

REPORT TO HADLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL - 17TH AUGUST 2017

Cllr Mick Fraser – County Councillor for Hadleigh Division

Dear Madam Mayor,

I regret that due to holidays I cannot be with you all this evening, but I can report as follows:

1. Benton Street Safety Project. This project has progressed with the distribution of SCC's Residents' Safety Survey by HTC. The closing date for returning these is 29th September.
2. Pavement to Layham. Layham PC had written to HTC to express their concerns regarding the pavement along the B1070. I met and discussed these issues with John Simpson from SCC. It was evident that the vegetation alongside the pavement as one enters Hadleigh Division had not been cut back during the scheduled maintenance for our area. I'm pleased to report this has been now rectified. However, the overhanging trees and shrubs from the adjacent fields remains the responsibility of the respective landowner. They will in turn must be contacted with a request asking them to carryout this task (after the nesting season finishes). The issue regarding the narrow pavement at the first houses on Benton Street will not be easily solved as it will require a costly engineering solution.
3. Highways - General. In accordance with the Suffolk Highways Operational Maintenance Plan, many of roads are a lower priority than the A, B and C roads and will be have planned works carried out at lengthy intervals. With this consideration, I wish to encourage that as many fault reports as practicable are submitted by the townsfolk so that all the necessary works can be addressed at the appropriate maintenance occasions. Examples of this includes non-mandatory road markings, obscured signage, and verges.

News from Endeavour House

1. On the 20th July Suffolk County Council adopted its new Strategic Priorities document. This outlines SCC's Priorities for the next four years with three core principles at its heart – inclusive growth, health care and wellbeing and efficient and effective public services. The Council will focus energy and resources on these priorities, now and throughout this administration. Sound financial management, careful planning, and a passion for finding new ways to deliver and protect frontline services are all fundamental to the approach in order to make Suffolk a healthier and more prosperous place to live and work. The document can be found at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/council-and-democracy/our-aims-and-transformation-programmes/Suffolk-County-Council-Priorities.pdf>
2. Suffolk County Council is to host an official send off for the athletes from Suffolk, who have been selected for the 10th Special Olympics Great Britain National Summer Games. These games will take place in Sheffield from 7th to 12th August and 24 Special Olympics Suffolk (SOS) athletes from the sports of athletics, gymnastics and badminton will be part of the Eastern Region team. This is the first time that athletes from Suffolk will have had the opportunity to compete at this level.

3. The Suffolk Waste Partnership has launched a campaign in two of the county's towns to tackle the cost of people placing the wrong items in their recycling bins. 'Getting your Recycling Right' will be working with around 1800 homes in the Chantry area of Ipswich and a further 1800 homes in central Lowestoft to help residents understand what can and can't go in their recycling bin, while also aiming to reduce the £500,000 annual taxpayer cost of removing the wrong items from recycling bins. The two areas identified are being targeted as historically they have had higher than average levels of recycling bin contamination.

I have nothing further to report.

Yours Sincerely

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