

MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of Mutford Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th February in Mutford & Rushmere Village Hall. 7pm start.

All residents are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk: Angie Colbridge on 07584 136402 or email clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com

Parish Clerk's Report

There was no PC meeting in January, but during the month the following were completed:

- Road-safety – The Parish Clerk, and a Councillor, attended a meeting with a representative of Suffolk Highways, to discuss various issues including the possibility of signage warning drivers of the crossroads on Hulver Road, speed signs and flooding on local roads.
- Planning – submitted responses to the proposed Anaerobic Digester plant on Copeland Way, Ellough and an Energy Recovery Facility, also in Ellough.
- Fly-tipping – several dumps of rubbish were reported on Mutfordwood Lane, just off Church Road towards Pond Farm.

Minutes will be available at www.mutford.suffolk.cloud once they have been approved by Councillors at the next monthly meeting.

St. Andrew's, Mutford

Next services (all Holy Communion) :

5th Feb. 9am (BCP)

19th Feb. 11am

5th March. 9am (BCP)

To enquire about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral at St Andrew's, please contact the Rev'd Sarah Quantrill on 01502 810552 <https://stpeterscc.org.uk/st-andrews/>

Did you know...?

The next District and Parish Council Elections are due to be held on 4th May 2023.

From this date, all voters in England are required to show photographic identification (photo ID) at polling stations before they are given a ballot paper. You are not required to provide photo ID for postal voting.

Accepted forms of photographic identification include:

- A passport or driving licence, issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state
- A Blue Badge
- An Older Person's or Disabled Person's Bus Pass

If your photo ID has expired, it will still be accepted as long as the photograph is still a good likeness of you.

If you do not have any of the accepted forms of photo ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate in person, by post or online; this is a free photo ID document specifically for the purposes of voting.

For more info:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/elections/voter-photo-id/>

Please don't forget...

Please clean up after your dog(s). Dog mess can transmit diseases including parvo (lung/ eye infection dangerous to children & pregnant women).



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after your dog

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford

Info. correct as of 22nd January 2023.

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC) planning applications:

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

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- DC/23/0039/FUL - Erection of grain store. Red House Farm, Hulver Road, Mutford. Suffolk NR34 7UL
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- DC/22/4799/FUL – 1) New window aperture to front elevation. 2) New window aperture to side elevation and alteration to existing door aperture to form window. 3) New window aperture to rear elevation for cloakroom. 4) Provision of fibre cement cladding to part rear elevation.
3 Welch Close, Mutford. NR34 7UT
ESC status: Awaiting decision

RECENT DECISIONS

- DC/22/4639/FUL - Single Storey Rear Extension. 40 Mill Road, Mutford. NR34 7UR
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- DC/22/4434/FUL - Rear extension & materials. Oakland Lodge, Mutford Wood, Mutford. NR33 8HG
ESC status: Permitted

APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE MUTFORD, OF LOCAL INTEREST:

- SCC/0124/22WSCC/0124/22W - Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion plant and associated infrastructure. Land At Copland Way Ellough Suffolk NR34 7TL.
SCC Status: Awaiting decision
- SCC/0063/22W – Construction and operation of an Energy Recovery Facility within existing building along with associated infrastructure and solar photovoltaics. V.C Cooke Materials Recycling Facility Beccles Recycling Centre Benacre Road Ellough Suffolk NR34 7TQ
Status: Awaiting decision

Planning application for a new Anaerobic Digester plant - update

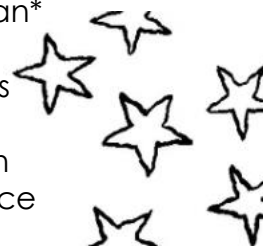
Suffolk County Council's 'Development and Regulation Committee' is due to decide the outcome of the planning application for a new Anaerobic Digester plant, next to the existing facility on Copeland Way in Ellough. The decision date has yet to be announced.

To access full details of the application, and responses, go to:

<http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/Search/Advanced> and enter applicant number SCC/0124/22W

Dark skies – and starry skies...

Mutford's Neighbourhood Plan* says that 'During public engagement, many residents proactively expressed their enjoyment of the dark skies in the parish, and the importance of conserving them'.



Indeed, one of the 10 policies in the Plan aims to 'respect the dark skies that are characteristic of the parish'.

One of the benefits of dark skies is to see and enjoy the stars. You can take part in 'Citizen Science' and help the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) with their annual Star Count, to map where dark skies are and identify where light pollution from buildings and roads is a problem.

You can take part in the Star Count anytime between 17th – 24th February.

