

## MONKS ELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm in the United Reform Church Monks Eleigh. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mrs Jacqueline Clarke took the Chair for the meeting and welcomed the following Parish Councillors: P. Derry, D. Reynolds, A. Forrest, P. Day, as well as; Mr C. Arthey, District Councillor; Mr R Cole, Suffolk Waste Partnership; Mrs L Rogers, Clerk to the Council Ms N. Smith, Responsible Finance Officer,; and 30 members of the village to the meeting.

*In accordance with the changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting. The full wording is available from the Parish Clerk, on request.*

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Mr Robert Lindsay County Councillor, Mrs Braithwaite, Richard and Carole Bines
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017** –these were agreed by all eligible to vote as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman as such.
- 3. District Councillor – Mr Clive Arthey**  
District Councillor, Mr Clive Arthey was invited to present his report – a full copy of which can be seen at *Appendix A*.  
Following his report Parishioners thanked District Cllr Clive Arthey for his hard work particularly in relation to recycling.
- 4. County Councillor – Mr Robert Lindsay**  
County Councillor, Mr Robert Lindsay was not able to be at the meeting; Cllr Day read his report to the meeting – a full copy of which can be seen at *Appendix B*.
- 5. Presentation from Mr Rob Cole of Suffolk Waste Partnership and District Cllr Mr Clive Arthey**  
Mr Rob Cole of Suffolk Waste Partnership and Cllr Mr Clive Arthey presented a report about the Suffolk Waste Partnership – a full copy of which can be seen at *Appendix C*
- 6. Police Report – Safer Neighbourhoods Team.**  
The Safer Neighbourhoods Team were not able to attend the meeting but aim to attend the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018
- 7. Chairman of the Parish Council – Mrs Jacqueline Clarke**

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- MONKS ELEIGH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018

I welcome you all to the third Annual Parish Meeting since the election of the Parish Council for the term May 2015 - May 2019.

The Parish Council has had another extremely busy Council year, Councillors having attended far more than the scheduled 6 meetings per year.

As ever, we post detailed minutes of our meetings on the website so that Parishioners can access those. As you would expect, the Parish Council has been consulted on planning applications that have been made in respect of Monks Eleigh over the last year, and they have required us to have additional meetings at times, to be able to reply to BABERGH within strict timescales.

We have dealt with the day to day matters involved in village life, such as organising grass cutting, and have also considered and dealt with parishioners' concerns, so far as possible about matters such as parking and the condition of pathways around the village. We have, of course, just organised a very successful litter pick which took place on Saturday of the weekend just gone with the help of many generous villagers.

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This year has seen the installation of the speed indicator device which has taken several years to achieve, and we have Councillor Day and Councillor Eames to thank, especially, for the installation and demounting of that and delivery of it to our partner in that venture, Whatfield. The statistics that Councillor Day analyses from time to time are surprising and quite shocking. Some people drive through this village at particularly fast speeds at night.

The Parish Council has continued to support the efforts of the Village Hall Trust and its replacement body the Monks Eleigh Village Hall CIO with regards to the building of the new hall, and progress can now be seen on the construction of that. It is getting really exciting. I hope that the last APM of this council term (to be held this time next year) will be in the new hall. The URC serves the Parish well in the interim.

The Parish Council ends this year in good shape. We have welcomed Cllr Eames back to the Council and we have a new Clerk, Lucinda Rogers sitting to my right. Nicola Smith, who served the Parish Council so well as Clerk is now our Responsible Financial Officer.

As before I wish to thank each of my fellow Councillors for their efforts on behalf of the Council and the village. We have a diverse range of skills between us which add to the strength of the Council.

On behalf of the Parish Council I thank both Cllr Lindsay, our County Councillor, and Clive Arthey, our District Councillor and to our Babergh SNT team for their continued efforts and interest in our village.

Finally thank you to all of you for attending and listening to us.

