

## Greenprint Forum Newsletter—Winter 2020/21

A new year has begun and as we leave 2020 behind we look forward to being able to meet together in person to pursue common goals once circumstances permit. This is the time of year when many of us make new year's resolutions and these can be positive changes to our own lifestyles or pledges to take positive actions to help make a difference. Plastic Action Champion Deborah Wargate, from Felixstowe, has made one such pledge and her story is on page 3.



As part of cherishing this earth, as recently placed in the public eye by local art gallery 142 Hamilton Road (left), don't forget to cherish your garden birds—they do of course appreciate food being put out for them all year round but they benefit most from appropriate offerings during the winter according to the RSPB and I find that our garden birds (below) are most fond of high-energy fat balls during these coldest months.

[Feeding Birds | When To Feed Garden Birds - The RSPB](#)

And don't forget the Big Garden Bird Watch 29-31 January to help the RSPB gather data on wild garden birds the results of which enable the RSPB to identify problems. For details of how to participate visit: [Taking Part in Big Garden Birdwatch - RSPB](#)

Delve into the newsletter for more including updates on projects supported by the Community Partnerships; other initiatives in Martlesham, Somerleyton and Waldringfield; Quiet Lanes; and more.

### Update on East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy

The consultation for the East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy has now closed and the East Suffolk officers are assessing the comments in conjunction with Suffolk County Council officers. Approximately 800 different comments were submitted which can all be viewed on the following link:

[Cycling and Walking Issues Raised and Routes Used \(arcgis.com\)](#). Future updates to the project will be made available on the East Suffolk Council website.



## Goodbye and good luck Cathy!

Many of you will know **Cathy Smith** either through her role as a member of our Steering Group, and/or through her primary role as the Funding, Communications and Development Officer at the AONB team. But now we must say farewell and thank you to Cathy as she has left her post with the AONB to start a new year as the Forest for Cornwall Project Officer with Cornwall Council.



For Cathy this marks a return to her home county and I am sure you will join us in wishing her well—and ensure that the right trees go in the right places in Cornwall !

**Simon Amstutz**, AONB Manager said:

“I’m sure you will be aware of the excellent work Cathy has undertaken in supporting the AONB grants programmes over many years and I cannot recall going to a panel meeting where panel members have not singled out for praise and appreciation the work Cathy has done in preparing the panel for decision making. What maybe some times overlooked is that this was only part of the role of AONB Funding and Development Officer role and that her work in developing the ‘Enhancing the Stour Valley for Visitors’, ‘Touching the Tide’ and ‘Coastal Community Funded projects’ has been second to none. Her role in building links to AONB partners and other groups has been second to none. Cathy’s undoubted skills, knowledge and abilities will be missed by the AONB team, AONB partners and AONB communities. I’m sure you will join me in wishing Cathy well in her new adventures in Cornwall.”

**Jane Healey**, Chair of Greenprint Forum, added:

“Cathy has been a member of the Greenprint Forum Steering Group since around 2012 throughout which time she actively pursued and promoted the goals of the Greenprint Forum through the AONB by connecting projects and providing invaluable input and support to the development and delivery of our Greenprint projects in particular Plastic Action. We will of course miss Cathy very much and wish her every success in her new projects in Cornwall.”





## New Year's Resolution for Nature



Inspired by the great work of others like [Litter-free Felixstowe](#) and [Rubbish Walks](#) my New Year's resolution is to undertake 365 litter picks during 2021.

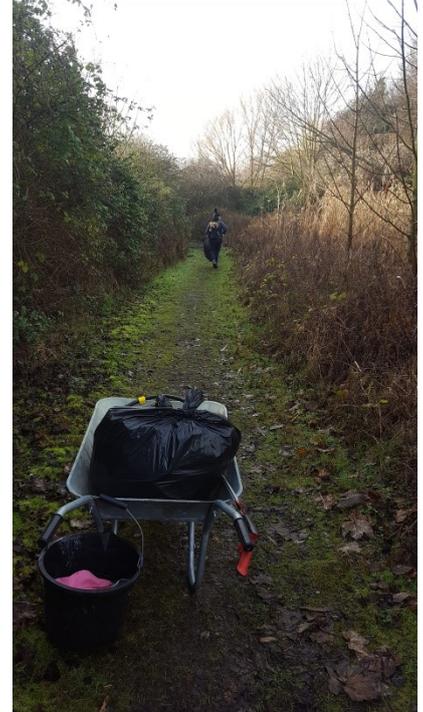
Plastic in the form of bags, lids, bottles, cigarette butts and plastic can rings (aka "seagull stranglers" - *editor's note*) have always been of concern. Not only are they unsightly but they can harm wildlife and over the long term could contribute to microplastics which make their way into us. They are a large part of the reason I became a Plastic Action Champion and have made this pledge.

