



## **CARLTON COLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWS – SUMMER 2021**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Carlton Colville Brownies are back together!**

The Brownies have been meeting on Zoom since March 2020, doing a host of activities, including working towards programme badges as well as fun challenges such as fairy badge, Covid-19 challenges and fancy dress parties. They even have had a couple of visits from “the bug man” learning about bugs including seeing a newly hatched moth the size of a dinner plate!

But after a year apart the girls remained desperate to see each other face to face, and finally changes to Covid restrictions have allowed this to happen.

The girls are going to spend the next few weeks outside working on their explorer badge, so are hoping for fine weather.

Feedback from the parents after the meeting showed how much it meant to the girls to be back together, one said *“I don’t think I have seen a smile on my daughters face like the one she had tonight for a long time! She had a wonderful time, thank you xx”*

If your daughter is aged 7-10 and would be interested in joining Brownies, please contact

Sue [cbarnowl@gmail.com](mailto:cbarnowl@gmail.com).



### **2<sup>nd</sup> Carlton Colville Scout Group**

2nd Carlton Colville Scout Group have experienced a very tough 12 months throughout various lockdowns and restrictions. In early 2020 the group consisted of around 65 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and were able to provide a fun educating programme for everyone. Fast forward to April 2021 and we now have 43 members, a drop of nearly 33%, but the group have managed to keep members engaged with interactive Zoom sessions for most young people.

Now that we are returning to face to face Scouting during April we hope to begin recruiting new members, and would love the support of the local community to help us get back to our pre-Covid numbers. We are looking for new Beaver members, aged 6-8½, Cubs 8½-10½ and Scouts 10½-14. To find out more please contact David Greenacre, Group Scout Leader on 07761431306.



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### **Allotments Update**

Last year fruit and vegetable were grown at the school allotment site, unfortunately the children could not attend because of the virus. All through the autumn and winter the plot was kept tidy ready for this year. Fruit and vegetables have been grown by myself in preparation for this season so hopefully when things are back to some form of normality we will be ready to continue.



The Borrow close allotments were not affected too much by Covid 19 as we were still allowed to visit the site although social distancing between tenants was a must, regular hand sanitising and not sharing garden tools. This year apart from the virus the weather has also been against us, with flooded plots, deep frosts at night and strong winds. Crops will be later than normal because of this but we still look forward to enjoying the fruits of our labour at some time.





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### **Carlton Colville Preschool**

The last year the preschool has had to learn a totally different approach to learning and supporting families in the community through national lockdowns and covid regulations.

The Preschool has been very fortunate and with working with the Community Hall the preschool now has its own room so we are now able to offer longer sessions and the hall is still able to hire out the big hall to other groups in the community in the future.

As from the September 2020 the preschool has been busy and is now full with a waiting list for September 2021.

We have missed our 'normal activities' with working the community such as visiting Carlton Hall ,Violets the florist, the primary school and just having general walks around the village.

Some of the highlights for us –

Doing our first ever nativity and sending it to Carlton Hall and the children's parents

Being part of the church's 'walking advent' at Christmas time

Mother's Day primroses from Violets Florists

Our all-in-one wet suits which were donated to us, so we can go outside whatever the weather and they arrived just in time for the snow which was brilliant and we had the best few days.

We have been very lucky with parents being so supporting and understanding with all the changes that have happened over the last year which we really appreciate.

We are looking forward to the future.

### **Carlton Colville Community Centre**

As we are nearing, hopefully! the end of social distancing the hall has been working very hard to be Covid compliant. Over the summer we refurbished the lounge area and created a bespoke room for the Carlton Colville Pre School to increase the number of hours available to parents for their 2-3 year olds.

As of the 12<sup>th</sup> April Louise Hebborn has been able to offer dance classes in the hall again, Monday to Thursday evenings. We are expecting back some of our other regular groups over the coming weeks.

Unfortunately we can't take bookings for children's parties, weddings etc until there is further clarification from the government. I am sure we are all looking forward to things returning to normal.



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### **Chairman's annual report for April 2020 – March 2021**

This has certainly been a different year with the Covid-19 Pandemic it has certainly put some of our plans on hold.

We continued to hold our meetings monthly remotely.

