

# MUTFORD NEWS

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## Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next 'virtual' meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm.

For more details please go to <http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/> or contact John Armstrong, Parish Clerk: 01502 476418 [jamutfordpc@btinternet.com](mailto:jamutfordpc@btinternet.com)

### Please clean up!

Please be courteous to other people and clean up after your dog, and dispose of the bag responsibly.

This should happen whether you are walking along the pavement, in



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the playing field behind the Village Hall or in the fields around the village. Other walkers do not want to walk into your dog's doings!

## Avian Flu

The whole of England is still an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ).

'All bird keepers in England (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) are required by law to take a range of biosecurity precautions including keeping their birds indoors except in very specific circumstances.'

For more info: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

## Update from Mutford Parish Council

Mutford Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting in January to discuss the next precept - the portion of the Council Tax that is paid by householders as a contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

After lengthy discussion, it was decided to approve an annual increase equivalent to £8.10 per year for a home in band D (the average valuation), which equates to an extra 15.6 pence per week per Band D household.

The precept covers the basic costs of the work of the Parish Council, including the Parish Clerk's salary, the maintenance of the playground behind the Village Hall, the printing of this newsletter and the cost of running the vehicle activated speed sign near the crossroads on Hulver Road.

The village has very few amenities; the playground is a much-valued asset which requires ongoing maintenance and periodic significant spend on replacing all or part of the equipment, bark and fencing to ensure the safety of all users.

The Parish Council is very conscious that some families are enduring financial challenges just now, and we thought very hard about any increase in the precept that we ask parishioners to pay, but this increase will enable the Parish Council to meet these essential costs to maintain our village amenities.

East Suffolk Council collects the Council Tax for our area, and funds itself, Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Constabulary and Mutford Parish Council. A full Council Tax bill is based on at least 2 adults living in a home; you'll get 25% off your bill if you count as an adult for Council Tax and you live on your own. For more info on possible discounts go to <https://www.angliarevenues.gov.uk/eastsuffolk/>

Please drive carefully through the village.  
Respect all road users



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford  
*Info. correct as of 27<sup>nd</sup> January 2021*

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC) planning applications:  
<https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

### CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Proposed two storey side and rear extensions.  
Annexe At Holly Farm 31 Holly Lane,  
Mutford. Suffolk NR34 7UX  
ESC status: Awaiting decision

### RECENT DECISIONS

- Outline Application (With Some Matters Reserved) - Construction of 3 No pairs of semi-detached houses. Formation of new vehicular access and associated parking and landscaping works.  
Land to the North of Chapel Road,  
Mutford NR34 7UU  
ESC status: Permitted

### St Andrew's, Mutford

Services will be conducted online for the foreseeable future.  
For more info. please contact  
Martin on 07919 855726

### Did you know...

The weasel has a russet-brown back, and a creamy white throat and belly. It is smaller than the stoat, with a shorter tail with no black tip. The weasel has a running gait with a straight back, whereas stoats bound along and arch their backs.

Source: Suffolk Wildlife Trust

### Getting ready...

Carlton II, the cuckoo who was tagged at Carlton Marshes in June 2018, is currently still in dense rainforest in central Africa but may begin his incredible migration back to Suffolk in mid February.

Check his progress here:

[https://www.bto.org/ourscience/projects/cuckoo-tracking-project/about-project/updates-our-cuckoos?name=carlton\\_ii](https://www.bto.org/ourscience/projects/cuckoo-tracking-project/about-project/updates-our-cuckoos?name=carlton_ii)

## Home But Not Alone

East Suffolk Council's Home, But Not Alone scheme is a free phonenumber, which supports vulnerable people in Suffolk who may be struggling with the impact of Coronavirus and need urgent help.

If you have no other support from friends, family or neighbours, and are struggling for food, medicines or other essential supplies and are feeling lonely and isolated, call **0800 876 6926** (available 9am to 5pm, from Monday to Friday)

### Did you know...

There are eight World War II pill boxes within a few miles of Mutford, which were part of the Emergency Coastal Defence Battery programme which began in 1940. The pill boxes were manned by volunteer members of the Home Guard armed with anti-tank guns.

- Beccles Common x 2
- Wash Lane, Beccles
- Hulver Road, at the junction with B1127
- Blowers Lane, south of Rushmere Hall x 2
- Chapel Lane, Carlton Colville
- The Street, Benacre, opposite St Michael Church

For more on Suffolk's Second World War archaeology and the anti-invasion coastal defences:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/second-world-war-guidebooks>

### Dark skies

The conservation of dark skies is very important, and helps maintain the rural nature of our village.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is repeating its' annual Star Count - a survey of the nation's view of the night sky, between 6-14 February.

