

MUTFORD NEWS

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Home But Not Alone

Suffolk County Council's community service is continuing to support people who need help during the COVID-19 pandemic, including collecting food & supplies, and prescriptions.

Home, But Not Alone
Supporting vulnerable people in Suffolk

Coronavirus Emergency Phonenumber

0800 876 6926



MUTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next 'virtual' meeting of Mutford Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th July at 7.30pm.

For more details please go to <http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/>

or contact John Armstrong, Parish Clerk:
01502 476418 jamutfordpc@btinternet.com

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting cannot be held at the Village Hall this year, due to the ongoing coronavirus crisis. The annual reports for Mutford Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and the Mutford Welfare Trust are attached at the end of this newsletter.

If you have any contributions, questions or suggestions relating to these reports, please contact the Parish Clerk, John Armstrong jamutfordpc@btinternet.com

Please drive carefully (and slowly) through the village. Respect all road users



**STAY
ALERT**

**CONTROL
THE VIRUS**

**SAVE
LIVES**

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Keep informed of the latest advice and guidance on the coronavirus crisis.

NHS

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Government response

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

If you are unable to access these sites for any reason, please ask a family member, friend or neighbour to find out the information for you.

SCAM ALERT

The NHS Test and Trace scheme, launched at the end of May, will contact people if they test positive for coronavirus. The NHS Test and Trace contact, via telephone, text or email, will never ask you for any bank details (password/ PIN numbers etc.). If they do, it is a scam...
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

There are a lot of other coronavirus-related scams at the moment including people selling vaccines or miracle cures (there currently isn't a vaccine or a cure), or home decontamination services.

Your bank, or other official organisations, will never ask you to share personal information over email or text.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, please report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford

Info. correct as of 26th June 2020

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)

planning applications:

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

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) - Use of the property colonising as a residence by someone who is not employed or last employed in agriculture or in an industry mainly dependent on agriculture or the dependant of such a person.
Coligny. Mutford Wood. Mutford Lowestoft. Suffolk NR33 8HF
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- First floor side extension creating an additional bedroom with a car port underneath.
Spring Cottage. 4 Hulver Road, Mutford Beccles. Suffolk NR34 7UW
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- Timber frame two storey rear extension. Addition of bifolds and roof. Re-paint property black.
Meadowview. Hulver Road, Mutford Beccles. Suffolk NR34 7UW
ESC status: Awaiting decision

CURRENT APPEALS

None



Planning application for site adjoining Mutford

- Use land to give young people and adults with learning disabilities &/or needs/ facing barriers, to access services. An opportunity to learn new skills and be involved in countryside activities. Additional hedging, grass reinforced parking, mobility issues caravan/ outdoor camping 4-6 pitches, log cabins for toilets, showers, community activities, educational events- woodland and wildlife walks- wildlife, picnic benches, allotments, replace existing sheds to match existing, new 3.6 by 6.0 metre shed.
Project Gold Crest. Rushmere Road and Chapel Road. Rushmere. Suffolk NR34 8ED
ESC status: Awaiting decision

Did you know...

There are 4 categories of rights of way:

- Footpath: the public have the right to use footpaths on foot and with a powered mobility aid
- Bridleway: the public have the same rights as with footpaths, plus they can use a bridleway on horseback & on a bicycle
- Restricted byway: the public have the same rights as with footpaths & bridleways, plus they can use a restricted byway with a horse drawn vehicle.
- Byway open to all traffic: the public have the same rights as with footpaths, bridleways & restricted byways, plus they can use a byway open to all traffic in or on a motor vehicle but the route is mainly used by pedestrians, pedal cyclists and/or horses

Suffolk County Council hold the definitive map of rights of way in Mutford. Go to: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way/Mutford.pdf>

Have you heard...

Natural England have recently issued a revised Countryside Code:

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways are clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures

Stay alert

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This (still) means you should:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (still keeping 2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly

Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

You must wear a face covering at all times on public transport or when attending a hospital as a visitor or outpatient.

From Saturday 4th July...