Jacqueline Clarke

**8. To receive information on the following:**

- i. Update on the Speed Indicator Device;**

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The Clerk advised that Monks Eleigh and Whatfield Parish Councils (with whom we shall be sharing the device), now have their roadside posts in place so that the SID can be mounted on them. Monks Eleigh Parish Council have compiled and submitted a draft Agreement to Whatfield Parish Council about the purchase, ownership, use, maintenance, storage and insurance of the device. Whatfield Parish Council had that morning emailed the Clerk asking for clarification on some of the clauses and proposing an additional clause. It is anticipated that the two parishes will have an Agreement in place shortly and thereafter the device can be purchased. The two parishes can then start to use the device. It is hoped that it will make drivers more aware of their speed as they drive through the village.

**ii. Update on the Litter Pick;**

Cllr Derry reported that the Litter Pick took place on 24th March 2018. This included the churchyard. She thanked all who helped and thanked the PCC for the coffee and biscuits.

**iii. Update on the Emergency Plan;**

Cllr Derry and Cllr Reynolds have updated the telephone tree and have updated the plan with forms received from parishioners. The Emergency Plan is held centrally.

**iv. Bridge Club**

This started 2 years ago and they have been meeting in The Swan however now they are meeting at Mill House as a temporary venue – thanks to Nick and Jenny. They hope to return to The Swan when possible. New members are welcome to the friendly club with all levels of experience.

**v. Update on the new Village Hall on the recreation ground**

The Chairman invited Cllr Derry to provide an update. The building is going well and the building grows each day. Despite the difficult weather it is still on schedule. The roof trusses will be in place after Easter and it should be watertight by the end of April. Now additional funds are needed to complete the project. The National Lottery have granted £10,000 for the bar and kitchen and they await the results of other grant applications. A recent letter drop added £16,000 to the funds (including

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gift aid) – this may increase. If you wish to donate, visit the village website. A further £38,000 is required to complete the project.

**vi. History Group**

David Mills reported that the group meet monthly in the United Reform Church. The membership has slightly increased and members are from Monks Eleigh and the surrounding villages. The programme is varied and included topics such as Boudicca, Hadleigh in the Middle Ages, Saville Row tailoring and Monks Eleigh in the recent past. It is a vibrant and social group. The annual meal was held at Milden pavilion.

**vii. Millennium Green Trust**

Chairman, Cllr Clarke asked Cllr Forrest is she would be able to provide a quick update regarding the Millennium Green Trust. Cllr Forrest confirmed that it has been a quiet year with on going maintenance. Ipswich Community health have helped. The lawnmower has broken and they require a replacement. They are grateful for the help of volunteers.

**viii. Community Shop**

March has been a difficult month due to the weather and the shop ran out of milk and bread on the very snowy days and this prevented the village from being isolated. This resulted in record takings of £1,000. The community came to the shop when they needed it and the shop helped the community. You can volunteer in the shop, join the committee or help clean the shop on Sunday afternoons for an hour. The AGM is on 3rd May 2018.

**ix. St Peter's Church**

The church is one of five in the benefice with a congregation of 30 +. Coffee is served after each service and everyone is welcome, especially children. There is a short service midweek on Wednesdays. Services are listed in the Parish Magazine or look on the church noticeboard. This years Service of Remembrance will be at Monks Eleigh church with an evening concert. People are knitting poppies – see Mandy at the Post Office for details. The west end of the church is being changed to have a small kitchen and w.c. Although they were not awarded a Heritage grant, an anonymous donation helped get the project started but they continue to fundraise. The Summer Fete & dog show will be on 2nd June 2018 with profits going towards the upkeep of the church building. The flagpole has been removed for repair and should be in place for St George's day. The five charity lunches raised money for a

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motor neurone charity. The AGM is on 25th April 2018. Thanks to all the volunteers helping with the church.

**x. United Reform Church**

Chairman Cllr Clarke, read out the following report on behalf of URC having been asked to do so by its booking clerk/representative.

It has been a great pleasure to provide accommodation to the community of Monks' Leigh and beyond, during this period of hiatus while you rebuild the Village Hall. I have appreciated then courteous generally amiable attitude of the various groups who have hired our premises. I would like to mention also, how tidy everyone has left the Chapel. I am on the cleaning rota, and March was 'my turn', But when I came out this afternoon to clean the place, there was nothing to do; all the crockery, cutlery, etc., had been tidied away; and the carpet was so clean that I did not need to bring out the vacuum-cleaner. Well done all and thank you. we will miss you when you return to the hall.