We continue to collaborate with others to resolve concerns of the residents and strive to improve our locality. We are still running successful community engagement meetings with groups within the parish such as Scouts, Brownies, Allotments, Schools, and Community Centre, Doctors which have proved very successful and much has been shared and achieved.

#### **What we have achieved**

We have installed a Thank You Bench dedicated to NHS and Key workers in Carlton Meadow Park and have a further one for VE day commemoration to install this year

The Primary School car park which we always supported and lobbied for has finally been built and opened.

The Neighbourhood Plan committee has continued to work hard and is at first draft stage with consultation with the public planned for the summer when things open up again

We have purchased new and replaced damaged waste bins

#### **Our Planned projects for this year include**

A Friendly Bench installation at Rounces Lane

Deepdale play area refurbishment

Bloodmoor Community centre to be up and running

Hanging Baskets will return

Childrens activities in Carlton Meadow Park in August

Supporting Citizens Advice Bureau with Voice of a Friend

Crossing point on Beccles Road to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust

#### **Business as Usual**

Good working relationships continue with our District and County Councillors, Waveney Norse and neighbouring parishes

Provision of Christmas Tree and Lights

Facebook page and Website

Planning applications

Opening balance £185003.08

Closing balance £208723.06

Total Expenditure for the year £ 42835.92

Total Income for the year £66555.90

Thank you to the IMPACT team for their continued hard work and support with the local youth

Wishing the Transport Museum a successful year with visitors and their proposed continued expansion plans.

Thank you to David Peek chair of the Allotments for his work in the community.

Thanks for all the continued support of my Vice-Chair Jill Tyler and town council members.

*Julie Hall*  
Chair



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### **East Anglia Transport Museum**

The museum was fortunate to be able to open to the public for 31 days in 2020 but that resulted in a drop of visitors, in comparison with 2019, of 78.1%. Clearly this has had a significant impact on income for the society, although this has in part been offset by some grant aid from various sources. Without the grant aid income our position would be precarious.

Even so, despite our best efforts there have been financial losses that the society could not avoid, although these do not add up to really huge sums of money. For instance, most of the money spent on producing thousands of hand-out leaflets for 2020 was wasted as the great majority were never distributed and the information on these in relation to opening times etc was nullified by events anyway. Then, for the first time ever, the cafe ran at a loss, most of which was caused by having to write-off quantities of food items which went unsold when the cafe was unable to open, and had to be disposed of because they became outdated.

Various vehicle restoration projects are still moving ahead, although progress at times has been delayed due to Covid restrictions.

Now the museum is looking forward to the 2021 season to see what it brings. Our original schedule for opening from the 1st April has seen the loss of 14 days of hoped for opening days. The museum is now looking to re-open on 18th of April and is looking to have the extended East Suffolk Light Railway in operation. Photo of the train leaving Mutford Thorpe Station



### **IMPACT Detached Youth**

Impact is a youth project that engages with groups of young people on the streets and the play areas in Carlton Colville. The aim of the project is to give information, advice and guidance to young people aged between 13 and 24. The things we can advise on include (but are not limited to) education and training providers, drug and alcohol misuse, homelessness, sexual health and staying safe. We can also provide C cards, issue condoms and chlamydia kits, and we can refer young people to more specialised agencies if needs be.

From April 2020 – March 2021 Covid Restrictions made for a challenging year not only in regard to the increase in anti-social behaviour but also the difficulties lockdown brought with being able to engage with the Youth. When restrictions allowed Impact have been regularly visiting the local parks and open areas in Carlton Colville, Carlton Meadow Park in particular has been very busy and we endeavoured to work closely with the police, East Suffolk Council and the Town Council to report any incidents.



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I am hoping that if a Community centre project does get up and running we can explore services to be offered to young people.

We look forward to a more 'normal' year from April 2021.

Ian Castro, Laura Benterman – IMPACT detached Youth

### **IMPACT 2021**

IMPACT are back out around the local parks starting Wednesday 14th April. IMPACT are youth workers who are able to support, advise and educate young people aged 13-25 on a variety of subjects from education, housing and homelessness, substance usage and sexual health.

We have new recruit Vee, who will be joining us out and about this year. We will be out every Wednesday evening (weather permitting) so if you see us, please come and say Hi.