Sometimes my daily litter pick will be a quick fifteen minute dash at lunchtime with a bucket and a stick, and other times when we have more time hubby and I will take the wheelbarrow and head to a grotspot for an afternoon litter blitz. So far this has of course either been close to home in or around Felixstowe, or close to my place of work in Stowmarket – but once we are allowed to go on UK holidays when lockdown eases I'll hopefully try to remember to bring a bag a bucket and a pick stick.

Picking litter can be frustrating but I generally find the positives outweigh the negatives, with words of encouragement from travelling tradesmen in their vans, binmen on their rounds, and grateful local residents and work colleagues, helping to uplift what can be a messy and sometimes smelly task – and of course the reward of knowing that at the end of each pick I've made a small difference locally to what is after all a wider national, and global, issue.

We can all help to reduce opportunities for waste to escape into nature by recycling properly and best of all by buying wisely – so support those local businesses who offer refills (see [Refill Directory - Suffolk Recycling](#) for local refill vendors—ed) or minimal, recyclable or home compostable certified packaging. And if you're also out picking litter during these difficult times – thank you – and remember to keep Covid-safe.

**Deborah Wargate**, Plastic Action Champion



# Update on Quiet Lanes Suffolk

## Phase 1 Self-Help Trial

Notices of Designation for Quiet Lanes for two of the lead parishes who developed the self-help process, Snape (4 lanes) and Glemsford (3 lanes), have now been passed uncontested following local consultation. Suffolk County Highways will now formalise the designations and erect the signage on the seven newly designated Quiet Lanes as soon as practicable.

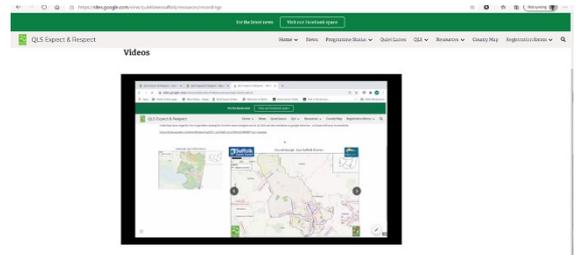


## Phase 2 Nominations

The response has far exceeded our original expectations, with 40% of all Suffolk Parishes having nominated at least one Quiet Lane in their Parish. Nominations by Parish, Lane, Route and Distance are summarised below.

Values	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk	Grand Total
Number of PARISHES engaged	37	78	1	51	25	192
Number of nominated LANES	90	185	11	89	40	399
Number of nominated ROUTES	70	150	7	73	36	323
Indicative number of signposts	188	362	12	166	68	796
Total DISTANCE of Routes (km)	113	210	8	123	70	507
% of nominated Routes	23%	46%	3%	22%	10%	
Percentage of Parishes engaged per District	49%	44%	0%	41%	24%	
Avg number of Routes per Parish	1.9	1.9	7.0	1.4	1.4	
Avg length of Routes per District (km)	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.7	1.9	

**ALL Nominated Lanes as per 31Dec2020 deadline**  
 40% Percentage of Parishes engaged across Suffolk  
 2.1 Average no. of Lanes per Parish  
 1.7 Average no. of Routes per Parish  
 2.5 Average no. of indicative signposts per Route  
 1.6 Average length (km) per lane



The latest status summary for Parishes and Lanes is shown as a separate layer on the QLS Map [www.QuietLanesSuffolk.co.uk/map](http://www.QuietLanesSuffolk.co.uk/map) and we have produced an instructional video for parish leads to walk through the use of the layers of the map.

Designations and implementations during Phase 2 will be split into three or four batches (“Waves”) to take place during 2021.

