

# MUTFORD NEWS

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## Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next 'virtual' meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm [moved back a week due to Easter hols]. For more details: <http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/> or contact John Armstrong, Parish Clerk: 01502 476418 [jamutfordpc@btinternet.com](mailto:jamutfordpc@btinternet.com)

## Carl O'Brien

Carl O'Brien, Chair Mutford Parish Council, is leaving Mutford, having lived in the village with his wife Jo since 1996. Carl was a Parish Councillor from 1997, and has served as Chair for a number of years.

Jo was secretary of the Mutford Garden Club; Carl had also served as both secretary and treasurer of the club. He was also an ex officio school governor at Barnby & North Cove in the late 1990s, and recently an ex officio member of the Mutford Welfare Trust.

During pre-COVID times, Carl greatly enjoyed Christmas readings in the Mutford church.

Carl works at CEFAS, the Fisheries Laboratory in Lowestoft; unknowingly, Mutford has a long association with the Lab. - past and present residents include Colin Purdam, Dick and Anna Lincoln, David Symonds, Graham Pilling, Stuart Reeves and Dave Sheahan.

Carl O'Brien was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for services to the management of internationally shared fisheries in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2017. Although moving out of the Parish, Carl will continue working at CEFAS so may still be seen passing through the village.

Carl: "We will miss all our friends and acquaintances, and leave Mutford with many fond memories."

[Neil Glendinning, Deputy Chair, will become Chair of the Parish Council for the immediate future].

## Identity fraud

There have been several incidents recently when issues have been reported to East Suffolk Council using someone else's contact details, without their permission. This is identity fraud. The local Police have been informed.

Please report any issues on the condition of local roads, over-grown vegetation etc to the relevant authorities – see back page – using your own details. The process is quick & easy. Your details will not be passed on to the landowner.

## Please clear up after your dog(s)

Can you please ensure that you clean up your dog's mess, wherever you are walking. There have been problems with dogs on the playing fields behind the village hall. The Village Hall Committee, who look after the field, have produced some new signs reminding people of the legal duty to clear up any dog mess.



There have also been several cases of dog mess left on the track to Kiers Cottage, from Hulver Road. This is a private lane, with residents of Newson Avenue given special

permission to use the track on the condition that any dog mess is removed. If dog mess is not cleared up, access may be refused.

Please drive carefully through the village.  
Respect all road users



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford  
Info. correct **as of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

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

### CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Construction of olive green steel open sided shelter for machinery and hay/straw storage.  
15 Holly Lane Mutford. Suffolk NR34 7UX.  
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- Proposed extensions and alterations.  
1 Oceans Gift, Hulver Road, Mutford  
Beccles Suffolk NR34 7UL  
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- Construction of a single and two storey rear extensions.  
Laburnham Cottage, 31 Holly Lane And  
Holly Farm House, Mutford. NR34 7UX  
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- Extensions & Alterations  
Fenns Barn. Dairy Lane, Mutford. NR34 7PL  
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- To build on top of existing rear extension.  
To create a bathroom. Increase size of  
second bathroom from a single room to a  
double room.  
The Hollies. 96 Mill Road, Mutford. NR34 7UP  
ESC status: Awaiting decision

### APPEALS

- Demolition of existing dwelling and  
replacement with three detached  
bungalows, garages and all associated  
works.  
Red Lodge, The Street, North Cove. NR34  
7PU  
ESC status: Appeal in progress

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## St Andrew's, Mutford – services restart

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9am  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

For more info. please contact  
Martin on 07919 855726

## Local elections – Thursday 6 May 2021

Residents in Suffolk will go to the polls in early May to have their say on who represents them at Suffolk County Council and who will represent them as the new Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner. For some areas (but not Mutford) there will also be voting in Town/ Parish Councils.

