

County Councillor Report



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Palgrave Parish Council

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Violence Against Women Strategy Funding Announced - On April 4th, Suffolk County Council announced £350,000 to support projects offering support to Women and Girls in partnership with Suffolk Community Foundation. Applications (up to £5,000 for pilots) can be made directly through [Suffolk Community Foundation](https://www.suffolkcf.org.uk) or contact grants@suffolkcf.org.uk or tel. 01473 602602.

Suffolk Trading Standards and Port Surveillance Work – the Import Surveillance Team work to prevent dangerous goods entering the UK. It is crucial to only buy items from reputable retailers and if a price looks too good to be true, there's probably a reason why. If you're suspect you may have purchased substandard goods, please contact Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

School Places - Anyone responsible for a child born between 1 Sept. 2017 and 31 Aug. 2018 should apply for a school place immediately on [the School Admission pages](#) or by phoning the Council on 0345 600 0981. Once a place has been confirmed, any child eligible for County Council funded school travel will receive an email in May 2022 with details of how to opt-in. For further information please [read the School admissions FAQ page](#).

School Transport - Suffolk County Council will freeze travel charges for over 16s to schools and colleges from September. Fares will remain at 2021/22 levels for another 12 months. For the 2022/23 costs are £930 / yr for mainstream transport and £750 for SEND.

Fostering and Adoption Reminder - Suffolk's service still needs new foster carers and adoptive parents to come forward. These children need someone who can understand them and provide warmth, consistency and emotional support.

To find out more about fostering or adopting in Suffolk, visit: www.suffolk.gov.uk/fosteringandadoption or call 01473 264800.

Anglia Green Pylon Project – National Grid is proposing to construct a new overhead 400 kV line between Norwich and Tilbury running close to Stowmarket, Wortham and Palgrave. It is open to public consultation until 16th June. Refer to www.nationalgrid.com/east-anglia-green

Ukraine - Information on Suffolk's support for Ukrainian refugees is available on [Suffolk County Council's website](#), including links for The Red Cross Appeal. Support for refugees and hosts is available through Community Action Suffolk and the Collaborative Communities Board. Frequently Asked Questions can be found at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/SupportingRefugees