- Sixteen Parishes (six in East Suffolk) are aiming to be part of the first Wave of batched designations, for up to 44 routes (29 in East Suffolk) and these parishes will in the coming weeks be advertising their proposals around the Parish and Lane(s) and hold an open public meeting. The Wave 1 public consultation process (formal Notice of Designation Schedule lasting 21 days) is planned to commence from 22 February 2021 (subject to prevailing Covid restrictions) with designations following in April. The map linked above contains a layer showing which parishes are in Wave 1.

- Funding newsflash – we’re delighted that SCC has allocated an additional £50,000 towards the delivery of this project in addition to the existing allocation from SCC and the funding secured from ESC by the Greenprint Forum. This will help delivery of the project given the increased number of nominations above our original expectations.

The QLS board are keeping in regular touch with volunteer leads from the participating Parish Councils via bi-weekly Q & A sessions held on Zoom to keep the parishes abreast of timeline and actions required as well as providing the opportunity for volunteer leads to ask questions / seek clarification on any issues with the QLS team.

We look forward to providing another update on progress in the spring Greenprint newsletter.

**Andrew Cassy** (Secretary) and **Marianne Munday** (Chair)



## Update on joint correspondence with Westminster

Just before Christmas the Steering Group, with the council's Environment Task Group (ETG), continued our correspondence with the national Government to press our various asks for positive changes to the framework set by Government to make it possible for local authorities to take the actions necessary to respond to the climate emergency that we all recognise.

We have since received a response from the Department for Transport (below) and await responses from Defra, BEIS and MCHLG. We'll keep you updated as the correspondence progresses but in the meantime copies of all the letters sent and received can be found here: [Work so far » East Suffolk Council](#) (the latest letters sent and the latest response from DfT can be found in the entry for December, the initial letter sent and the earlier response received from BEIS can be found in the entry for August).



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24 December 2020

Dear Councillor Mallinder and Ms Healey,

Thank you for your letter of 10 December to Grant Shapps on behalf of the East Suffolk Greenprint Forum (ESGF) and East Suffolk Council's (ESC's) Environment Task Group (ETG) regarding climate change commitments. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this issue.

I am pleased to hear of the work that ESG and ESGF are doing to meet the challenge of climate change in Suffolk and for the ESC to become carbon neutral by 2030. This government shares many of East Suffolk's climate change ambitions – we are committed to going further and faster to tackle climate change, which is why we are developing a bold and ambitious Transport Decarbonisation Plan (TDP) to achieve net zero emissions across all modes of transport.

In our March publication "Decarbonising Transport: Setting the Challenge", we presented six strategic priorities to enable us to take a holistic approach and identify the policies and actions for the TDP, including accelerating modal shift to public and active transport; decarbonisation of road vehicles; and place-based solutions for emissions reduction.

Where it is possible, the Government want public and active travel to be the natural first choice for our daily activities. On 9 May, we announced a £2 billion investment to boost greener, active transport – including pop-up bike lanes with protected space for cycling, wider pavements, safer junctions, and cycle and bus-only corridors. Our July publication "Gear Change: a bold vision for cycling and walking" is a 33-point plan setting out our commitments to improve safety, infrastructure, and the quality of our streets and enable people to take up higher levels of cycling and walking.

The plan was accompanied by the publication of new infrastructure design guidelines and a consultation on changes to The Highway Code to improve safety for cycling and walking, which included consultation on introducing a hierarchy of road users. The consultation on changes to The Highway Code is now closed and a Government response will be published in due course.

The Government also recently announced that the UK will phase out the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2030, and that from 2035 all new cars and vans must be zero emissions at the tailpipe. Between 2030 and 2035, any new cars and vans sold that emit from the tailpipe must have significant zero emission capability. The Government and industry have also supported the installation of over 19,000 publicly available charging devices including over 3,500 rapid devices – one of the largest networks in Europe.

Including place-based solutions for emissions reduction as one of our six strategic priorities for transport decarbonisation recognises that different decarbonisation solutions will be required and will work best in different places across the UK. Taking a place-based approach will enable us to engage communities in building their own net zero visions and encourage and enable further progress.

