

Thorndon Parish Council 2.2.2012
County Councillor Report

Better Broadband

The county backed project to deliver better broadband for Suffolk is slowly gaining momentum, Last year we secured government backing for the £41.7 million fibre optic backbone planned for Suffolk. The tender for the contract to deliver this is due to go out in the spring, with upgrades to the existing network being programmed shortly.

It is hoped, that we would have been letting the contract by April, and I will be pushing the County management to make sure this project's timing does not slip, and will be attending a conference in Suffolk later this month to get detailed information regarding the timeline of this investment.

Meanwhile to help draw in match funding etc from potential bidders, householders can register their support at www.surveymonkey.com/s/suffolkBBdemand

Operation Eydon

Suffolk has suffered from a number of copycat incidents were people have thrown items onto moving traffic along the A14 and A12,

So far a total of 22 motorists have been affected by debris thrown from bridges in 8 separate incidents on the A12 and the A14. There appears to be no pattern to these incidents and no set times when these are occurring. There are 32 bridges on the A12 and A14 and 8 of these bridges have been identified as high risk.

All partner agencies have been asked to park marked vehicles on these bridges during down times and extra police patrols have been provided. In addition, notices in the press and on all partners websites have encouraged people to be vigilant and prompt in reporting any issues which they think may be related.

Although there is no assumption that the perpetrators are young people, national research does suggest that this could be the case. Because of this the county council are looking at rolling out a teaching programme aimed at young people in schools along the A12 and A14 Corridors. In addition Suffolk County Council have installed signs at each bridge so that travellers wishing to report any incident will accurately be able to impart the location, a move that is now being rolled out throughout the country.

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