

Report to Bungay and Wainford Parishes, May 2022

County

April 1st marked the second anniversary of the Keep Moving Suffolk campaign

Mobilised within nine days of the first lockdown, its ambition has been to help people stay active or become active during the pandemic.

Two years on, the campaign is being celebrated for helping thousands of Suffolk residents to move more in ways that suit them.

On April 4th, Suffolk County Council announced £350,000 of funding to support the ambitions set out in the Suffolk Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2022.

This fund has been provided by Suffolk County Council to support the work of the strategy in preventing violence, supporting victims, pursuing perpetrators and strengthening the system.

Organisations will be able to apply for this funding to support initiatives that are synonymous with the objectives of the strategy and aim to help combat violence against women and girls.

A new film featuring various partners from across Suffolk has been released which aims to prevent suicide.

The 'Just Say Hello' campaign aims to raise awareness of how a simple 'hello' can make the difference to a person's mental wellbeing, whether it be a loved one or a stranger.

With evidence suggesting that 75% of people who die by suicide have no contact with mental health services, or even their GP within the 12 months preceding their death, it is important that everyone knows they can play their part. Simply reaching out and starting a conversation can be enough to help someone or by interrupting their thought process and encouraging them to get further help.

This year 99.22% of children were offered a place at one of their parents' three preferred schools and 95.6% were offered a place at their first preference school.

Suffolk County Council received 7144 applications from parents indicating which primary school they would prefer their child to join in September 2022.

It was announced on April 19th that Staff from Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service embarked on a 1,000-mile journey to transport vital firefighting kit to help their counterparts in Ukraine

The deployment team, consisting of six volunteers, will drive across Europe to deliver Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service's donation of two fully operational fire engines and

accompanying equipment, which forms part of the wider National Fire Chiefs Council and Fire Aid initiative.

It was announced on April 28th that Suffolk County Council is to freeze charges for travel for over 16s to schools and colleges from September.

Having been appointed to the Shareholder Group of Suffolk CC wholly owned companies, I had an extensive visit on 25th April to the Concertus and Opus offices in Friar's Bridge Road. IT was quite an eye opener- there is Lego on every floor in the break out areas- and I came away with a goodie bag of reading matter. I have a visit to Vertas planned in 2 weeks.

After much kerfuffle the broken street lights in Lower Olland Street appear to have been fixed. Well done, Eddie

District

I have attended two Cabinet meetings at East Suffolk at which I gave updates on the Refugee numbers and instructions as they have been received from the Dept for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. I have received assorted enquiries from across the District about issues connected with finances, logistics and the length of time visas are taking, but I have received none from this Ward, so I hope all is well.

Sam Kenward, our Communities Officer came to Bungay on 12 April to speak at the Rotary Club meeting and was a great hit, as I think he is everywhere. He plugged quite hard the Community Partnership open day we are holding at Bungay Community Centre on 21 May, 11 -1, so I hope to see some of you there. He also hosted a CP parish refresher last week, it was disappointing to have only two parish reps attend, but I think they found it useful.

We also both attended the Connected Communities' event at Bungay Library this week, we saw one couple, who complained about ASB in St Mary's Street, I understand PC Yeldham is coming to town on Thursday and I will talk to her about this, it is also possible Tim Passmore will be there.

David and I have each given £1500 to Bungay Town Council towards Jubilee celebrations and I have given £1000 Locality funding towards a new boardwalk at Flixton for the River Waveney Trust

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