### **Suffolk County Councillors April 2020 – March 2021 Report**

What an extraordinary Annual Summary to think about in April 2021. Let us start with praising Suffolk County Council for the amazing work they have done for our County which has resulted in so much care and help on offer for our Suffolk communities during this unprecedented time with Covid-19. We were able to source and purchase the necessary PPE for our hospitals and care homes direct from manufacturers rather than await central distribution, and they have set up testing and vaccination centres throughout the county. Working with the District Council, the Home But Not



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Alone scheme supported our most vulnerable residents during the pandemic and issued over £100m in grants to support businesses. Our Suffolk Children and Young People's Services won top awards nationally for their work in 2020, and continue to evolve to meet the demands of our families. A new initiative 'Adopt East' has been launched to recruit adopters across Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Bedfordshire and Cambridge to and raise the bar on finding loving and supportive families to give children who have not had the best start in a life, a forever home.

Services to the elderly have also seen innovation and support to improve the lives of our residents throughout the county with such facilities as technological connection in easy to use Carephones.

We were delighted to see the completion of Carlton Colville School car park in 2020. It was the very first major project that Craig and I embarked upon when we were elected in 2017. Good things come to those who wait!

Our work to improve the footpath between Seven Acres and Pakefield High School continues; this has taken a long time but we have not given up!

Melanie has been working with Peter Aldous and Highways to alleviate the flooding in Burnt Hill Lane on both sides of the train tracks. Following a camera survey of the drains on March 25<sup>th</sup>, Suffolk Highways have reported a blockage in the pipes which will need some major road work to repair, and we are awaiting the Drainage Team's advice on what must be done. Melanie is working together with Network Rail, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Peter Aldous MP to support on this project.

The flood defence work on Kirkley Stream, protecting roads such as Aldwyk Way and Velda Close is nearing completion. Work on the tidal walls in Lowestoft have just recently commenced.

Carlton Colville schools have been open throughout the pandemic, as whilst teachers have worked online with most pupils, they have been educating children of key workers on school premises. Our thanks go to all the staff for the extraordinary work they have produced under such challenging circumstances! And thanks too to the parents and grandparents who have taken on the role of teaching children at home and ensuring school-set lessons are completed.

The projects in Carlton Colville with allotments are a real credit to our community and we look forward to seeing a new season of crops and flowers emerge. Suffolk has announced £228,000 to invest in tree planting, the restoration of hedgerows and improving roadside verges for wildlife. Please put forward any ideas you would like to see in Carlton Colville to help to encourage biodiversity and carbon reduction. Which brings me onto the very welcome opening of Carlton Marshes new SWT visitor centre. What a joy to have this on our doorstep. Craig and Melanie have been able to support this and many other projects with financial help from our locality budgets. You can take a walk across the marshes and a ferryboat onwards to the Waveney River Centre for lunch and refreshments! Lovely day out for the family. Craig and Melanie have committed highways funding now to create a safe light-controlled crossing over the very busy Beccles Road for pedestrians and cycles. Once the COVID restrictions are completely lifted we will be able to request a traffic survey to evidence the need of such a crossing.



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You will notice new electric Council vehicles on the roads as we replace those at the end of their leases with clean engine power. We are investing £300,000 in siting many more electric charging points throughout the County as we all 'go green' to meet Suffolk's 2030 target to become carbon neutral. Experiments with street lighting using new wind turbine and solar powered lights combined to provide reactive lighting throughout the county. Two such interesting lights can be seen in Grand Avenue and Pakefield Road.

In addition to our local work, Melanie has continued to represent the County Council on the Broads Authority, chairing the planning committee and serving on the IFCA. Craig has served as Deputy Cabinet Member for Children's Services and the Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project Board.

In short, we have really enjoyed the past four years of representing Carlton Colville as your Suffolk County Councillors with challenges and rewards in equal measure and hope to carry on! It is a pleasure to work closely with Carlton Colville Town Council for the community.

### **St Peter's Church**

We started the year in vacancy with no clear idea of when we might be able to advertise or interview for a new priest to succeed the Rev'd Jeremy Bishop. The easing of restrictions in the Summer finally allowed this to happen, albeit with a number of constraints. Our three interviewees were interviewed in the Rectory garden so it was fortunate that we were blessed with a lovely sunny day. As a result of the process we appointed the Rev'd Sarah Quantrill who joined us at the end of November, being licensed via Zoom.