The Chapel, in addition to lettings and church services, is used as a Retreat Centre, where groups or individuals wish to have a quiet retreat where they may use both our premises and Maureen's land where they may soak up the joys of the flora and fauna. I had the opportunity to do that last year and was most moved by the experience. Our current charges are £8.00 for a half day or evening, and £16.00 to hire for the day. Ronnie Howson

**xi. Wildlife Group**

Meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 9.30am by The Swan and go for a one and a half hour walk followed by coffee at Corncraft. The walks are more local to Monks Leigh during the winter but venture further afield in the summer. The group is about 10 – 15 people.

**9. Public Forum**

Parking on Swingleton Green – A parishioner raised concerns about cars parking on Swingleton Green causing soil erosion and asked if a designated parking space could be made or notices or posts to reduce the impact of parking on the green. Lorries following sat nav have had to turn on the green causing damage. A discussion took place about preventing lorries from following sat nav from coming through the village. A trial will commence in the next few months in Water Street, Lavenham with bollards to make it difficult for lorries and encourage them to use the Bury Road instead. If Monks Leigh experiences an increase in lorries it needs to be

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reported. It would be useful to take the name of the company of the lorry and ask the company to use a different route if it is a regular use.

Minutes of last years APM – a parishioner asked if it would be possible to have more time to read the minutes before the meeting. The minutes of all meetings are available on the Monks Eleigh Parish Council website after each meeting so hopefully enough time to prepare.

Speed watch – Nicola Smith is working across multiple villages and need to check that all three volunteers are ok to move ahead with the project. As the other village also has three volunteers there are enough for the Police to give the go ahead.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

#### Appendix A

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, MONKS ELEIGH

26th March 2018

#### Joint Working and Partnerships

I have used the same heading as last year, but the way things have moved on perhaps it should be Babergh/Mid Suffolk merger. You will remember how Suffolk councils are working together as pairs. The pairings at Waveney and Suffolk Coastal in the east, and St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath in the west both applied for full merger to create East and West Suffolk Councils. That involves dissolving the two existing councils and creating a new one for the combined administrative area. You may remember a proposal for Babergh and Mid Suffolk to merge was the subject of a referendum in 2011, which was supported by a majority of Mid Suffolk residents, but rejected by Babergh. Things have moved on a bit since then, with both councils now operating a 'Cabinet' system where strategic decisions are no longer made by politically balanced committees or the full Council. It seemed we no longer required a referendum, and Cabinet members could make the decision to dissolve the Council and create a new one. There was concern amongst councillors about how we had arrived at a situation where the Leader and six like minded councillors could ignore the referendum result and commit the Council to dissolve itself. A telephone survey was carried out to inform Cabinet's decision, but councillors have now secured an undertaking that a new referendum must take place before full merger.

#### Move to Endeavour House, Ipswich

After a bit of delay, Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils completed their move to Suffolk County Council headquarters building, Endeavour House in Ipswich, at the end of last year. I am still concerned about the future use of the Hadleigh buildings and the impact on Hadleigh businesses who benefitted from such a large employer so close to the town centre. Proposals have been drawn up for conversion and redevelopment to provide housing.

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## Local Plan

First consultation on the new Joint Local Plan for Babergh and Mid Suffolk took place last year. The proposals for Monks Eleigh include an adjustment to the defined settlement boundary to take in recent approvals, and inclusion in the 'Hinterland Villages' category which identifies the village as supporting the 'Core' villages of Bildeston and Boxford. Suggested growth options in the draft plan for Hinterland Villages range from 5% to 15%, but this is a total across the district and does not have to be accommodated proportionally, and there are no proposed housing or employment sites in Monks Eleigh. There will be further consultation this year before an Examination in Public, and adoption of the plan in 2019.

## Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

CIL applies to new development and we have now adopted a CIL Framework document. 5% of CIL contributions to administer the scheme, 15% to parish (25% for parishes with Neighbourhood Plans), remainder to be split 80% / 20% between Local Infrastructure and Strategic Infrastructure. This should provide a significant local 'pot' from which Parish Councils (and other local providers) can apply for funding. Proposals may well be able to combine parish CIL and district CIL.

## District Electoral Review

Babergh had asked for a reduction from 43 councillors down to 31. After consultation on the initial proposals last year, the Boundary Commission has recommended 32 councillors with Monks Eleigh in the proposed 'Box Vale' ward grouped with Boxford, Brent Eleigh, Edwardstone, Groton and Milden. The new wards will be in place for the 2019 district elections.

## Council Tax

You will have received your Council Tax Bills for 2018-19 and will doubtless have noticed the largest increase in recent years. Suffolk County Council's element has increased by 5% to £1242.54 for a band D dwelling, Suffolk Police up 6.8% to £188.82, Babergh up 3.25% to £158.86 and Monks Eleigh Parish Council down 2.2% at £71.92.

## Electric Vehicles

Babergh has installed its first charging point for electric vehicles at the Kingfisher car park in Sudbury.

## Clive Arthey

### Appendix B

County Councillor's Report to Monks Eleigh Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Sorry I can't be with you today.

When I was elected 10 months ago one of my key goals was to hold the Conservative administration to account. My ability to do this was helped by being part of a larger group of 12 councillors – Greens, Liberal Democrats and Independents, which gave us access to officers and resources.

### **School bus cuts**

I have spent some time fighting this proposal which first mooted during the school holidays in August. From the first, the proposal seemed ill conceived and the idea that it would generate

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savings not sufficiently tested while the disruption to education and the extra cars it would likely put on the road seemed to be ignored. I spent some time attending workshops and meetings raising this publicly and in the council. Our group, by calling the proposal in to scrutiny committee, forced the cabinet to delay its consultation. Though the consultation has now closed, at our full council meeting last week (Thursday 22 March) our group backed a motion which asked for the proposal to be debated at a separate meeting of full council to which members of the public could be invited to speak. Sadly the Conservative administration voted against this and the motion fell. that it will be a decision of the 9 members of cabinet in April. We shall be making our views known at that cabinet meeting.

### **Highways reshuffle**

Shortly after I was elected, Highways was completely restructured. The idea was to integrate staff at Kier, the company with the contract to repair our roads, with county staff. Under the new structure, rather than contacting individual officers for an area, parish councils and individuals and councillors must contact a central service centre. Though this is in some ways frustrating it does mean that they have a proper record of reports and jobs and can monitor them better. The reshuffle however, can not disguise the fact that highways do not have enough money to do all the work that they have done in the past. For example the lack of repair of many signs. Much of my time has been spent urging highways to do jobs that appear to have slipped for whatever reason.

### **Pension fund risk**

I sit on the pension fund committee and have been pushing for the committee to examine the risk to the fund from investments in coal, oil and gas stocks becoming "stranded assets". The Governor of the Bank of England warned of this in 2015 given looming climate change regulations. At our last committee meeting it was reported that one of the fund's managers at Black Rock was now long term negative on fossil fuel stocks because he believed they would be hit by consumer demand for cleaner fuels. I have been promised a statement on the risks at our next meeting.

### **Ending culture of secrecy**

Four cabinet committees were set up in September. These committees are "advisory" to cabinet only. At the meeting at which they were set up I pushed hard for them to be held in public rather than in secret as was the plan. Although this was resisted by the administration, the cabinet has promised to review this after 12 months. I am continuing to press for them to be in public. Later in the new year, it emerged that there is a Public Sector Leaders group which also meets in private and makes spending decisions over millions of pounds. After public pressure from me, they invited the media to their last meeting this month and it looks as though they will continue to do so.

### **Care, health and Wellbeing cabinet committee.**

Meanwhile on my particular cabinet committee I pressed for a proper commitment for investment in cycling and walking infrastructure. This has not yet materialised but as a result of these discussions the cabinet has appointed one of its number - Robin Millar - as a "cycling champion". I shall be pressing for some action here.

