

Thorndon Parish Council 3.9.2015
County Councillor Report

You Can Leave Your Cap On

The Suffolk Waste Partnership has launched a campaign to encourage residents to recycle the aluminium screw tops from glass bottles such as wine, spirits and cooking ingredients, along with the glass bottles on which they came. The 'Leave Your Cap On' campaign aims to increase the recycling of aluminium screw tops and collars by encouraging people to screw the tops back onto the empty glass bottles before taking them to one of the many glass recycling banks located at sites throughout Suffolk.

With the summer festival season in full swing councils across Suffolk are keen to encourage householders to get in the habit of saving their bottle tops to boost recycling rates. To kick the campaign off, eye-catching stickers have been placed on the council's bottle banks at recycling sites across the county.

The 'Leave Your Cap On' campaign highlights the importance of recycling the aluminium closures which, like all aluminium and glass packaging are 100% recyclable; so every screw top and bottle deposited in a glass bank can be transformed into something new, including more bottles, drink cans, mobile phones and even car parts.

So when you next recycle your empties from your summer barbeque, remember you can 'Leave Your Cap On.'

The Suffolk Waste Partnership (SWP) is a strategic partnership of the county, district and borough councils, which works together to continuously improve waste management services throughout Suffolk.

The members of the SWP are:

- Babergh District Council
- Forest Heath District Council
- Ipswich Borough Council
- Mid Suffolk District Council
- St Edmundsbury Borough Council
- Suffolk Coastal District Council
- Suffolk County Council
- Waveney District Council

This partnership has been the subject of much criticism from areas that had a Free brown bin scheme, the Mid Suffolk Babergh policy of charging for this service has now been adopted county wide, those that had the service free are feeling somewhat aggrieved.

Future of Bacton Middle School

Last week I attended a briefing regarding the sites future, mean while you all should have received a note regarding recycling equipment etc from the redundant middle schools in our patch.

The County Council is now actively "investigating all avenues" regarding future redevelopment of the site, this includes the possibility of invoking a section 77 notice, requesting that playing fields are to be built on.

The County is claiming they have to maximise receipts to fund future school places to justify this stance.

Broadband

The remodelling of the Superfast Extension Programme (2nd Contract) to get from 85 to 95+% of premises in Suffolk moves along. The contractual deadline to complete the modelling is 12 months after the contract signature (31 October 2014) and Officers have seen an initial draft in July, Openreach were told that we are not happy and went away to address the issues we raised. We have the next Strategic Management Board with BT on 4th September where we are hoping to see the next version. Bill Murphy from Openreach will be attending on this date as well and it has

been slightly, positively, complicated by the additional £3.9m BT have allocated to Suffolk from clawback...which will need to be factored into the coverage.

Once we have a signed-off model, I will circulate the revised map. We're hopeful that once the modelling is signed off, we will have a definitive answer for most premises in Suffolk in terms speed and phase.

Thorndon Primary School Approval

The Primary School planning application for a new prefabricated classroom has now been approved; this will help eliminate the need for the more temporary solution.

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