

MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The date of the May meeting of the Parish Council, and whether it will be in person or 'virtual', is still to be confirmed.

For up-to-date information, contact John Armstrong, Parish Clerk: 01502 476418 jamutfordpc@btinternet.com

Talking benches

Three new 'Happy to Chat' benches will be installed in Mutford – one beside the children's play area, and two near the village sign beside the village hall.

The benches aim to encourage residents to speak to each other in an effort to tackle social isolation and loneliness.

Funded by the local Community Partnership, the benches, which will be identifiable with 'Happy to Chat' plaques donated by Healthwatch Suffolk, will be places where people can do just that – sit and chat.

The benches can be used by anyone, of any age, and will promote simple acts of kindness that could make a difference to people who might be living alone and needing human contact.

St Andrew's, Mutford

The next service will be Holy Communion on Sunday 16th May at 9am

For more info. please contact Martin on 07919 855726

St Andrew's Graveyard

Please do not take from the wood pile in the graveyard. This wood forms part of the habitat for a wildlife Sanctuary registered with Suffolk Wildlife Trust

We hope that hedgehogs are using it.

Thank You



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Summary of changes to lockdown from Monday 17th May [yet to be confirmed by Government]:

- People will be allowed to meet indoors in groups of six, or with one other household.
- Gatherings of more than 30 people outdoors will remain illegal.
- Domestic overnight stays allowed with people not in your household or bubble.
- Pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can serve seated customers indoors
- Weddings, receptions, and funerals can take place with up to 30 guests.
- Hotels and B&Bs can re-open
- International leisure travel to selected countries may resume

From 21st June [to be confirmed]:

- All legal limits on social contact removed

Please keep it clean

Can all dog owners please clean up after their dog(s). Dog mess can transmit diseases including parvo (lung/ eye infection dangerous to children and pregnant women). Please clean it up.

Did you know...

It is a legal requirement to complete the Census – and you still have time to fill in the form. Go to www.census.gov.uk

Please drive carefully through the village.
Respect all road users



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford

Info. correct as of 28th April 2021

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)

planning applications:

<https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- The original application for the siting of a cabin on my land was applied for in February 2016 (DC/16/0688/FUL) and permission granted in April 2016. Permission at the time was given for a period of 5 years, as this is now coming to an end I wish to now apply for full planning permission to be granted for my cabin to remain, as I still require secure storage for grass cutting equipment and the need for a shelter. Land Adjacent To Mutford Wood Mutford ESC status: Awaiting decision
- 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

RECENT DECISIONS

- Proposed extensions and alterations. 1 Oceans Giff, Hulver Road, Mutford Beccles Suffolk NR34 7UL ESC status: Permitted
- Construction of a single and two storey rear extensions. Laburnham Cottage, 31 Holly Lane And Holly Farm House, Mutford. NR34 7UX ESC status: Permitted
- 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: Permitted

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

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.

The local 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.

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/elections

Bank Holidays

There are two bank holidays in May: 'Early May Bank Holiday' on Monday 3rd May, and 'Spring Bank Holiday' on Monday 31st May. The next Bank Holiday in England will be the 'Summer Bank Holiday' on Monday 30th August.

Did you know...

Bank holidays were first introduced by a man named Sir John Lubbock who was a scientific writer, banker and politician. He drafted the Bank Holidays Act in 1871, which created the first official bank holidays.

Initially, it was just banks and financial buildings that would close, which is where the name comes from. But as time went on, businesses, shops, schools and the government all joined in.

England & Wales have 8 bank holidays each year; the country with the most bank holidays each year is India, with 21!

Litter pick

The pandemic has meant that group activities such as litter picks have been very difficult to arrange.

However – if it's safe, you could take a bag and a pair of thick (gardening?) gloves and pick up a few bits of rubbish as you walk around the village. Thank you!

Did you know...

There are 4 categories of rights of way:

- **Footpath** – for walkers & wheelchairs only. Cyclists and horse-riders are not allowed on footpaths.
- **Bridleway** (sometimes signposted with blue arrows) - open to walkers, horse-riders and cyclists.
- **Restricted byway** (sometimes signposted with plum coloured arrows) - open to walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and horse-drawn vehicles. They do not carry public rights for motor vehicles.
- **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 walkers, 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>

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

Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve

Free public access to the site and car park. Shop & café are now open. The open-air viewpoints are available but the hides currently remain closed until 17th May at the earliest.

Wheelchair/ pushchair access on firm trails around part of the marsh. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

<https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/carlton>

Swifts

Swifts were seen around the village in the last week of April, having completed their amazing migration from Africa. They will stay a few months then start their return trip from July.



Suffolk Wildlife Trust is promoting a campaign to 'Save Our Swifts', due to a 50% decline in numbers over the last 25 years. Go to www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/swifts to find out what you can do to help the birds, including making nest boxes and making your garden more wildlife friendly.

Community Chain

Please contact 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.

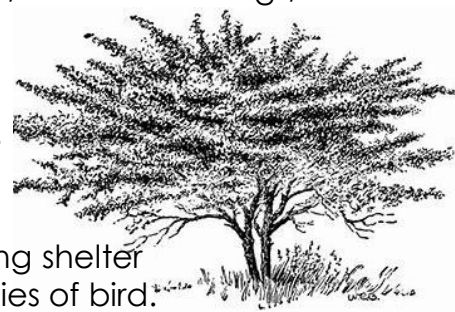
Neighbourhood Watch

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 or 07944 728900 for WhatsApp

Did you know...

Hawthorn, seen in many mixed hedgerows around Mutford, is also known as a May Tree. The pale-pink blossom usually appears in May and is seen by many as a sign of spring turning to summer.

The hawthorn produces deep-red fruits known as 'haws' which are eaten by migrating birds, such as redwings, fieldfares and thrushes, as well as small mammals. The dense, thorny foliage makes fantastic nesting shelter for many species of bird.



Beccles Library

Beccles library is now open for 'Select & Collect', reservations and returns, computer use and browsing.

Open 10am – 4pm Monday-Saturday.

Closed on Sundays (and Bank Holidays)

For more info: www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/beccles-library

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 5th May – Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 12th May – Black bin

Wednesday 19th May - Blue & Green

Wednesday 26th May – Black

Wednesday 2nd June - 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

You are reminded not to put nappies or glass in to the blue recycling bins.

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
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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