

# Parish Report – October 2022

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For information on local support during the Cost-of-Living Crisis, visit:

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/CostOfLiving](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CostOfLiving)

Latest SCC COVID information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For information on supporting Ukrainian refugees in Suffolk, email:

[refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk) or [ukrainesupport@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk](mailto:ukrainesupport@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk)

## **Cost of Living Budget Survey – SCC Open up for your thoughts**

SCC has released a survey to local residents, asking for their thoughts on the upcoming 2023/24 budget. A summary of responses will be considered when deciding how to spend your money. With inflationary pressures, our Group expects government to seek spending cuts – meaning public services could be cut and council Reserves may have to be used.

Our Group fully recommends you share your thoughts on how the Council should spend their money, as well as highlight vulnerabilities you see in your communities that need further addressing.

For a link to the online survey, click here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/7BQY0J/>

## **Cost-of-Living Leaflet: Updated to Show Support**

Over 85,000 leaflets, highlighting information and guidance during the crisis, were distributed amongst Suffolk communities. The leaflet shows all the help Suffolk offers with finances and household expenses, as well as how to stay warm this winter. Our Group strongly suggest anyone vulnerable to take a look at how Suffolk can help.

For a link to the leaflet, click here: <https://suffolk.pagetiger.com/cost-of-living-support/scc1>

## **SCC's Launch of 'Winter Matters' Campaign**

SCC have launched their Winter Matters campaign, which aims to help ease the pressures of winter for Suffolk residents. This is a signposting campaign that centres around five key themes: Finances, Safety, Environment, Health and Wellbeing, and Highways.

For more information and advice on how SCC can support you during winter, visit: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/wintermatters](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/wintermatters)

## **Full Council – 20<sup>th</sup> October – GLI Motion**

Suffolk GLI submitted a motion calling for Suffolk County Council to reject the idea of an “Anti-Growth Coalition”. The term, coined by former PM Liz Truss, suggests anyone who criticised the government’s economic policy was part of a coordinated group against growing our economy.

Our Group wanted Suffolk County Council to denounce this term and acknowledge the importance in different opinions – including the view that growth should consider social responsibilities, community voices, sound financial policy, and environmental limits. Something we believed this government was not adhering to.

The Conservatives voted against our motion, however we still feel it is important that our local authorities reject untruthful and divisive claims made by a Prime Minister.

## **Cabinet Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> October**

The Cabinet met for the first time since the summer political recess. The Cabinet agreed to spend £2m on new care provision for Children and Young People in Felixstowe. In addition, SEND services received £10m to provide more specialist units in Suffolk. Our Group was hugely supportive, as we want to remove the pattern of families travelling cross-county for support.

The Suffolk Local Access Forum submitted their annual report, which included their concerns about Sizewell C and its effect on green networks and Rights of Way. Our Group have strongly campaigned in support of the Forum’s position, and we will continue to voice concerns over the damning effects of nuclear power on our coastal landscape and biodiversity.

In addition, the Cabinet endorsed Transport East’s new 2050 strategy, which focusses more on green travel and linking rural communities to local economies. Our Group recognises the importance of connecting isolated residents for both profession and pleasure, and we will ensure SCC adopts all priorities into its own policy.

A14 WORK ON CONCRETE SECTION. I forwarded details of the public meetings, but email highways England to say I was disappointed at the very short notice given. This will be a major project lasting many months and residents needed to know the details of any diversions, particularly where they could impact on the villages.

EXTENSION TO THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THURSTON I joined the on-line meeting to discuss the CIL BID..as the land deal for the new car park has not been finalised SCC may have to go to plan B ( not sure what that will be!)

LOCALITY FUND; I have put in a bid towards the pond work

TCC BEYTON; have agreed to meet see about the possible use of one of the buildings

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