Launched in February 2020, DfT's Rural Mobility Fund – worth £20 million – aims to trial demand-responsive transport solutions in providing transport services which work better for residents of rural and suburban areas than traditional transport services. Solutions would either fill a gap in provision, where there is no current local transport offer, or complement existing timetables bus services, for example by acting as a feed-in service. Successful bids for the fund will receive a share of £20 million to trial new on-demand services or to improve existing services in rural and suburban areas. We received a total of 56 bids – including one for East Suffolk. We expect to be able to announce which local authorities have been shortlisted in January. Finally, the Government's Future of Transport programme aims to secure the UK's position as a world-leading innovator, creating a greener and more inclusive future transport system for us all. The 'Future of transport: rural strategy – call for evidence' was launched in November and closes on 16 February 2021. I encourage your organisations to feed into this consultation.

Yours sincerely,

RACHEL MACLEAN

PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT



## Reclaiming Bungay's Old Cemetery



Pic: Andrew Atterwill

Bungay Town Council's newly established Bungay Old Cemetery Steering Group, along with enthusiastic volunteers, began some seasonal restoration work on the site of the Old Cemetery before Christmas. Among the jobs for the day were planting native species of trees and bushes in the gaps to re-establish the boundary hedgerow, removing ivy from stone walls and pillars and clearing litter from this beautiful site.

This is a project established by Bungay Town Council working in partnership with East Suffolk Council and funded through the local Community Partnership. It has the potential to create a beautiful tranquil environment for people to enjoy, with many mature and possibly some ancient yew trees. With careful husbandry it will open up the opportunity for residents to explore local history and come together in a project to protect and further establish and enhance a habitat for wild flowers, small mammals, bats, birds and insects on their doorstep.

CLlr Judy Cloke, Chair of the local Community Partnership, reminds us of the value of projects like this, saying: "The pandemic has highlighted the need for all of us to pay attention to the mental health and well being of everyone around us, even those who might appear not to be affected. All of our projects address the need for everyone to have quiet, contemplative space in their lives."



If you're interested in volunteering with, or otherwise supporting, the project, or just want to find out more, please contact [sue.collins@bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sue.collins@bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Brief update on Kesgrave, Martlesham & Villages CP Small Grants for Environmental Care

The Kesgrave, Martlesham and Villages Community Partnership have awarded over £10,000 to 11 separate projects in the area that focus on the Partnerships priority of 'Environmental Care'. A variety of organisations were successful in their bids, and all of them will also be encouraged to engage with funding and bid writing support to progress their future plans. More information about these exciting projects will be available in a forthcoming Forum newsletter.

**Andrew Jolliffe**, ESC Communities Officer





## **Martlesham Parish Council Climate Emergency Declaration – what next?**

Along with many other Parish Councils, Martlesham has declared a ‘climate emergency’. What does this mean and what can/should we be doing about it? Here are some of our first thoughts and steps on creating a community response to the climate emergency.

### **Climate Change**

This refers to the overwhelming body of scientific evidence gathered over several decades that the world’s climate is changing due to increasing average global temperatures caused by increased levels of carbon dioxide (and other green house gases) in the atmosphere predominately as a direct result of burning fossil fuels (oil, gas and coal). Oil, gas and coal have been locked away in the Earth for millennia, but since the industrial revolution, humans have been extracting them and using them to power our modern economies. Indeed, fossil fuels have delivered substantial improvements in food, health and general wealth for much of an increasing world population. However, it is increasingly obvious that this has come at a terrible cost to the Earth’s environment (animals, plants, soil, pollution, water, air etc). Even worse, the Earth’s climate is changing as a direct consequence of humans burning fossil fuels threatening our very civilization we have built on the back of those fossil fuels. Climate change is impacting lives across the globe now. Now is the time for action for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and ourselves.

### **What can I do?**

It all seems insurmountable, but the biggest threat to humanity is that we ignore the threat and individually do nothing hoping someone else will fix it. To quote Sir David Attenborough “what happens next is up to all of us”. It will be a hard slog to change our comfortable fossil fuel based ways of life but a combination of Governments’ policies nudging us into the right behaviors and grassroots initiatives can give us hope.

### **So what can we do as individuals and as a parish?**

We have set up ‘Martlesham Climate Action’, a Martlesham Parish Council ‘Climate Emergency Working Group’ to act as a catalyst to help promote, support and extend existing initiatives and drive new ones with a focus on reducing carbon footprints and protecting and enhancing biodiversity.