Count the number of stars you see in the constellation of Orion to help CPRE map how light pollution affects our view of the stars.

For more info: <https://www.cpre.org.uk/dark-skies/star-count-2021/>

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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

### STAY HOME – PROTECT THE NHS – SAVE LIVES

#### NHS

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

#### Government response

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

#### NHS COVID-19 app, go to

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/>

#### Vaccinations

The NHS will contact you when it's your turn to have the COVID-19 vaccine. Do not contact the NHS for a vaccination before then. The vaccine is free – if you receive an email or phone call asking for your bank details it is a scam.

You'll need to be registered with a GP surgery in England (to get a vaccine). You can register with a GP if you do not have one.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations-in-suffolk/>

Once you have been vaccinated you may still pass on the virus and must still stay home.

For a full updated set of data relating to COVID-19, including **localised data for Waveney/Barnby and the wider East Suffolk** dataset: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

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.

#### Community Chain

Please contact [mutfordnews@gmail.com](mailto:mutfordnews@gmail.com) if you'd like to join the Community Chain email alert. This is sent out as and when necessary if there is new government guidance on coronavirus. These email updates will not replace this newsletter.

#### Have you seen...

Primroses have begun to flower, and a few snowdrops have started to show themselves. Spring officially starts 20<sup>th</sup> March but some plants don't wait for that date.

## Mutford Neighbourhood Watch

There are a lot of scams at the moment:

- Telephone scams - calls claiming to be about Test and Trace, or Vaccinations, which ask for bank details. COVID-19 tests, and vaccinations are free. Do not give out any financial info.
- Emails and texts – if you receive an unexpected text or email asking for personal or financial details do not click on the links or attachments, and don't respond to any messages that ask for your personal or financial details. There are fake emails from HMRC offering a tax refund and directing victims to a fake website to harvest their personal and financial details.
- Shopping - fake products are being sold online, offering miracle protection, cures or vaccines for coronavirus. These are all fake.

Key protection advice

- Stop: Taking a moment to think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- Challenge: Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- Protect: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen victim to a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

To report crimes and scams please follow the following guidance:

Call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or report incidents of fraud online and offline at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

Forward suspicious emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

Call 101 to report non-emergency incidents to your local police

Call 999 if you're reporting a crime that's in progress or someone is in immediate danger. Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 to report crime completely anonymously

If you would like to be included in Neighbourhood Watch crime/news updates via email or WhatsApp, please contact Nigel at [nigel-parsons@live.co.uk](mailto:nigel-parsons@live.co.uk) or 07944 728900 for WhatsApp

## Beccles library

Suffolk's libraries are currently closed. The mobile library service will also be suspended until further notice.

For more info:

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus>

### 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

### Flood warnings and flood alerts:

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

### To report flooding on a road, or missing/broken manhole cover:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/report-a-highways-issue/>

Or call Suffolk County Council:  
0345 606 6067 (General Enquiries)  
Or 0345 606 6171 to report problem

### To report burst mains water pipe, contact Anglian Water

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/services/water-supply/leakage/report-a-leak/>

Or call 0800 771 881

The information above does not apply if you live on a private road

### To report pot-holes in local roads

<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>  
Or call Suffolk County Council: **0345 606 6171**

### To report issues with local footpaths

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

### Keep fit – but stay safe

Please wear bright clothing when you are walking/ cycling/ running around the lanes

## Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Black bin

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Blue & green bins

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Black

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. – Blue & green

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Black

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Blue & green

For info. on what you can put in which bin, go to: <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/my-bins/together-we-can-get-our-recycling-right>

Bins should be out by **6am**

For missed bins call 03330 162000  
8.45am-5pm Mon/ Tues/ Wed/ Fridays  
9.30am – 5pm Thursdays

### RECYCLING CENTRE ('Council tip')

The recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft (opposite Screwfix) is still open but you must book a 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>

### If you see fly-tipping...

Don't just grumble, report it.  
It's quick & easy. Go to [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping)

Or call East Suffolk Council:

**03330 162 000**

### Police

Call 101 for non-urgent matters  
Always call 999 for emergencies  
To report something anonymously call Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

### Don't forget...

The RSPB recommend trimming hedges before the main breeding season for nesting birds begins in March

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