



## County Council Report for Palgrave Parish Council – April 2019

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**Roadside Vegetation Trimming Guidance** – If a town/parish council would like to undertake hedge or tree noticing there is now a registration mechanism with Suffolk Highways, mindful that special requirements apply to work during bird nesting season - 1st March to 31st July. Request details of this process from [customer.service@suffolk.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@suffolk.gcsx.gov.uk)

**Grass Cutting** – Plans and improvements to this year’s programme include:

- Recruiting new contractors to work with Suffolk Highways to undertake the works.
- Assigning the County into two areas covered by two distinct contractors, rather than one
- Publishing the programme earlier to enable planning for additional cuts if needed.

The grass cutting programme is published online at [grass cutting webpages](#). It includes 2 cuts on the A & B network and a single cut on C & U roads, some flexibility is inbuilt for seasonal variation.

**Access Road and Speed Limit Extensions** – I have requested a meeting with Speed & Safety team but no date yet in diary.

**A140 Roundabouts** – the planning application for two roundabouts on the A140 at Yaxley and Thrandeston/ Brome will be determined by the County Council planning committee on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Construction is anticipated this summer. Refer to: <http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=SCC/0110/18MS>

**Womens OVO Cycle Race** -.On Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> the first stage of Britain’s longest-running professional UCI Women’s World Tour series race will pass through Yaxley, Thornham & Walsham en route to Stowmarket. Download the [Stage 1 map from Beccles to Stowmarket](#) (PDF, 734KB).

**Energy Grants** - A range of energy and environmental funding for community projects can be found at; <http://www.greensuffolk.org/green-communities/grants-and-funding-opportunities/>

For village halls: [Applicants can apply for grants by following this link.](#)

**Extended Hours at Recycling Centres** - Suffolk County Council’s 11 centres are open from 9am to 5pm every day (including Sundays, but NOT Wednesdays) from Monday 1 April to September. On Thursdays from May to August, all sites will be open until 7pm.