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Here are some ideas some of which are already being undertaken by our Parish and other communities:

- Run a community 'carbon reduction forum'. Teach and share with each other about how our lives cause carbon dioxide emissions (transport, food, heating, fashion etc) and share ideas on how we can reduce carbon emissions that we cause (e.g. switching our electricity tariff to 100% renewable, installation of more insulation, installation of solar panels and heat pumps, try and re-use and fix than chuck and replace, consume less, source more locally, consider dietary changes, travel less by plane and car etc....)
- Give nature a helping hand (protect and enhance biodiversity) through tree planting (e.g. the new Bright's Orchard), 're-wilding' gardens and verges (e.g. Martlesham Heath Householder Ltd wild flower verge initiative), protecting our woods (Portal Woods group), protecting our SSSI (Martlesham Conservation Group). Consider putting this under the 'WildEast' banner targeting 20% of land including gardens to be 're-wilded'.
- Run a Martlesham Repair café.
- Embrace the [Plastic Action Champion](#) initiative from the Greenprint Forum by appointing champions in the parish (this links to litter picking activities around the parish).
- Lobby local and national politicians for better public transport and cycle lanes.
- Pledge not to use peat in compost, reduce/stop flying, use the bus for that shopping trip rather than jump in the car.

If you are interested in getting involved in one or more of these areas (e.g sharing your experiences of reducing your carbon emissions, becoming a 'Plastic Action Champion', helping create a 'Wild East Martlesham' building on current conservation projects), please contact us at:

[martleshamclimateaction@btinternet.com](mailto:martleshamclimateaction@btinternet.com)

[Home » Martlesham Climate Action \(onesuffolk.net\)](#)

Our meetings are monthly on Zoom. We are also planning to arrange a special Martlesham Climate Summit next year when we are allowed to meet up again.

**Dave Green & Paul Whitby** (co-chairs Martlesham Climate Action)



## Community action restoring industrial land to nature

The Brick Kiln site in Somerleyton is an important area of industrial archaeology. It is the remains of the Belgian Kiln which operated from circa 1780 to 1939 and was demolished after WW2, having earlier been closed down at the beginning of the war for fear that the fires would provide location advice to enemy aircraft.



Following its destruction the Belgian Kiln site gradually became overgrown and a haven for wildlife. Some years ago Ashby, Herringfleet & Somerleyton Parish Council obtained permission from the Somerleyton Estate to preserve the site with 2 aims: to show the industrial heritage and to encourage wild flowers, insects and wild animals.

Following advice from Suffolk Wildlife Trust, every year the spent flowers and grass are cut down and the cuttings removed to prevent enrichment of the soil. The ivy on the ruins is trimmed so as to maintain it in a juvenile state whilst allowing the ruins to be seen. (Removing the ivy would probably harm the brickwork beneath and it would remove a habitat for wildlife.)



Each year at the end of September or beginning of October the Parish Council organise the Tidy Up with volunteers through Somerleyton Together. The cutting down of the vegetation is done by one of our local gardening contractors (for free) in the week before the Tidy Up. On the Sunday, normally 10 or a dozen people come along with their wheelbarrows and rakes to clear all the cut vegetation and to trim the ivy. The Tidy Up takes about 1.5 to 2 hours and is a very active and social event - even in the rain this time round when we undertook the 2020 Tidy Up on 4<sup>th</sup> October!



To get involved, or just to find out more, contact [hello@ashvillages.org.uk](mailto:hello@ashvillages.org.uk)  
[Somerleyton Together | For community events and support in Ashby, Herringfleet & Somerleyton](#)

Information supplied by Parish Councillor **Simon Phillips** and ESC Councillor **Paul Ashdown**

All pics courtesy of Simon Phillips



## Cleaner Waldringfield

Many thanks to Neil and Sue, Anne and Rob, Lizzie and Rob, Colin, Jill, Christine, Rolls and James and Nigel for a stalwart October morning's work from the village up to beyond the layby towards the A12.



Left: The lay-by – the Barclays take special ownership and always build their tranche into a sort of barricade.

Right: Enjoying a well-deserved cup of coffee – not the full complement: some had other urgent things to do....



Below: A little mini fridge among other things



Right: The big round thing is a sofa – with a revolving base! There was also a sheet and a face-cloth.....



