

Parish Report – November 2022

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For information on local support during the Cost-of-Living Crisis, visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/CostOfLiving

Latest SCC COVID information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For information on supporting Ukrainian refugees in Suffolk, email:

refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk or ukrainesupport@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

Cost of Living Budget Survey – SCC Open up for your thoughts

SCC has released a survey to local residents, asking for their thoughts on the upcoming 2023/24 budget. A summary of responses will be considered when deciding how to spend your money. With inflationary pressures, our Group expects government to seek spending cuts – meaning public services could be cut and council Reserves may have to be used.

For a link to the online survey, click here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/7BQY0J/>

Cost-of-Living Leaflet: Updated to Show Support

Over 85,000 leaflets, highlighting information and guidance during the crisis, were distributed amongst Suffolk communities. The leaflet shows all the help Suffolk offers with finances and household expenses, as well as how to stay warm this winter. Our Group strongly suggest anyone vulnerable to take a look at how Suffolk can help.

For a link to the leaflet, click here: <https://suffolk.pagetiger.com/cost-of-living-support/scc1>

SCC's Launch of 'Winter Matters' Campaign

SCC have launched their Winter Matters campaign, which aims to help ease the pressures of winter for Suffolk residents. This is a signposting campaign that centres around five key themes: Finances, Safety, Environment, Health and Wellbeing, and Highways.

For more information and advice on how SCC can support you during winter, visit: www.suffolk.gov.uk/wintermatters

Full Council – 20th October – GLI Motion

Suffolk GLI submitted a motion calling for Suffolk County Council to reject the idea of an “Anti-Growth Coalition”. The term, coined by former PM Liz Truss, suggests anyone who criticised the government’s economic policy was part of a coordinated group against growing our economy.

Our Group wanted Suffolk County Council to denounce this term and acknowledge the importance in different opinions – including the view that growth should consider social responsibilities, community voices, sound financial policy, and environmental limits. Something we believed this government was not adhering to.

The Conservatives voted against our motion, however we still feel it is important that our local authorities reject untruthful and divisive claims made by a Prime Minister.

A14 WORK ON CONCRETE SECTION. I forwarded details of the public meetings, but email highways England to say I was disappointed at the very short notice given. This will be a major project lasting many months and residents needed to know the details of any diversions, particularly where they could impact on the villages.

BURFORD BRIDGE AGAIN I have asked if they have a date to the repair.

BUSES; I will be at the meeting in Woolpit with other parishes to discuss the number of cuts to bus service.

LIBRARIES; as from 8th November Suffolk libraries will be provide a warm space with hot drinks for anyone.

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JOHN PEEL CENTRE; this can now be extended into 11 market place.

TENANTS SURVEY; tenants will be able to give information or concerns on a series of surveys by phone, email, text.

LOCAL PLAN; timetable agreed to go to inspectors ,

NEW ECO BIN LORRIES; council will be buying 22 new eco bin lorries; there is a competition to name them

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