

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2026

Welcome to my monthly newsletter

Bottle banks: East Suffolk will remove bottle banks if asked – but this should really be via parish and town councils. The service is remaining in place under the county wide contract with CountryStyle. This contract is in place until 2028 and performance of banks will be kept under review. – after 2028 it looks like they will be removed.

Electrical recycling: Due to a fire at the Thetford Waste Electrical disposal facility this service has been suspended for both kerbside collections and the 3 'bring' sites in Martlesham, Kesgrave and Saxmundham. East Suffolk does not have any confirmed restart date for this service.

You can find out more information about local recycling centres and where you can take your small electricals via recycle Suffolk website There seems to be no alternative provision in place which is a shame

Coronation Avenue Resurfacing Complete



I have welcomed the successful completion of major resurfacing works on Coronation Avenue in Hollesley, hailing the project as a critical victory for community safety and rural infrastructure.

The comprehensive overhaul comes after my extensive campaign lobbying East Suffolk (who owns this road) to prioritize the deteriorating road. Residents have suffered from severe surface degradation, structural wear, and patch-work repairs that failed to withstand the elements.

The freshly laid carriageway marks a transition from reactive maintenance to the robust investment I have consistently demanded for the area's rural routes.



Happy residents at their newly resurfaced road and new road signs, marking a new chapter in the history of Coronation Avenue

Pleased to see EADT picked up on the story:

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/26467272.hollesley-coronation-avenue-road-resurfacing-completed/>

Illegal Rave

I was shocked to hear about an illegal rave in Rendlesham forest a couple of weeks ago – in the middle of a dangerous period for our landscape when any spark, discarded cigarette, could cause huge damage to forest, heath and farmland. I contacted the police reporting the issue at the time but sadly they took nearly 24 hrs to attend, still chasing up for an explanation why they took so long to attend. In particular noise pollution was noticed at Boyton and Butley. I spoke out about the rave to EADT to highlight the issue and remind all residents and visitors to tread lightly in our countryside to protect our landscapes

The article can be read here :

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/26417168.illegal-rave-rendlesham-forest-called-nightmare/>

and it stated

Quote



James Mallinder, councillor for Deben ward, said: "I am shocked and deeply sickened that an illegal rave took place in Rendlesham Forest this weekend.

"This was not just a minor disturbance; it was a nightmare for local residents.

"The surrounding villages of Boyton and Butley, in particular, had their sleep severely interrupted by pulsing and banging bass music.

"Beyond the immense noise pollution affecting both our communities and our local wildlife, we must look at the far-reaching dangers of these unauthorized events.

"During the summer season, the risk of accidental wildfire sparked by negligence is a massive threat to our natural habitats."

Unquote

Press release - Trying to push the Stop Sign issue at Duck Corner

COUNCILLOR MALLINDER DEMANDS URGENT ACTION AT DUCK CORNER HOLLESLEY: THE CAMPAIGN FOR A SAFETY STOP SIGN

Councillor Mallinder is launching a formal campaign demanding Suffolk Highways install a mandatory 'STOP' sign at the notorious Duck Corner junction in Hollesley to prevent further accidents.

The junction has become a major safety concern for local residents due to poor visibility, increasing traffic volumes, and a rising number of near-misses and collisions. The current 'GIVE WAY' signage is failing to slow down oncoming traffic, putting motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians at constant risk.

"The safety of Hollesley residents cannot be compromised any longer," said Councillor Mallinder. "Duck Corner has earned a dangerous reputation, and we cannot sit back and wait for a fatal accident to occur before taking decisive action. A simple upgrade to a mandatory 'STOP' sign will force drivers to halt, assess the blind spots, and significantly reduce the risk of collisions."



The campaign will gather data on near-misses and ask residents support on requesting immediate action from the County Council. Councillor Mallinder is urging all Hollesley residents, business owners, and regular commuters to back the initiative and pressure highways authorities for an immediate safety review. Cllr mallinder will continue to work with Hollesley Parish council to articulate their views and those of local residents. The parish council has for a number of years highlighted this problem junction but have been largely ignored, however the number of near misses is climbing and with many visitors over the summer months its important to have the right signage at this junction.

EAST SUFFOLK FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT NEW WASTE COLLECTIONS – A TOTAL BIN-TASTROPHE - issues on going

I am still very worried this are still substantial issues on waste collection across the Peninsula

There hasn't been one week since the changes took place at the beginning of June that hasn't been missed collections – food waste collections in particular continue to be very problematic. In Sept Full council we will be discussing these issues at length , they are far from being resolved and points at institutional failure to delivery public policy and poor political leadership - should there be resignations?

SPOKE OUT ABOUT REFORM SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL CANCELLING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES





I spoke out against SCC cancelling the climate emergency and environmental focused policies and have called for the immediate reinstatement of the county's Climate Emergency declaration.

The administration's decision has been thrown into sharp focus by a catastrophic wildfire decimating acres of biodiverse, internationally protected coastal landscapes at Dunwich Heath

I pioneered landmark green initiatives during my tenure as Cabinet Member for the Environment at East Suffolk Council, and by axing the declaration is an insult to local residents and a dangerous retreat from public duty.

Cancelling the climate emergency is a dark, regressive step for Suffolk. Declaring an emergency is not about empty slogans or political rhetoric—it is a vital mechanism that embeds environmental accountability into the heart of every single public policy we make. The devastating wildfires ravaging Dunwich Heath are a terrifyingly timely reminder of the reality we face. To pretend that we can address habitat loss, extreme weather, and community resilience while actively stripping away our climate commitments is utter delusion.

Not only this but by reinstating the framework this will be key to unlocking green infrastructure resources, securing environmental grants, and ensuring Suffolk is equipped to protect its unique biodiversity.

Free community Access for Sutton Hoo

The pass allows community groups free access to Sutton Hoo site (including buildings) throughout the year so they can come more than once, and they don't need to bring the same individuals every time.

Please find an application form included with this newsletter, once completed please return it to Jessica Capell along with a copy of the Group Constitution or Memorandum of Association and a copy of their Public Liability insurance,

Capell, Jessica Jessica.Capell@nationaltrust.org.uk

If you could also keep me update on who applies so I can follow up

Misc

- Dealt with questions from Suffolk Heath on fire safety and arranged emptying of bottle bank
- Arranged for broken electrical street sign to be removed at Sutton Heath
- Helped Bawdsey PC report and deal with an exposure of large piece of metal at the quay carpark
- Many emails about failed bin collections - helped residents to report and in severe cases flagged to officers to fast track the issue
- Flagged car parking issues at Bawdsey Quay with Police – no reply



- Supporting Bromeswell residents over recent murder (on going police issue)

James Mallinder

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