Afterward the edges look deliciously green and clean – and there was less than last year and vastly less than 2018 when we unearthed a lot of very historic mess. Still some of that surfacing (the bits of plastic that will become micro-plastic if left to degrade any further) – and the commonest items remain drinks containers: plastic bottle, cans, cups and a few bottles. Several new plates and a couple of mugs and knives and pyrex bowls (labels still on the back!) are going to Oxfam, and some good paving slabs are finding a use, as also a piece of pipe big enough to be a substantial planter.

It takes three litter sweeps a year to keep this area clean – again very many thanks to all those who helped.

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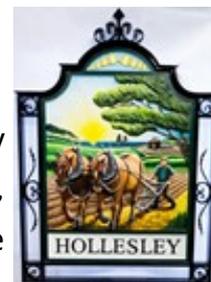
**Betsy Reid**—Greener Waldringfield & Plastic Action Champion

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

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## Net Zero Hollesley



In October 2020, Hollesley was chosen to pilot a brand-new project, funded by the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership and delivered by Groundwork East, which will see the village receive an action plan detailing how it could become a net zero community.

This is the first project of its kind in Suffolk and offers a real opportunity for Hollesley to lead the way in climate action and create a strong, resilient community that can continue to thrive.

James Mallinder, Councillor for Deben Ward and Cabinet member for the Environment at East Suffolk Council said, "I am so very pleased to be supporting such a project here in my ward. As we pause in our daily lives with changes in our living patterns under Covid-19, this is an ideal opportunity to stop and think about how we want our future. Living in the middle of the AONB and surrounded by some of the most beautiful landscapes in the UK, we more than most understand how our landscapes are very fragile, and how important it is to seriously consider and make changes in our behaviour."

### Eco Friendly Development



As valuable community assets, the Village Hall and Primary School have received in depth energy audits, detailing specifically how they can reduce their emissions. The audits have shown the Village Hall could reduce its carbon footprint by 4.8 tonnes of carbon dioxide and the School by 19.9 tonnes of carbon dioxide. As well as reducing carbon, the actions identified would also significantly reduce the running costs of these organisations.

With the help of keen volunteers, a householder survey has also been distributed to residents of Hollesley. The survey asked residents about their annual energy consumption, their travel habits, and what energy efficiency improvements they would like to make to their home. The results of the survey will be used to calculate a carbon footprint for Hollesley which will be used as a baseline to inform the actions included within the plan.

The project is due to end in April 2021 and a further update on its progress will be given in a future Greenprint Forum newsletter.

In the meantime, if you'd like to find out more about the project, please contact Sarah Gill at Groundwork East.

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Pic: James Mallinder



## Rural Community Energy Fund

Clean, renewable energy generation at community level is beneficial both to the community and the wider environment. By reducing dependence on energy generation from fossil fuels, communities can secure future energy supply, gain protection from rising fuel costs and reduce the risk of fuel poverty. Income from renewable projects can be used to provide benefits to the community, create jobs and promote social cohesion.



The Rural Community Energy Fund is a £10 million programme that supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects with community benefit. In our area it is being delivered by the Greater South East Energy Hub on behalf of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs.

A stage One Feasibility Grant offers up to £40,000 to cover the professional costs of developing a feasibility report in a standard format. A stage two Development Grant offers up to £100,000 and is intended for projects that demonstrate a good chance of securing planning permission and being implemented. This covers more detailed investigation into the key areas of technology selection including the cost of securing a site (such as legal fees), environmental impact assessments, submitting planning and permitting applications and developing a business plan.

To find out more visit: [Rural Community Energy Fund - Greater South East Energy Hub](#) - the website also contains case studies of projects elsewhere in the greater south east region that have benefited from the fund.

## Update on Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan

On behalf of Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders, the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership has been working with Ricardo Energy & Environment to produce a Climate Emergency Plan for the county, responding to the Local Authorities' various declarations recognising the Climate Emergency. Having concluded a series of on-line engagement sessions as part of gathering feedback from local and regional stakeholders, Ricardo are now working through the outputs ahead of presenting a draft Plan for review at the end of the January.

