

June 2025 Parish Report

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Care Market Strategy

On Tuesday 13 May, Cabinet approved the council's new five-year Care Market Strategy, The strategy sets out how the council will work with care providers in the county and other voluntary and community organizations to ensure there is enough care accommodation and workforce to meet adult social care need. Demand is forecast to keep growing. and providing better support for unpaid carers.

You can read the new strategy here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/suffolk-care-market-strategy-2025-2030.pdf>

THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE' at meeting with the head ; Still no memo of understanding from the DFE but looking to increase numbers to 1,800. Current plans would put 6th form in the library classes.

THURSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL; plans announced to provide more accommodation (why this not foreseen???)

ROAD WORKS/ A14 any notice of any Hgv,s not using diversion and extra traffic?

Council Objections to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

The Cabinet meeting on 13 May also agreed that the council should object to the proposals for the Sea Link Grid Reinforcement, .

The council has also objected to the plans for Eco Power's new large solar farm in north Suffolk, based on several factors including the loss of good quality agricultural land, the impact on communities and the local landscape and damage from cable corridors. A statutory consultation on the plans is expected later in the year.

VALLEY FARM SOLAR FARM the above may be useful for any comments from the parishes.

Consultation launched on Developer Contributions

Suffolk County Council has launched a consultation so Suffolk residents can give their views on the contributions which can be sought from developers proposing major planning applications. In 2011, the council published the "Developers Guide to Infrastructure Contributions to make developers aware of what they should consider, and the financial contributions they should take into account to mitigate for the impact of new developments such as housing estates. Developers need to provide funding to the county council to absorb the impact of extra housing to enable it to provide council services, and the

consultation asks for public feedback on how this should be calculated. The consultation is open until 9 June and you can find it here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/developers-guide-to-infrastructure-contributions-in-suffolk>

Council Annual General Meeting

On Thursday 22 May, all three motions tabled were passed by the council, these included a motion against the government's proposed changes to public consultation for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) like solar farm applications. The council also agreed motions proposing a ban on live animals being used as prizes on council land, and to support the campaign for Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to be eligible for the 20 year long service medal which is currently for warranted police officers only.

Local Government Reorganization – Engagement Meetings

Suffolk County Council is currently arranging meetings with town and parish councils (As the administration's position is that one council would be best for Suffolk, it is likely that they will be promoting this at the meetings. The one in Woolpit is on 6th June 7.30. County councillors have not been invited to the meetings but as your representatives, we would very much like to be there – if you are attending one of these meetings, please make contact with your local county councillor to find out if they are coming.

Nominations sought for Suffolk Community Awards 2025

Nominations are now open for the Suffolk Community Awards 2025, which is organized by Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Association of Local Councils. The awards ceremony will showcase the excellent work and achievements of individuals, groups and local councils across Suffolk with 18 awards, including a new one for a local council's efforts respond to climate change. Other award categories cover youth participation and young person of the year, community building, contribution to volunteering, most active community and council, councillor, young councillor and clerk of the year. Nominations are now open and must be made by Sunday 13 July at www.suffolkcommunityawards.co.uk

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Cost of Living help and advice:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6>

Benefits advice and support:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/adult.page?adultchannel=0>

Flood preparation advice: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/what-to-do-in-a-flood>

<https://suffolkprepared.co.uk/get-prepared/risk-advice/flooding/>

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