

PAPER RECYCLING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Mid Suffolk District Council have been advised that the contractor responsible for the paper recycling at the village hall has unexpectedly stopped paper bank collections. It is understood that it is no longer financially viable for them to continue with the service. They will shortly remove the bin.

However, Mid Suffolk District Council continues to recycle paper and cardboard through residents' kerbside recycling collections. They will also collect dry and flattened cardboard left beside recycling bins.



LITTER PICK—THANKS

Many thanks to all those that turned out for the annual village litter pick. Over a dozen bags of rubbish were collected along with a couple of wheels and a roadworks barrier.

Hopefully next year the litter pick will happen earlier before the greenery has appeared and the rubbish is then more visible.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are planned meetings of Wattisfield Parish Council on **Monday 19 July 2021 and Monday 16 August 2021 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall**. Residents are most welcome. At the beginning you can speak on any matter relating to the agenda or the village and then you can, if you wish, observe the remainder of the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is usually published on noticeboards and at www.wattisfield.onesuffolk.net/agendas/ a week or so before the meeting. Then the draft minutes are published on the noticeboards and the website a few days later.

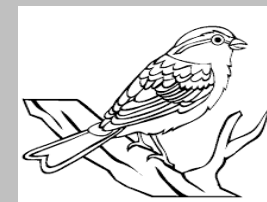
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THE WATTISFIELD WARBLER



JULY AND AUGUST 2021

STREET LIGHTING—WHAT DO YOU THINK?



The Parish Council are responsible for the electricity and maintenance costs for the 13 street lights around the village. This is a large annual expense of around £1,100 a year.

Suffolk County Council, who manage the street lights on behalf of the Parish Council, have advised that the equipment is rather dated and because of the changes in legislation, they are unlikely to be able to replace the current lanterns should they fail.

A recent report on the equipment has been received outlining the options going forward. All of the options come at a cost to a greater or lesser extent. As an example, the complete replacement of the equipment will cost in the region of £12,000. But the new equipment would have energy saving lanterns and photocells which going forward would save on the energy costs of around 80% and, of course, this would be good for the environment. There would even be a cost to remove the street lighting equipment.

The Parish Council over the coming months will be looking at the options and developing a strategy. Councillors would be pleased to hear of your views on street lighting which can then be taken into account when deciding what to do. Is street lighting necessary and perhaps it should be removed? Or possibly with the benefit of the new equipment, some or all the lanterns could be turned off between say 1.00 am and 5.00 am? Or should the Parish Council not replace the lanterns when they next fail so over time the street lighting disappears?

When a decision has been reached on a strategy, the Parish Council will need to consider how the work is going to be funded.

Please email your thoughts to the Parish Clerk at wattisfieldpc@outlook.com

IS YOUR BONFIRE A NUISANCE TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS?

As we enjoy the summer weather and our gardens, can you please be mindful of your neighbours if you feel there is a need to have a bonfire. Smoke and ash blowing around can be rather unpleasant if you are having a barbeque, have your washing out or perhaps have left your windows open.



Bonfires and the burning of waste is not good for the environment and in many cases can be illegal. Bonfires create pollution which can cause health problems, particularly for people with respiratory problems.

We also have a number of thatched properties in the village and bonfires are a real fire risk and particularly in times of drought when the thatch is so dry.

Please have consideration for you neighbours. Thank you.



A143 CLOSURE

Suffolk County Council have advised that they will be returning to the A143 between Wattisfield and Wortham between the 28 June and 3 July 2021 for resurfacing work. The road is likely to be closed between 8 pm and 6 am. Please allow extra time for your journey in case there are diversions in place.

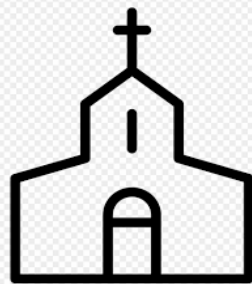
WATTISFIELD CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY AND AUGUST

St Margaret's Church—Sunday 11 July 2021 at 11.00 am
Said Holy Communion

At the time of publication, the Benefice service plan for August had not been finalised. Please email nearer the time Reverend Merry philipmerry@hotmail.co.uk for up to date information.

United Reform Church—Every Sunday at 11.00 am at Chapel Road, Wattisfield

Remember to wear a face mask and HANDS—FACE—SPACE.



VILLAGE HALL BOTTLE BANKS

Recently, all three bottle banks at the village hall have been overflowing. A number of other villages are experiencing the same problem.



If you find the bottle banks are full, then please do not just dump your bottles on the ground around the bins Please store them for a little longer or recycle them elsewhere. Also, if you can, please telephone the recycling company and advise them the bins are full. Their number is on side of the bin.

Dumping the bottles around the bins encourages anti social behaviour and someone then needs to clear up the mess. Also, broken glass can be dangerous for us humans as wells as our pets.

**SPEED
LIMIT
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HELP STILL NEEDED WITH LOOKING AFTER SID

The initial data from our Speed Indicative Device when on the A143 shows it is really needed. Some recent data indicates that between 6,200 and 7,000 vehicles a day travel in just one direction and around 50 % are over the limit. The average speeder is travelling at around 35 mph.

Help is still needed please with looking after the Speed Indicative Device. Two volunteers have offered their services but to reduce the time commitment it would be great if another two or three people could assist. Training will be given . The time commitment should be around one hour every two or three weeks.

If you can help, please email the Parish Clerk at wattisfieldpc@outlook.com

WHEELCHAIRS AND TAXIS

Do you use a wheelchair or perhaps have reduced mobility and use local taxis? Do you know someone that does? If you do, the Licensing Team at Mid Suffolk District Council would like to hear your views. They want to ensure that taxis are accessible to all.



So perhaps you can spend a few minutes and complete an online survey at [Wheelchair accessible taxi use in Babergh and Mid Suffolk \(office.com\)](http://Wheelchair accessible taxi use in Babergh and Mid Suffolk (office.com)). This will help the in shaping future taxi policy and tariffs.