



## September 2025

Welcome to my monthly newsletter

#### **Local Water Problems**

Beginning of August Butley and surrounding villages suffered burst water pipes, no water and pressure drops. This is largely due to burst pipes at Butley and then at Caple st Andrew. Apart from the inconvenience to residents and businesses this caused road closures which had a big impact on the Peninsula.

I have been disappointed with engagement from Anglian Water and have asked for an update on planed improvement of local infrastructure - no plans / and I am pushing hard for proper compensation for residents and business. The whole incident was badly handled with poor communication and only limited interest in providing bottle water

I spoke with EADT and BBC to express my concerns:

https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/25385146.burst-water-mains-cause-chaos-butley-hollesley/https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwy332w2eg9o

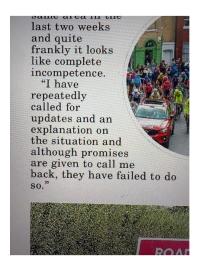




This then came to a head again another burst pipe at the beginning of September resulted in the Tour of Britian rerouted due to roadworks - I am still waiting for an update on the situation from Anglian water and compensation for all those who have had no water

https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/25439001.butley-missed-tour-britain-pipe-burst







### **VJ** Day

15<sup>th</sup> August saw the country celebrate 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ day and I was pleased to play my party in ringing bells at Hollesley .

All bell towers across the country rang at 630 to celebrate the event and as always I am always touched to be involved with such national events



#### **LOCAL TRAFFIC ISSUES**

As mentioned burst water pipes closed roads on the peninsula - this has been combined with Eyke main road closed due to the housing estate along with Melton railway crossing closing the road on various evenings - so our highways are under a lot of stress. This combined with harvesting and our many visitors over peak holiday season has caused some chaos .

I am watching this closely and will help as much as I can

I continue to work with my villages to remove sand from pavements and highways but East Suffolk has reduced resources to deal with these issues so it can take time to resolve

### **NETWORK RAIL**

I am writing to network rail to ask for a better organisation of rail improvements which is resulting in the closure of Melton and Ufford crossing. This creates a big inconvenience for residents, so what compensation is on offer to businesses or residents?



However the big concern is the impact this would have on our emergency services there would be a real delay for ambulance or fire engine and could result in a loss of life

# **Boyton fete**

Popped into the Boyton fete - this took place on 6 September and marks the end of the summer being the last fete in my ward . Good to chat to friends and talk about local issues

Spoke to the meet Monday volunteers , a project which I helped to set up in Hollesley and something I am particular proud of - increase taxes and food bills having a big impact on our elderly residents .



Also I had a quick look at the Jubilee Oak I helped to plant in Boyton

As previous cabinet member of the environment I worked hard to deliver a number of projects, and infact East Suffolk became a leader of environmental projects in Suffolk while I was in post. In celebration of the late queen's jubilee I devised a project of gifting an oak tree to every parish, commemorating our late queen, our communities and giving back to nature. Delighted to discover the Boyton tree which I helped to plant is strong and healthy







## **Stop press**

- Had discussions with staff at Morrisons in Hollesley to understand changes in the letter box Apparently all to change soon
- Have tabled a question to full council in sept asking East Suffolk to focus on dealing with infrastructure issues rather than wasting resources on vanity projects
- Contacted East Suffolk officers to have more focus on keeping our roads clear of sand
- In discussions with our Mp and officers about swapping a council house with a resident wishing to live in Woodridge

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