These sessions brought stakeholders together to focus on a set of key themes, and we will shortly be reaching back out to these groups as we look towards Plan implementation. If you were involved in the sessions, or have since provided feedback—thank you. If you have not previously been involved and would like to form part of the collaborative community which will be supporting delivery of the Plan, please contact:

Daniel Wareing [greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) and/or David Walton [david.walton@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:david.walton@suffolk.gov.uk) - we would love to hear from you! [Suffolk Climate Change Partnership \(greensuffolk.org\)](http://suffolkclimatechange.org)

## Suffolk's Natural Capital

Suffolk and Norfolk County Councils have commissioned a [Natural Capital Evidence Compendium for Norfolk and Suffolk](#) from The School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia. This presents the latest information on the natural assets in Suffolk, the pressure they are under, and the consequent risks to the benefits we depend upon them for. It identifies some priorities for consideration as part of a long-term plan for protecting and restoring this natural capital and the services they provide. This work is ongoing; for further information please contact Tim De-Keyzer: [tim.de-keyzer@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:tim.de-keyzer@suffolk.gov.uk)

Category	Suffolk	Norfolk	England
Speed of boat moorings	£2,205,000	£14,124,000	£16,329,000
Of accommodation spend	2%	2%	2%
Number of water rights	112,000	207,000	319,000
Of water rights	112,000	207,000	319,000
Of water rights	2%	2%	2%
Of water rights	1%	1%	1%



## A word on waste

As recently elected Chair of Suffolk Waste Partnership I work closely with our neighbouring districts to make sure we make the best decisions when we look at our waste policy .



Here in East Suffolk we have separate bins for our recyclables, our non-recyclables, and if we opt in, one for our garden waste too. By making sure our waste goes into the correct bins we will be doing something positive for the environment. We all understand we are living in a climate emergency and we must match our words with actions, so by thinking about which bin to use we can all make a personal contribution to making a difference.

In Summary:

Recycling bins –recyclables are initially separated into their individual waste streams at the Gt Blakenham Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) before onward transport to national and international destinations for processing back into raw materials e.g plastic bottles back into plastic flake for use in new manufacturing processes: [Where Recycling Goes](#)

Garden waste bins – all garden waste collected from Suffolk homes is processed at composting facilities within Suffolk: [Where Garden Waste Goes](#)

Refuse bins – all Suffolk’s residual rubbish goes to the energy from waste plant (EfW) at Gt Blakenham for thermal treatment and is turned into electricity –for more information see: [Where Rubbish Goes](#)

Recyclables are dealt with through Viridor who process our materials in compliance with the law, ensuring that our collected recyclables are sent to end destinations that have been licenced and accredited by the Environment Agency who are in turn responsible for monitoring compliance with national and international waste regulations. The waste market works like any commodities market and fluctuates in price, however the important principle is quality. The better quality, the stronger the demand to process into new packaging and items. In the last year we had contamination of 20% in our recycling bins, so making sure we only include items allowed in the blue bin will lead to less rejection and better quality material. Those of you who are fabulous Plastic Action Champions are playing a key role in helping others in your community understand how they can do their bit to improve the quality of what we collect by separating their waste at source as best as possible.

If you’re still after an idea for a New Year’s Resolution why not resolve to help tackle this important issue of contamination by spreading the message about cutting waste and recycling it right – and please feel free to use some of the other ideas for New Year’s Resolutions from this handy list: [Residents asked to consider the environment in New Year’s resolutions](#)

The small changes in thinking about our waste and getting it right will have an impact. Climate issues are often at such a scale of ice caps melting or burning of rainforest which can make one powerless to make a difference, but collectively thinking about our waste and making the correct decisions where we do have the power to, such as how we sort our own rubbish at home, will if done collectively and consistently make a real positive contribution to the debate.

Everything is linked through cause and effect – to really have an impact on waste we need to reduce our consumption, shop local and reuse as much as possible.



Pic: Andrew Kahumbu

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# Getting it sorted

A new county-wide campaign has been launched to help get Suffolk's recycling right.

Each year more than 10,000 tonnes (about 20%) of recycling from Suffolk homes is rejected due to the wrong items being placed in Suffolk's recycling bins. This is the same as 1 in 5 lorries full of recycling going to waste. The cost of sorting and disposing this spoiled recycling is more than £1million.

The new awareness campaign, launched by the Suffolk Waste Partnership is called *Together We Can Get Our Recycling Right*. It includes a leaflet to all households (attached) with the do's and don'ts of what can easily be recycled at home, plus tips on how to recycle other items not accepted in home recycling bins. The campaign will be supported on the Suffolk Recycling website and social media channels.

