



## Parish Report – DECEMBER 2020

East Suffolk Council: Councillor update

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### COVID-19 response

You will be aware that in the last review of Tier allocation, Suffolk remained in Tier 2 (High Alert). Christmas easing was revised to a maximum of 3 households able to meet indoors on Christmas Day only. The next review is expected on 30 December.

Financial support is still available for businesses through two grants, and there is currently no time limit on when applications must be received by. The Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSB) is available to businesses that were required to close in line with the restrictions, including non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality, and the Additional Restrictions Grant is available for small businesses outside the scope of the LRSB. The online application forms and full details about how to apply with full eligibility can be found [here](#).

All Government advice and guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### Further funding available to tackle social isolation

East Suffolk Council's Hidden Needs Programme, which supports people struggling with social isolation and loneliness, is now accepting new applications. The programme, which originally launched in 2018, was relaunched by the Council in June with a fund of £100,000 in a response to Covid-19 and adapted to help fund projects which supports people of all ages who are particularly vulnerable during this time.

Following the success of two previous rounds of applications, a third round has now been opened. Applications are invited from local community groups and voluntarily organisations who are delivering projects which can help reduce social isolation and loneliness. Grants of up to £10,000 are available through the scheme and applications must be submitted by 15 January 2021. More details and application form is available [here](#).



### **Melton Hill case dismissed**

East Suffolk Council successfully defended its decision to grant planning permission to develop homes at the site of former offices, Melton Hill, Woodbridge. A Judge in the Administrative Court dismissed all of the claims made against the Council and found that its approach to the granting of planning consent was lawful. With full Planning Consent in place, East Suffolk Council will now begin the process of marketing the site to interested developers, bringing much needed housing to the area in a prime location.

### **Waste collections**

To check any changes to your bin collections during the Christmas and New Year period, please see your bin hanger or go to [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/look-out-for-the-christmas-hanger-on-your-bin/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/look-out-for-the-christmas-hanger-on-your-bin/)

For more about what can be recycled through your kerbside recycling bins or at your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre, please visit [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/a-z-of-recycling](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/a-z-of-recycling)

If you've bought a real Christmas tree this year, this can be disposed of in your garden waste after the festive season – remember to remove all decorations and make sure no pieces are larger than 1.5 inches (4cm) in diameters. The lid must be able to close completely. If you don't have a garden waste bin, you can also compost your Christmas tree by cutting it into smaller pieces or recycle it in the green container at your nearest Recycling Centre.

Alternatively, some organisations are offering to collect real Christmas trees to help raise money for charity, however, these schemes are postcode specific. For more information and to check if you're able to recycle your tree through the scheme, visit EACH [www.each.org.uk/get-involved/christmas-tree-recycling-scheme](http://www.each.org.uk/get-involved/christmas-tree-recycling-scheme) or Just Giving <https://just-helping.org.uk/>

### **Future Council Meetings**

Council meetings continue to be held on Zoom and can be viewed on our Youtube channel live or at a later point up until the minutes of that meeting have been approved.

Meetings in January which may be of interest are;

5 January 2021      Cabinet

27 January 2021      Full Council

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