For more information about the Star Count, go to:

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-care-about/nature-and-landscapes/dark-skies/star-count-2023/>

* To read Mutford's Neighbourhood Plan: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Neighbourhood-Planning/Designated-Neighbourhood-Areas/Mutford/Mutford-Neighbourhood-Plan.pdf>

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Everyone aged 50+ and/or those at high risk from COVID-19 or who are pregnant, and frontline health and social care workers, can now book a seasonal/ autumn booster. Call 119 (free from landlines and mobiles), or go online:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

Avian Flu

All bird keepers in England must still house their birds indoors and follow stringent biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the disease, regardless of type or size. For more info:

www.gov.uk/government/news/bird-flu-avian-influenza-latest-situation-in-england

Keep warm

As part of East Suffolk Council's Warm Rooms initiative, Beccles Library will be offering a warm room with free hot drinks, cuppa soup and more.

Everyone is welcome to come in, and warm up:

Tuesdays 9.30am – 12noon

Saturdays 9.30am – 5pm

Sundays 10am – 3pm

All Suffolk Libraries are warm, safe spaces where you can spend time in the warm for free.

www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on/warm-space

Have you heard...?

The deadline for using Royal Mail's regular stamps without a barcode has now been extended to 31st July 2023 (it was previously due to be 31st January 2023).

Special Stamps with pictures on and Christmas Stamps without a barcode will continue to be valid and don't need to be swapped out.

Read more here:

www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps



Rural Coffee Caravan

Sotterley Chapel. NR34 7TX

Thursday 2nd Feb and Thurs 2nd March.

10am – 12noon.

Free coffee and friendly chat

Monday Club

Next meeting: **Monday 6th Feb. 1pm.**

Mutford Village Hall.

Lunch, competitions & raffle.

For more information call Jean 476707

Quiz

Sunday 19th Feb. 2pm

Mutford & Rushmere Village Hall

Teams of up to 6 people.

£4 per person,

to include tea/coffee & cake.

Raffle & interval competition.

To enter a team, call Pam 01502 476280

Indoor Car Boot/ Table Top Sale

Sunday 12th March from 10am

Mutford & Rushmere Village Hall

£5 per table (which will be provided).

Space is limited, so please book a table.

Light refreshments will be on sale.

Call Roy 01502 476707

Save the date – Monday 8th May

Mutford & Rushmere Village Hall

Committee propose

to celebrate the

Coronation of

King Charles III

with a tea party.

Do you have

suggestions for

the rest of the party?

Call Roy 01502 476707



Need help – or want to help?

East Suffolk Council is co-ordinating a comprehensive programme of support to help people in East Suffolk with the rising cost of living.

Whether you are worried about the cost of living, or you want to help those who are, the website pages provide information on **'money'**; **'food and essentials'**; **'fuel and energy'**; **'housing'** and **'activities and offers'**.

The info will be updated as new schemes, advice and support becomes available.

Go to
www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/squeeze/

Suffolk Mobile Library

Next visits of mobile library to Mutford:

Thursday 16th Feb. and 16th March 2023

10.30-10.45am Lindenette (near Land Rover garage)

10.50-11.05am - Old Post Office (near Cross-roads on Hulver Road)

11.10-11.25am - Village Hall, Mill Road

To report fly-tipping:

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

Or call East Suffolk Council: **03330 162 000**

To report fallen trees or pot-holes

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

Or call Suffolk County Council: **0345 606 6171**

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

Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 1st Feb. – Black bin

Wednesday 8th Feb. – Blue & Green

Wednesday 15th Feb. – Black

Wednesday 22nd Feb. – Blue & Green

Wednesday 1st Mar. – Black

Bins should be out by 6am

For missed bins call 03330 162000

8.45am-5pm Mon-Wed/ Fridays

9.30am – 5pm Thursdays

Did you know...?

Waste from your black (general rubbish) bin is sent to the Energy-from-waste facility at Great Blakenham, near Ipswich, where it is burnt at high temperatures and used to generate electricity for over 40,000 homes.

What **NOT** to put in your black bin

- Batteries: these should be taken to the nearest collection point (there are bins at most supermarkets, and recycling centres)
- Liquid paint: small amounts (such as less than a 1/4 tin-full) of emulsion or acrylic paint can, once dry and solid, be double-bagged and disposed in the black bin or taken to recycling centre. To aid the drying process, take off lid and add sand, dirt or sawdust.

RECYCLING CENTRE ('Council tip')

Book a slot to use the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft.

Free to use for household waste.

Open 9-4pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun. 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>

Anything else...?

Please let us know if there is other information you would like included in this newsletter...

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