

Parish Report for the end of August 2025 to the Bungay and Wainford villages division, from
County Councillor Judy Cloke.

My apologies for not issuing a report for the end of July.

Bungay:

In July I met with Highways officers and various residents, Cllr John Adams, Mayor and Adrian Ramsay MP also managers at Waveney Truck parts to discuss how to manage the way in which trucks leave their site – how to highlight the fact they should not use Nethergate Street. I think we have at least a partial solution.

I also attended the Royal British Legion VJ commemoration service at Emmanuel Church.

The Bungay Folk Festival has just finished, whilst it took place in September, I thought to mention it now whilst it is still fresh in my mind. I sponsored some of this event from my Locality Budget as well as being at the Community Centre offering refreshments at some of the workshops and some evening dances. Pete and Vicky who organised the weekend worked exceptionally hard to bring it to Bungay. It was heartening to see the town centre so busy on both days.

Villages:

During the summer I attended the produce shows at St Margaret South Elmham and Ilketshall St Margaret, both of which I enjoy every year, and I was disappointed there was no competition for me to judge at Ilketshall St Margaret this year. On 15 August, having attended the RBL Lieutenancy service in Bury on a very hot day, I enjoyed the celebrations at Rumburgh Pleasure Ground in the evening. The band was great and made all the difference to the atmosphere which so many families were enjoying, especially the burgers which were sponsored. I was very pleased to have helped this event from my Locality budget.

Generally

I was invited to a Regional Flood Committee meeting at Raveningham Barns in August on another blisteringly hot day. Whilst the barn itself was quite cool for our meeting, afterwards we were taken to see a new Environment Agency pumping station at Reedham which helps to regulate the flooding on the marshes there. Without this operation, Haddiscoe marshes would be under water instead of being used for grazing.

Suffolk news

Archives

More than 400 years of the county's rich historical heritage are now at your fingertips. Millions of records dating back to 1538 are available online for the first time, with more additional local-interest records to follow.

Records digitised include full-colour, high-quality digital images of parish registers from across the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. They include key historical moments like the 1776 baptism of the artist John Constable and the 1846 burial of abolitionist Thomas Clarkson.

Until now, these baptism, marriage, confirmation, and burial records were only available on microfiche or in-person. Access will be free at The Hold in Ipswich – the home of Suffolk Archives and at Suffolk Community Libraries. Viewing from home will require an Ancestry subscription. Royalties will be used to support archive services.

The project has helped preserve fragile historic documents by reducing wear and tear. Suffolk Archives were also able to carry out conservation checks during the scanning process.

Lowestoft recycling centre

Visitors to the recycling centre on Hadenham Road will still be able to book their slot and deposit waste as usual, without disruption.

New fire suppression equipment, construction of a food waste reception shed, and relocation of staff office space are among the main changes for the £3.4 million project.

“The upgrades at Lowestoft... demonstrate our continued investment in strengthening Suffolk’s waste infrastructure.” Councillor Chris Chambers, Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet Member for Transport Strategy, Planning and Waste.

Work is due to be completed by Spring 2026 and has received a contribution through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) provided by East Suffolk Council of £751,642.

Owning a thatched home.

Owning a thatched property is something to be proud of but keeping it safe requires a little extra care. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service offers free home safety visits, tailored to thatched homes, where we can help you spot risks and make changes that keep you safe.

To book your visit, call the Prevention Team on **01473 260588**. It could save not just your home, but your life.

Fir Service charity fundraiser

The Fire Service car wash raised £13k for the Fire fighters’ charity - £3k over target. The Bungay team raised £750.41.

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