### **Budget**

The removal of revenue support grant for the county council has left a hole in its budget for the 2018/19 year, even after it has raised its precept by the 5% maximum it is allowed. This is being met by a host of cuts across various services and a small amount from reserves. Even though the removal of central government funding was known long in advance, the council decided to freeze

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council tax for the past seven years. A 1% increase in the precept every year would have almost eliminated the deficit and so negate the need for these latest cuts.

### **Village Hall**

I am very pleased that plans for the village hall are progressing effectively and was happy to contribute £2,000 towards it last year. I am sure that when opened people will see this is an asset to the community. As are the village shop and the pub!

May I wish you well for the remainder of 2018.

Robert Lindsay

### *Appendix C*

#### **Suffolk Waste Partnership Presentation**

Suffolk Waste Partnership has existed since late 1990s

Consists of the 7 District and Borough Councils and the County Council

Waste Collection and Waste Disposal Authorities

Structure of SWP – Members and Officers

Formal arrangements – 2003

Creation of Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

First Published October 2003

The Vision – our overarching statement

Contained 17 Policies aimed at:

Enhancing Joint Working

Improving Waste Education

Reducing waste to landfill

Promote best value for the taxpayer

Reducing Waste and increasing recycling and composting

50% recycling achieved 2010

Strategy revised in 2008 and 2013

Next update 2020

Household kerbside collection

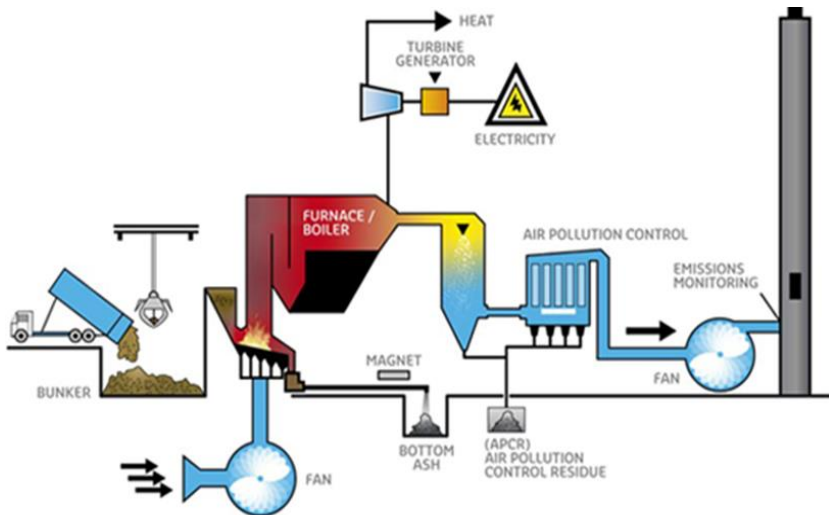
Recycling – materials recycling facility

Composting – material change Tamar & Red Lodge, Anglia Water

Waste – energy from waste

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### All sites can recycle...

electricals	batteries	printer cartridges	mobile phones	mixed light bulbs
books	cardboard	paper	mixed glass bottles & jars	flat glass
household plastic packaging	rigid plastics	plastic bags	textiles	garden waste
cartons	cooking oil	dvs & cds	furniture	spectacles
metal	car batteries	used engine oil	wood & timber	bicycles

'please pre-sort your waste to help us recycle more'



### Be safe on our sites



Keep children and pets in the vehicle.  
Don't exceed 5mph on site.  
Wear appropriate clothing, footwear and gloves.  
Don't throw waste over the top of containers.  
Don't stand on handrails

### Reuse



All sites accept good quality items for re-use. Please ask a member of site staff or place them in the re-use container. Items will be collected from the site by nominated charities, including The Benjamin Foundation who operate the Re-use Shop at Foxhall Recycling Centre.

### Chargeable Waste



Charges apply to hardcore, rubble, soil, plasterboard and trade waste. Before unloading your vehicle, please report to a member of staff who will determine the amount you need to pay depending on the quantity of material you have. Card payments only.

Plasterboard can only be accepted at Foxhall, Bury St Edmunds, Lowestoft and Stowmarket.