In October we had our Quinquennial Inspection of St Peter's where an Architect inspects the building. Unfortunately his report included some significant works which need to be carried out on the building- most specifically on the tower. So please do support our fundraising efforts if you can.

Services with restricted numbers have taken place at St Peter's when allowed, although it has been a very long time since we have been allowed to sing in our services or receive both bread and wine at Communion. As singing was permitted outside outside at Christmas, we asked the Transport Museum if they would allow us to hold an outdoor Carols at the Crib service there and were delighted when they agreed. Everyone had a great time and had the added bonus of being able to take a ride on some of the vehicles after the event. We also took a collection for the local Foodbank which was gratefully received. We also put together a giant advent calendar with help from the schools and other local groups and we hope to do both of these things again next year.

Since Christmas we have been holding a weekly service online using Zoom, as this allows us to sing, and we also now have a weekly said Communion service in the church at 9am on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month (with a service at St Andrew's, Mutford, our sister church, on the 3rd Sunday of the month). Our Messy Church and Toddler Group have also moved online for the time being but we are all looking forward to being able to get together in person.

Baptisms and Weddings can go ahead with a restriction on numbers, so if anyone wishes to arrange one, please get in touch with our Parish Administrator, Linda on 07732 741636.



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### Neighbourhood Plan update

People might recall the Town Council with some members of the community are working on a Neighbourhood Plan.

This document when finished will describe the sort of Community we want Carlton Colville to be in the coming decade or so.

Once approved the Neighbourhood Plan will sit alongside the main plan for Waveney which is called the East Suffolk Local Development Plan (LDP) In this East Suffolk Plan the council has already set out what it wants in terms of housing allocations and other planning matters.

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) cannot stop developments in the pipeline in the already approved Local Development Plan (LDP) for Carlton Colville - however we can shape those ideas and proposals and other ad-hoc applications when they come forward for formal approval.

The aspirations in the NP grew out of the community survey sent out in 2019. The main concerns identified were:

- Transport - including impact on existing roads
- Parking
- Community facilities - play areas/shops/GP surgery
- Flooding issues
- Environmental concerns
- The feeling that we had already had too much development

In addition, through discussion and in NP workshops we identified the loss of sense of community - ie bolt-on developments created over the last 40 years that have left different parts of our community isolated from each other - eg The Rosedale, the Dales, the Old Village and the Oaks.

In the draft NP we have attempted to address these results through four key topics: 'Design', 'Movement', 'Community' and 'Environment'. Each of these has a number of objectives and each is summarised in it's own policy.

The next steps:

- The NP is currently with East Suffolk for their **informal** feedback. This will be over the Summer months (July/August)
- Once East Suffolk have commented we will seek formal comments from our local community. This will take several weeks - probably September- November and we are thinking about how we might safely and most effectively do this. Probably be a mixture of online material plus a chance to review at an open day at the Community Centre.
- Following this the whole document will go back to East Suffolk who will **formally** comment then, when ready, send to the Planning Inspectorate for approval (probably December/January)
- If the Planning Inspectorate approve it will have to go to formal community referendum (vote) before adoption - some time in Spring 2022



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**What is Anti-Social Behaviour?**

Anti-Social Behaviour can be:

- any behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress.
- unruly or drunken behaviour
- threatening or abusive language
- graffiti, criminal damage and noise pollution
- drug and alcohol misuse and abuse
- neighbour intimidation
- vehicle annoyance and inconsiderate use of motor vehicles.

**Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour?**

Your local council and police work together with other services to stop anti-social behaviour in your area.

If Anti-Social Behaviour is affecting your quality of life -  
**REPORT IT!**

**We need it reported if we are going to STOP IT!**

**How to report Anti-Social Behaviour:**

**Online:** [www.suffolk.police.uk/easnt-act-us/report-something-or](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/easnt-act-us/report-something-or)  
[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/antisocialbehaviour](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/antisocialbehaviour)

**Telephone:** Suffolk Police on 101  
or in an Emergency: 999

**Don't tolerate it! Report it!**

**It is currently against the law to ride  
an e-scooter on a public road or  
pavement.**



The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land, with the landowners permission. E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements.

**Police have powers to  
seize your vehicle**

