

Ipswich Northern Route (INR)

There has been a great deal of activity and protest on this, and there is still much more to come. I am regularly asked to define the position of East Suffolk. For my part, I had no role in the consultation process. However, I have attended several Parish meetings to discuss INR and several parishes have written to the key players in this consultation outlining the concerns we have.

East Suffolk to battle climate change

East Suffolk Council voted unanimously to step up its positive work on environmental issues to help fight climate change at its Full Council meeting on 24 July.

While the Council recognises there is a good record of taking action on environmental issues across East Suffolk, it has now joined other local authorities in recognising the fact there is a Carbon Emergency – and committed itself to doing more to reduce its own carbon emissions and to encourage communities to help fight climate change.

What next?

- The Council is commissioning an independent review of its progress to-date which will identify opportunities for further work to reduce carbon emissions which will feed into an action plan that will help us monitor progress towards meeting this challenging new target.
- The Council will be setting up a cross-party member task group to consider the results of that independent review and to recommend future priorities for action on climate change, building on the progress that has already been achieved.
- The Council will continue to work with its partners across the county to ensure a coordinated approach, joint working in areas where we can deliver more by working together and to ensure a strong voice to influence and encourage others to act.

Community Partnerships

To bring about closer involvement by ESC at the local level and bring together community groups, we have decided to introduce a scheme of Community Partnerships. This is a result of the wider areas covered by the new wards and the difficulty in keeping up with the needs of parishes. There will be eight of them across the District. Carlsford and Fynn Valley will be joining with Kesgrave and Martlesham to form one group. We have established steering groups chaired by a Ward Member from each group and they should publicise their recommendations later this year. The actual meetings will begin in early 2020. They will be considering, initially, issues such as rural isolation, public transport improvements, support for the younger people. The actual list of activities to be addressed will be based on the needs for each particular area. There will be a grant for each Partnership to spend on their chosen activities.

The first Community Partnerships (CPs) workshops are underway and are taking place during the next few weeks. Community Partnerships are an innovative new way for the Council, partners and communities to work together to 'bring ideas to life' by taking a solution-focussed approach to local priorities.

There are eight CPs based on natural groupings of communities and each will have a £10,000 budget in 2019/20 with £25,000 per year for the next three years to be spent against one or more priority agreed by that Partnership. In addition, there is a strategic budget of £150,000 in 2019/20 and £300,000 a year for the next three years, overseen by the Strategic Community Partnership Board that CPs can bid into.

Changes to carton recycling

Earlier this year, the Suffolk Waste Partnership – which comprises Suffolk County Council and the district and borough councils – took the decision to remove cartons and Tetra-paks from the list of materials that could be placed in household recycling bins. New industry regulations require cartons to be sorted separately from cardboard and cartons should now be taken to local recycling centres. More details about what can and cannot be recycled in household bins can be found here:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/features/recycling-in-suffolk/

Dog owner fined for failing to clear up after pet

An East Suffolk resident who failed to clean up after his dog has been made to pay more than £1,000 following a court hearing.

East Suffolk Council brought a prosecution against Mr Anthony Mason for breaching a Public Space Protection Order, under Section 67(1) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Mr Mason did not attend the hearing at Ipswich Magistrates' Court on Monday 14th October however the Court granted permission to proceed in his absence and found the offences proved.

Earlier this year, Mr Mason was seen on two separate occasions in Wivesham allowing his dog to foul in a public area without making any attempt to clean up afterwards. Mr Mason was found guilty of two similar offences in 2018 and was ordered to pay £600.

Considering these previous offences, the Council fined Mr Mason £550 for the two most recent offences, as well as £450 in costs and a £30 victim surcharge.

Runners raise over £1,000 for charity

Runners, joggers and walkers of all ages and abilities took part in the 2019 Honour Run, which returned to Rendlesham Forest on Sunday 20th October.

Over 160 people took part and raised a total of £1,010.73 for the Suffolk British Poppy Appeal, which supports serving and ex-serving men and women in the armed forces.

The event was organised by East Suffolk Council and Suffolk British Legion, with support from the Forestry Commission and Rock Barracks. Thanks also to local

businesses and organisations for their involvement and contributions to the goodie bags, given to every finisher. Participants also received an Honour Run medal, kindly supported by Poppy Nursing.

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