

A Summary Report for Lindsey Parish Council Meeting on 12th July 2017

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➤ The Ipswich Park & Ride Launch 2017

The new Park & Ride commercial service run by First Eastern Counties launch took place on Monday 3 July. The new service will run every 15 minutes from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday. First's proposal has enabled SCC to achieve its proposed saving of £0.5m each year. It is important that we take every opportunity to promote First's Park & Ride service and use it ourselves.

➤ Highways Transformation

A new Highways Senior Leadership Team was established with effect from 6 March 2017, with appointments made to all Head of Service roles under Phase 1 of the organisational change process.

Heads of Service have assisted in the finalisation of the new organisational structure for Suffolk Highways, The finalisation of appointments will be made during week commencing 3 July 2017.

The following outlines our current status with carriageway maintenance treatments:

| Area of Surface Dressing & Machine Surfacing (including Micro Asphalt) 2017 | | | | |
|---|---|--|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Treatment | Carriageway area completed at 21/06/17 (m2) | Remaining area scheduled for completion by 31/08/17 (m2) | Total (m2) | Approximate total length treated (km) |
| Surface Dressing | 1,528,501 | 471,499 | 2,000,000 | 308 |
| Machine Surfacing | 203,171 | 43,603 | 246,774 | 38 |

Total carriageway length in Suffolk (km)

6,588

Total carriageway treated 2017/18 (%)

5.25%

➤ Roadworks.org initiative

You can now find current and planned roadworks or road and street closures and how this affects you and information about road improvements projects in Suffolk. Roadworks.org is the most comprehensive source of up-to-date information about roadworks, road closures and diversions, traffic incidents and other disruptions affecting the UK road network. The interactive map can be found at www.suffolk.roadworks.org

➤ 2017 Tour of Britain

Stage 6 of the 2017 Tour of Britain will take place in Suffolk on Friday 8 September. The stage is 183km long and will start in Newmarket and finish in Aldeburgh. The last time the Tour was here (2015) it generated an economic impact for Suffolk of £2.2million, even though only half the stage was in the county – the whole stage, which was shared with Norfolk, generated £4.5million. The event also provides the opportunity to engage communities along the route to use the event to showcase their locality to a national and international audience, bring communities together and inspire people to be more active.

➤ Raising the Bar Awards 2017

The Raising the Bar Awards Ceremony at Trinity Park on 26 June 2017 celebrated and recognised those going the extra mile - Suffolk children, young people, schools, staff, Governors, volunteers and businesses. More information about the Raising the Bar Awards and its winners is available at www.rtbawards.com.

➤ First Suffolk Research School Announced

Samuel Ward Academy has been designated as Suffolk's first Research School, funded through the strategic partnership of the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and Raising the Bar. The Research School will be part of a prestigious national network, coordinated through the EEF and the Institute for Effective Education (IEE), and will be the first one in the Eastern Region. Suffolk's Research School will be a key strategic development to bring educational best practice to Suffolk and develop our own evidence based programmes. It will be building on the important work of the School to School Support Partnership of sharing best practice. Samuel Ward Academy's Research School will be launched in September 2017. For further information, please contact: Maria Hough, Email: maria.hough@suffolk.gov.uk Tel: 01473 263952.