

## **Thorndon Parish Council 5.7.2012**

### **County Councillor Report**

Tonight I am unable to get to you again as I am helping to clear out the John Peel centre ahead of the arrival of the builders tomorrow.

As usual any issues please give me a call

### **Warmer Homes and Local Funding**

We can help local groups by raising funds for them while keeping warmer! Please be assured this is not Council Tax payers money this project is financed by the big energy companies who are mandated to meet energy efficiency targets. All Councils in Suffolk have signed up to promoting this project in Suffolk. Please see the Green Suffolk website.

<http://www.greensuffolk.org/greener-communities/support/suffolk-greener-homes-insulation-2012/>

- More than 1 in 4 Suffolk homes do not have any cavity wall or adequate loft insulation.
- Cavity wall insulation can reduce your bills by £135 per year
- Loft insulation can reduce your bills by £175 per year! This should be at the depth of 12" so don't forget to check yours!
- 1 in 5 Suffolk households are in fuel poverty;

### **Schools Organisation Review**

The County Council is currently formulating options to move the entire education system of Suffolk to a 2 tier model, these options will form part of a public consultation in the autumn. Although this area is already 2 tier, the reorganisation of the Stowupland and Stowmarket Pyramid is bound to have a wider effect.

### **Any Old Paint**

I have had a number of calls lately regarding the disposal of Paint, Paint is classed as hazardous waste and we provide a collection service which is charged at £22.00 per collection. I have attached a link to the webpage.

<http://msdc.onesuffolk.net/waste-and-recycling/household-waste-and-recycling/hazardous-waste-collections/>

Empty metal and plastic paint tins can be placed in the recycling bin if they are completely clean. Tins containing small quantities such as a third full of paint can be solidified using soil/sand or cat litter, once dry these can be placed in the refuse bin.

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