There are three simple steps that householders can take to improve the quality of their recycling. These include:



Put glass in a bottle bank, not in your wheelie bin

No bagged items. Keep your recycling empty, clean and dry

Keep all food out of your recycling bin. Put any food you cannot eat or compost in your rubbish bin.

You can recycle the following items in your recycling bin at home: plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, metal cans, aerosols and foil and paper, card and books. The worst offending items incorrectly found in recycling bins include glass, black sacks, food waste, cartons and nappies.

More information about what you can and can't recycle can be found at [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk) or follow Suffolk Recycling on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)

Remember to check out the A-Z—the oracle for finding out about the reduction, reuse, recycling and composting options open for a vast range of items. [A to Z of recycling - Suffolk Recycling](#)



**We ONLY want these items in your recycling bin**

Items should be  **EMPTY**  **CLEAN**  **DRY** **NO BAGGED ITEMS**



**Please NEVER put these items in your recycling bin**

They will contaminate the recycling and **YOUR BIN WILL NOT BE EMPTIED**

 <b>YES</b> Plastics	 <b>YES</b> Metals	 <b>YES</b> Paper/card	 <b>NO</b> Black sacks, plastic bags or wrappers	 <b>NO</b> Food	 <b>NO</b> Nappies	
 Plastic bottles - empty, wash, squash and lid on	 Food and drinks cans	 Paper, newspapers, magazines and junk mail	 Put these in your rubbish bin	 Put these in your rubbish bin	 Put these in your rubbish bin	
 Plastic yoghurt pots, tubs and food trays	 Aluminium foil and trays - roll foil into a ball	 Cardboard, clean food packaging, boxes and cards	 <b>NO Glass</b>	 <b>NO Textiles</b>	 <b>NO Cartons</b> e.g. Tetra Pak	
 Bathroom and household cleaning with all tops on	 Empty aerosols - e.g. deodorant, air freshener	 Books, paperback and hardback	These can be recycled elsewhere - see back cover			 <b>NO</b> crisp packets - polystyrene - pet food pouches pill packs - toys - plant pots - tissues - kitchen roll wipes - shredded paper - wood - hazardous waste



## Consultations to be aware of

### Government consultations:

Defra is consulting on proposals for compulsory microchipping of cats and compulsory scanning of dogs and cats for microchips: [Cat and Dog Microchipping and Scanning in England - Defra - Citizen Space](#)  
**Closes 17 February 2021**

Defra is consulting on its draft revised UK National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides: [Sustainable Use of Pesticides: Draft National Action Plan - Defra - Citizen Space](#) **closes 26 February 2021**

DfT are consulting on how rural communities can benefit from transport innovation: [Future of Transport: rural strategy – call for evidence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) **closes 16 February 2021**

MCHLG is consulting on proposed changes to Building Regulations and a Future Buildings Standard: [The Future Buildings Standard - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) **closes 13 April 2021**

Experts, stakeholders and the public have a role in helping Defra to develop environmental targets under the framework of the Environment Bill [19 August 2020: Environment Bill - environmental targets - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) . If you are interested you can register for updates from Defra, which their website states may include newsletters to communicate progress or invitations to contribute your views on particular topics (e.g. via online surveys):  
[Sign-up for updates on Environmental Targets - Defra - Citizen Space](#)

### Local consultations and surveys:

East Suffolk Council is consulting residents, businesses and other interested parties to seek views on the future of open spaces and outdoor and indoor sports facilities: [Have your say on open spaces in East Suffolk » East Suffolk Council](#) **closes 29 January 2021**

Suffolk County Council is consulting on a new Streets Guide providing guidance to assist with the design of new residential developments that include sustainable transport layouts that promote walking and cycling: [Suffolk Design: Streets Guide | Suffolk County Council](#) **closes 10 February 2021**

The Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB are carrying out a survey of users of the footpaths next to the Stour and Orwell Estuaries to better understand how and why people choose to spend their leisure time here, and what impact, if any, that has on the wintering birds in the area: [Enjoying the Stour and Orwell Estuaries \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](#) **closes mid March 2021**

Natural England is seeking representations on proposals to improve public access to a 41km stretch of coast between Felixstowe Ferry and Bawdsey extending around the Deben Estuary: [England Coast Path proposals published for Suffolk - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) **closes 3 February 2021**



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## Closing note from Editor

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