

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

Reported crimes in Mutford

2 crimes reported in August 2019:

- Anti-social behaviour - on or near Church Road
- Criminal damage and arson - on or near Chapel Road

Overall, 8 reported crimes in Mutford in 2019 to date.

For information on all crimes in Beccles & Bungay area go to

<https://www.police.uk/suffolk/K12A/crime/>

To report fly-tipping:

Go online:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping/

Or call East Suffolk Council:

03330 162000

Police

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

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

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