



Annual Report 2022

I want to apologise I am not able to attend in person.

Something nobody told me when I stood for election, the most important aspect of the role is diary management. However please understand not being there in person is no reflection of my commitment to you as a parish council or your residents.

As we come out of covid I am delighted to see all of us return to more familiar pattern of behaviour, it is a relief to us all that we survived that dreadful period of time in our history. Yet now we have serious challenges ahead of us, the environment challenges I will come to in a minute, but huge cost in the cost of living is effecting all of us. I am shocked at the lack of support by central government but I am so thankful of the support you as a pc give to your residents and of course I do as much as I can to help those that need it. Signposting to food banks, arranging meals on wheels or supporting residents in their housing needs.

I would say there is nothing we need in my ward but we do need to champion and protect what we have, look after the venerable and care about what we have around us. This is something I feel very strongly, with increases in traffic, planning pressures, the influx of visitors, it is a challenge sometimes to make sure the right decisions benefit the community as a whole. I hope I have done this as your district councillor and I speak out at planning applications to support your parish and I monitor the Deben for developments which don't have a planning applications - there have been many from carpark signage in Ramsholt to obstacle course by Sutton Heath. Both you will be glad to know are enforcement issues. And that's the issue nobody is above the law and although many individuals think they can do what they want, every action we make has a reaction. Noise, flies, flooding all need to flagged up and prevented from happening again. The most important role I have as your district council is to know the pc and your community and to be able to understand the needs of your area. That actually is quite easy as living in the ward I know exactly your concerns as they are the same as mine.

At East Suffolk we continue to grow as a super district, the largest non-metropolitan district in the UK, and have clearly illustrated to all we are a well run council and have big ambitions, not to continue as normal but to make sure local government evolves to be fit for the future. There are consultations so our residents can frame policy, and there is must greater involvement in communities through community partnerships - making sure decisions are not made at East Suffolk without local involvement.

The environment is a top if not the top priority at East Suffolk and I am so very proud to develop and delivery our environmental vision for you all. Pardon the weeds we are feeding the bees for less cutting, Reduction in the use of glyphosate and the move to Hydro treated vegetable oil all unique policies in East Suffolk and all making sure even the smallest of changes make a big difference over time

I have regularly updated you on initiatives at East Suffolk, in person and via my newsletter and am not going to list everything here but needless to say East Suffolk is focusing always in its core principles and making sure what we deliver today will be fit for the future .

I think I know every parish councillor in my ward and certainly have good working relationships with my clerks and chair persons. And together I absolutely believe we can prevent negative developments and we can continue putting the environment at the heart of our decision making

Looking forward to seeing you all soon





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