

County Councillor Report - December 2020

Palgrave Parish Council

Christmas and New year's Greetings to All!

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National Restrictions and Tier 2 – Details are available on: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolks-response/tier-2-high-alert-level-covid-19-restrictions-in-suffolk>

NHS 111 Expanded Service - To reduce strain on hospitals, the NHS asks people to phone first before going to A&E. The NHS 111 Helpline can now book patients into a timed slot at an emergency department, GP, or arrange other out of hospital services.

Care Home Visits - The suitability of visits to care settings within Suffolk is informed by Government guidance which was updated on 01 December, and can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visiting-care-homes-during-coronavirus/update-on-policies-for-visiting-arrangements-in-care-homes> Rapid (lateral flow) tests are being distributed to Care Quality Commission registered care homes across the country for visitors. The tests are aimed to assess up to 2 visitors per resident over the Christmas period. Check details with individual care homes if you intend to visit over the holiday.

Support and Advice for Businesses – Grant support and outbreak advice is available for businesses from various sources, including local councils, Chamber of Commerce and Local Enterprise Partnership: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-businesses/>

Suffolk Recycling Service – Suffolk is experiencing a high degree of contamination of collected recycled materials, particularly by glass, nappies, tetra-paks and food. Please avoid putting these in green bins! Over the holiday period, please refer to the following - Suffolk Recycling Xmas page - www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/green-christmas Recycling centres remain open by appointment via our [online booking system](#).

Fly Tipping - Suffolk councils have noted an increase in fly tipping in the latter part of this year, almost twice the level of last year. Anyone getting rid of items by means of a third party contractor should check they have the necessary license by reviewing the Environment Agency's waste carrier web site or ringing the EA on 03708 506 506: <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>