### Restricted Materials



One small bag of vegetarian pet waste/hutch material per week. No cat or dog faeces.

No hazardous waste including asbestos, poisons, flammable liquids, chemicals or clinical waste.

We only accept Color and Flo gas bottles.

We only accept solid water based paint. (use soil or sand in the tin to dry out) No oil based paint.

Find more information and the A-Z of recycling on our website

11 Household Waste Recycling Centres across Suffolk

Closed every Wednesday

Foxhall Re-use shop

You can bring garden waste, electricals, hard plastics, household plastic packaging, wood & timber, cooking oil, glass, textiles and more!

There are over 1000 Bring Banks in Suffolk:

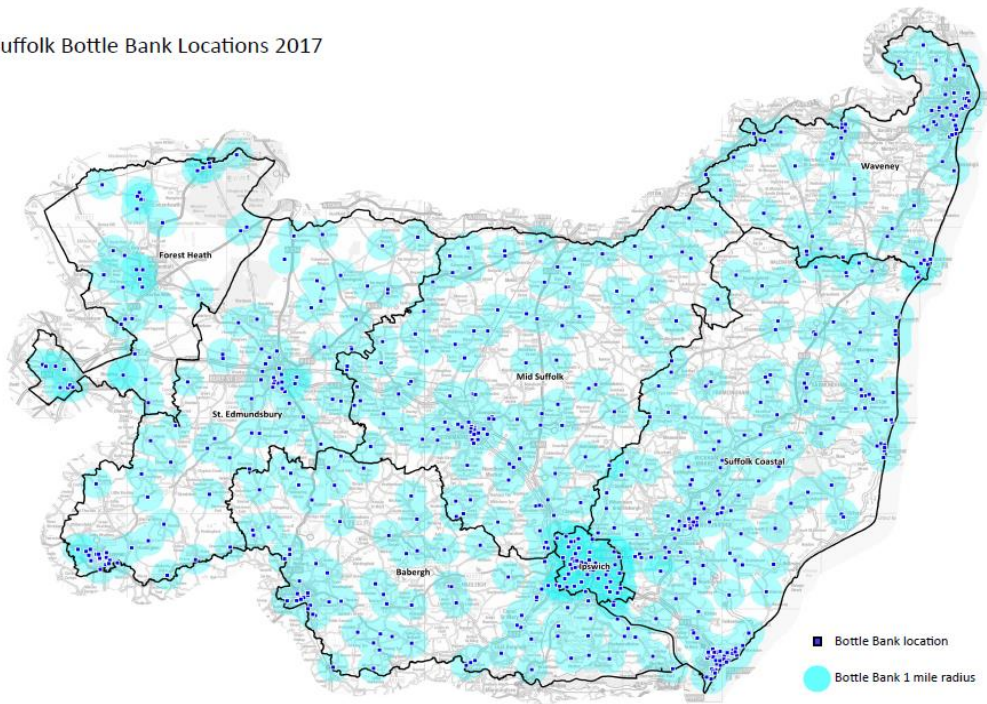
- Glass

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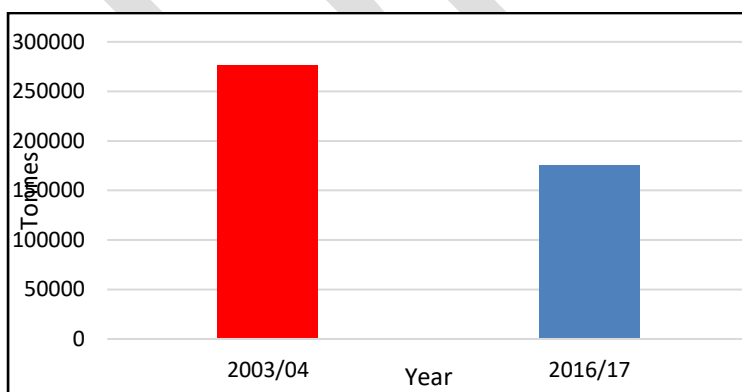
- Textiles
- Paper
- Books
- Cartons
- Electricals in Ipswich