- Services such as restaurants, pubs, hairdressers, cinemas, hotels, B&Bs, campsites, museums & galleries can reopen if they are COVID-secure
- People from two households can meet, and can stay overnight

Those people who are 'clinically extremely vulnerable' and have been asked to shield themselves should continue to do so until 1st August

Nightclubs, soft play areas, gyms, swimming pools and waterparks will remain closed for the time being

Go to <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for a full set of guidance and support

Community Chain

Contact mutfordnews@gmail.com if you'd like to join the Community Chain email alert. This is sent out as and when necessary e.g. if there is new government guidance on coronavirus, or local police updates. These email updates will not replace this newsletter.

Your email address will only be used to communicate Community Chain information and will not be shared with any other party for any reason.



Do not leave home if you or someone you live with has any of the following:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

[Check the NHS website if you have symptoms](#)

Carlton Marshes

At the time of writing, the visitor centre at Carlton Marshes is closed but you can still walk around part of the reserve on pushchair & wheelchair-friendly paths. Remember to observe the 2 metre social-distancing rule. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. Park for free at Burnt Hill Lane in Carlton Colville.

For more information on Suffolk Wildlife Trust, and for updates on Carlton Marshes: <https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/>

RSPB Minsmere

The car park has reopened at Minsmere; toilets will be open 9am-5pm. The visitor centre, shop, café and hides currently remain closed.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/minsmere/>

Beccles Library

Beccles Library is due to reopen on Monday 6th July, with new opening hours: 11am – 3pm. Closed Thursdays and Sundays.

A phone/email ordering and collection service will be available for books; no browsing will be possible to begin with. No printing, computing or room hire. Online reservations will not begin yet. For more info: <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus/>

Crime in Mutford

April 2020 – 2 crimes reported:

1 x 'Violence and sexual offences' in or near Mutfordwood Lane

1 x 'Anti-social behaviour' in or near Chapel Road

(Data not currently available for May or June)

<https://www.police.uk/your-area/suffolk-constabulary/beccles-and-bungay/?tab=CrimeMap>

Local Police Update

Extract from June edition of Constable's County: 'We are aware of scammers claiming to be from HMRC, offering financial support as a result of coronavirus. If you receive a text, email or call claiming to be from HMRC that asks you to click on a link or give info such as your name, credit card or bank details, it's a scam.

To keep up to date with scams in the area you can visit Action Fraud <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

We've had reports of theft from sheds and garages, so check your security via our helpful '1st Principle' guide which can be found on our website with other helpful crime prevention information' <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

PC Amy Yeldham

(Community Engagement Officer, Suffolk Police)

To see the full edition of the latest report, go to: https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/ceo_constables_county_june_-_online.pdf

To report pot-holes in local roads

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

Or call Suffolk County Council:

0345 606 6171

To report fly-tipping:

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

Or call East Suffolk Council:

03330 162000

Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 1st July – Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 8th July – Black bin

Wednesday 15th July – Blue & Green

Wednesday 22nd July – Black

Wednesday 29th July – Blue & Green

Wednesday 5th August – Black

Bins should be out by **6am**

For missed bins call 03330 162000

8.45am-5pm Mon/ Tues/ Wed/ Fridays

9.30am – 5pm Thursdays

Bottle banks have re-opened at most of the supermarkets

RECYCLING CENTRE ('Council tip')

As reported in the last issue, the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft NR33 7NF is open but you must book a designated time slot. Open 9am to 5pm every day except Thursdays (open until 7pm) and Wednesdays (closed).

For more info. and to book a slot, go to:

<https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page>

Farmers Market, Ellough old heliport

1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.

Next markets:

Saturday 4th and 18th July. 9am – 1pm

One way system, no hot food/café area.

Nature corner

The Greater Spotted Woodpecker is black and white, with a red patch on its lower belly. The male has a distinctive red patch on the back of its head, and young birds have red foreheads. It's about the size of a starling & has a very distinctive bouncing flight; it spends most of its time clinging to tree trunks and branches.

The Lesser Spotted Woodpecker is much smaller – about the size of a sparrow, and rarer.

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