

Report from Cll Liz Mark Bawdsey Parish Council AGM

SALC: The last area meeting of SALC was in March when Luke Bennett, Partnership Manager of East Suffolk Partnership reported back. £130,000 has been paid out for projects for a Local Business Plan and another £70,000 is committed. Businesses have benefited from the BBC Spring Watch programmes from Minsmere as has the AONB. Holiday activities have been taking place in the area, some intended to make the older generation more active such as providing walks, classes and events. The annual forum at Trinity Park will take place on November 10th. There has been a lot of discussion surrounding the poor provision of rural transport. This topic is going to NALC. The next meeting of the SALC area is on Monday 19th June.

GREENPRINT FORUM: The forum has arranged trips to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and the Energy from Waste (EPW) at Great Blakenham which I have attended in the past. I recommend it to anyone interested in environmental issues. The next meeting is on Monday 3rd July 7-9pm at SCDC HQ in Melton.

WSNT POLICE MEETINGS: The last meeting was cancelled and the next is on Thursday 25th May at 10.30am in Woodbridge. Anti-social behaviour at East Lane has calmed down recently but two waste bins need replacing as the tops have been wrenched off.

DISABILITY FORUM: This forum meets four times a year at SCDC council offices and once in the autumn at Suffolk One which is always very useful. The new premises at SCDC are not very wheelchair-user friendly as far as accommodation in the lifts is concerned allowing for only two wheelchairs. There are two evacuation chairs on the 1st floor so in the case of an emergency there would be one too few for the three wheelchair users in attendance.

Following the away-day at Felixstowe last July when the mayor went around in a wheelchair to experience facilities for wheelchair-users, a lot was found lacking. Helen Greengrass is in regular contact with the disability group. This year the group is visiting Woodbridge on Wednesday 28th June to take part in a similar exercise and anyone can come along especially if they are visually impaired or use a wheelchair. The mayor has been invited again to take part.

Cll Liz Mark

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