Suffolk Bottle Bank Locations 2017



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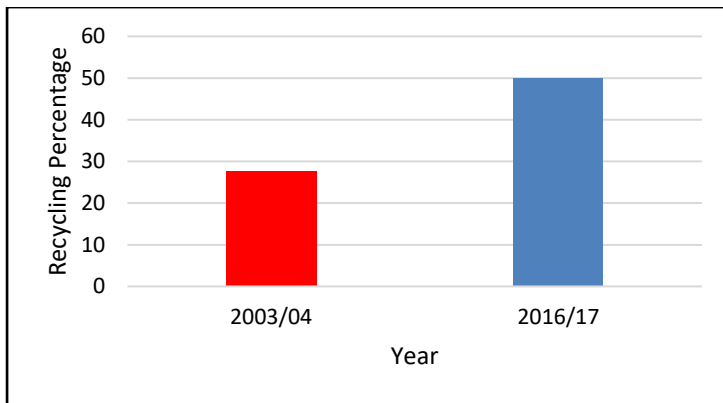
Household Tonnes to disposal



Recycling and compost rate

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## Hazardous waste and bulky waste

### Examples of Household Hazardous Waste

- **Asbestos** e.g. ironing board mat or old asbestos guttering
- **DIY products** e.g. oil based paint, varnishes, paint stripper and some wood treatments (note: creosote is now banned for amateur use)
- **Flammable liquids** e.g. white spirit, paraffin and wood dyes
- **Garden chemicals** e.g. weed killers & insect killers
- **Poisons** e.g. rat and mouse poisons
- **Household cleaning products and chemicals** e.g. toilet cleaners, drain cleaners and bleaches
- **Motoring products** e.g. antifreeze and brake/clutch fluid
- **Swimming pool chemicals** e.g. chlorine additives, pH adjusters and algicides

### How can I arrange for a collection?

- Contact your local council below
- There will be a charge for collection
- Collections will be made within 5 weeks

### Bulky Waste

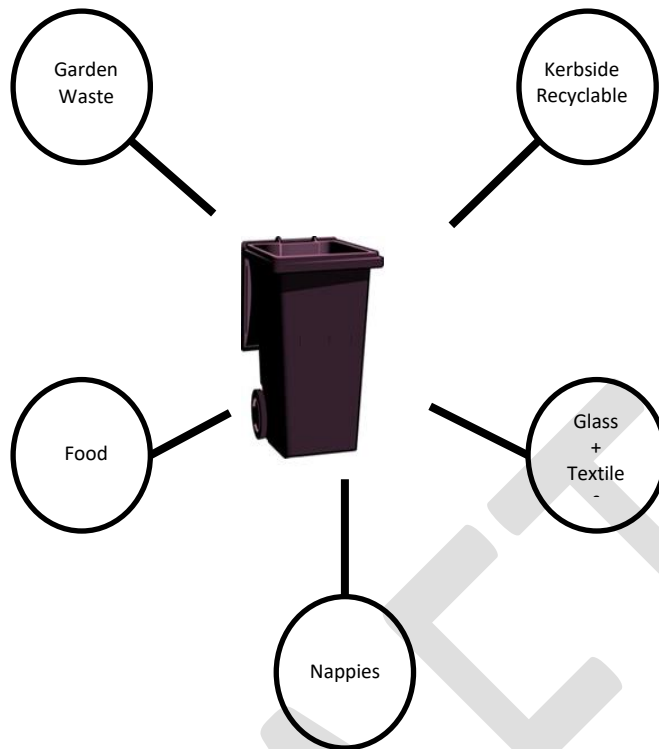
You could also:

- Donate to charity.
- Sell on re-use websites such as Freecycle, Freegle
- Take to your nearest Recycling Centre

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## Suffolk's Future Challenge



### To wrap up...

Energy from Waste/No waste direct to landfill  
A comprehensive countywide kerbside recycling service  
Countywide joint working and joint service development  
A joint approach to communications  
A strong sense of direction  
Tough challenges for the future  
Suffolk's society all working together

### Suffolk Waste Partnership Presentation

Any Questions?

[www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk)

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