

Report to Parish Council

During the early part of June, I was happy to announce new Electric Vehicle Rapid Charging Points for 4 Car Parks within Babergh (Mid Suffolk will also be designating their own charging points around the same time), covering Lavenham (Cockhorse Inn) and Hadleigh (Magdalen St) and two car parks in Sudbury (Girling St & North St).

The move to full Electric Vehicle usage is dawning closer to 2030 and preparations are always ongoing, there will be an increased number of EV charging points rolled out over 2024 as well.

The EV charging points are moving at a rapid rate, in fact the charging points have already arrived at the Cockhorse Inn at Lavenham since the last couple of weeks.

There are also plans to expand e-Bike stands for battery charging across the district and these are well in development at the time of writing.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report

In July, as Environment Portfolio Holder, I was proud to be able to introduce my first report in front of full council meeting which was for an annual report on Greenhouse Gas Emissions, measuring the tons of carbon emitted in areas such as street lighting, car pool usage, leisure centres (Kingfisher LC in Sudbury and Mid Suffolk LC in Stowmarket), Electric use in Council premises and waste services which particularly had seen a big drop in carbon emissions. This work is ongoing, but a Carbon Reduction Management team is set up to keep Greenhouse Gases towards the target of net zero by 2030.

Suffolk Waste Partnership

I'm also on the Suffolk Waste Partnership group which is encompassing Babergh, Mid Suffolk, East Suffolk and Suffolk County in its remit and took part in the first meeting last week online, where we heard plenty of developing plans to tackle waste such as involving additional bins added to dispose of cardboard and glass materials.

Every quarter the SWP produces a newsletter which is emailed to over 60,000 Suffolk subscribers. It's a great way to get information on our current campaigns, news and general waste and recycling services to local people.

Suffolk Waste Partnership (SWP) again signed up to the National Home Composting Framework for 2022/23 campaign. Straight Ltd has co-ordinated the campaign on behalf of local authorities since April 2010, which due to economies of scale, offers a range of composting systems and accessories items at lower prices than through high-street and online outlets. Straight Ltd provides the ordering and delivery service to the public and provides and maintains the dedicated campaign order website – www.getcomposting.com. This is all at **no cost to Suffolk Waste Partnership** as local authority partners.

2022/23 Compost Bin Subsidy Scheme

The 2022/23 National Home Composting Framework prices came into effect on 1st April. Since the start of the national scheme Suffolk Waste Partnership have continued to provide a subsidy to reduce the cost of selected composting systems available through the Getcomposting.com branded campaign in order to make them more affordable to Suffolk residents. Subsidies were applied to 5 composting systems at the start of 2022-23 campaign:

There will be the opportunity to visit two recycling plant visits in the autumn to examine their operation set within Babergh, with the Chilton Depot and the EFW plant in Gt Blakenham on the 20th and 22nd of September respectively.

Western Suffolk Communities Safety Partnership

I attended my first meeting for the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership, which took place online towards the end of July, there was a briefing and Q & A session on the latest quarterly crime figures for Suffolk, Domestic and Serious Crime reports, updates of Finance and we heard from the Safer Stronger Communities Board priorities in terms of getting these achieved in a timely manner.