If you haven't previously registered to vote, go to: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

You will be able to vote in person – the polling station will be at Mutford Village Hall, with COVID-19 secure procedures including the use of hand sanitiser, floor markings and social distancing. Face coverings will be required (for those who are not exempt) and you are encouraged to bring your own pen or pencil. But East Suffolk Council is also promoting the option of postal voting. If you would like to vote by post rather than at the polling station, go to:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voting-person-post-or-proxy/voting-post> Print out, complete and return the postal vote application form to East Suffolk Council. Electoral Services. Riverside. 4 Canning Road. Lowestoft. NR33 0EQ.

You can also scan and email the completed form to  
[elections@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:elections@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

If you don't have access to a printer, you can call East Suffolk Council 01502 523320 and you will be sent a printed form to register for a postal vote.

The deadline for all applications for a postal vote is **20<sup>th</sup> April**.

For further information on elections and how to apply to vote by post or by proxy please visit

[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/elections](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/elections)

## Mutford Big Wood

Wood anemones should be appearing in the wood soon. Have a look – but please remember to stay to the public footpath.

## Keep fit, keep healthy

- Have you thought of trying Couch to 5k? Check out a walk/run programme over 9 weeks: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/couch-to-5k-week-by-week/>
- Enjoy a walk around fields and quiet lanes. Have a look at 18 walks near Beccles [http://waveneyramblers.org.uk/walks/walk\\_guides/Beccles#walks](http://waveneyramblers.org.uk/walks/walk_guides/Beccles#walks)
- Carlton Marshes nature reserve is free to visit, with pushchair friendly paths. Dogs must be kept on the lead at all times. <https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/carlton>
- Beccles Lido – a heated open-air swimming pool in Beccles, is due to re-open on 29 March <https://beccleslido.com/>
- Signed walks from train stations along the East Suffolk Line <https://www.suffolkonboard.com/train/east-suffolk-line-walks>

## Countryside Code

Respect other people

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs

## 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 – or local updates (e.g. changes to bin collection dates). These email updates will not replace this newsletter.

## Neighbourhood Watch

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

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

### Symptoms of COVID-19

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

### Vaccinations

You will receive a letter or text/ call to arrange a date and location for the jab. The jab is free; if you're asked for bank details it's a scam. After your jab you should still follow all the lockdown rules.

And everyone should still keep socially distanced, wear a face mask and wash your hands thoroughly.

### Summary of changes to lockdown:

#### From 29<sup>th</sup> March – in England:

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.
- Organised outdoor sport allowed (children and adults).

#### From 12<sup>th</sup> April:

- All shops can reopen
- Outdoor hospitality – pubs, cafes, restaurants
- Gyms, libraries and community centres
- Hairdressers, beauty salons and other "close contact services", including in people's homes

#### From 17<sup>th</sup> May:

- Six people or two households can meet indoors
- Pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can seat customers indoors
- Hotels and B&Bs can reopen
- International leisure travel may resume

#### From 21<sup>st</sup> June:

- All legal limits on social contact will be removed

Each stage is conditional and subject to change. Read the full details here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021#roadmap>

## Signs of Spring...

The daffodils on the approach to Mutford from Rushmere church; blackthorn blossom; the male pheasants' loud sharp call as they parade in all their multi-coloured splendour...

### Did you know...

Mutford was mentioned in the Domesday Book. In 1086 there was said to be 14 acres of meadows, woodland for 76 pigs, and 2 churches. 20 villagers. 12 freemen. 10 smallholders and 10 slaves. And 2 cobs, 7 cattle, 30 pigs, 160 sheep 50 goats and 2 beehives. What will the 2021 Census find?

### 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, Monday to Friday).

### 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 fallen trees or pot-holes

<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/>

### Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Black bin

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Black

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Blue & Green

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Black

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Blue & Green

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')

You must book a slot to use the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft. Bookable up to 7 days in advance, it's quick & easy – and free. Open 9-5pm six days a week. Closed on Wednesdays.

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>

### Bulky waste collection

East Suffolk Council has resumed its' bulky waste collection and disposal service.

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/waste-collection-and-disposal/bulky-waste/>

### To report fly-tipping...

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

Or call East Suffolk Council:

**03330 162 000**

### 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

### Police

Call 101 for non-urgent matters

Always call 999 for emergencies

To report something anonymously call

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

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