

Good evening,

My name is Andy Drummond

I'm the Newmarket & Red Lodge division, Suffolk County Councillor which covers half of Newmarket - that being the North ward and half of East ward. The division also covers five other parishes: Red Lodge, Kentford, Moulton, Dalham and Herringswell which completes the division.

In addition, for the last four years I have been on West Suffolk District Council representing West ward. On West Suffolk District Council, I was portfolio holder for Regulatory and the Environment. I'm also on Newmarket town council - which is where it started for me back in 2003 so I have just completed twenty years as a councillor.

I am now representing Icení ward on West Suffolk Council – I decided to make this change because it's within my county division and I live in the village of Herringswell so I can vote for myself! In this political climate we Conservatives need every vote we can get!

On county I'm a member of the development and regulation committee - a kind of planning committee - not for housing because that's the remit of West Suffolk - but for development that county has the powers to determine itself such as public rights of way, schools, and mineral extraction.

I have chaired the county wide committee of portfolio holders with responsibility for the environment. Hopefully you are aware that Suffolk County and all the Districts and Burroughs within have declared a climate emergency and intend to be carbon neutral by 2030. The purpose of the committee is to coordinate the emissions measurements so that they can all be added together in a tangible way - and be sure that we are on target to meet our goal.

I try to attend all the town and parish meetings that occur in my division - it can be complicated because they are sometimes on the same night. For example, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May there are meetings at Newmarket, Herringswell and Moulton that all clash.

At the parish meetings I usually give a verbal report. A written monthly parish newsletter that covers Suffolk is sent to your members electronically. I take questions and feedback to the parish clerk anything that I can't answer on the night.

During the month I cascade information that I receive to parish clerks such as deployment dates of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera which is hopefully shared with local members.

I'm contactable on: [Andy.Drummond@Suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Andy.Drummond@Suffolk.gov.uk) if you have any issues pertaining to county which could include:

- Roads and transport
- Care and support for adults
- Children, families, and learning
- Fire and rescue services
- Trading standards
- Waste recycling
- Culture, heritage, and leisure

County councillors have two types of locality budget - one that's non-specific and another for Highways issues.

I will now detail where I have been spending these on various projects across my division:

### **NEWMARKET**

December 2022 – supported the Lions Club Christmas event £250

January 2023 – refurbished the toilets/showers Newmarket & Mildenhall Sea Cadets £1,000

Newmarket Academy – support for Cambridge Science Centre School Road Show £400

Laureate School PTA – enhancements to learning environment in 2 year old room £450

### **RED LODGE**

October 2022 – removal of hazardous fly tipped asbestos from Millennium centre £195

Hundred Acre Way Traffic Regulation Orders (£10,000 committed - £4654.58 spent so far)

### **MOULTON**

Traffic survey Newmarket Road £365

Traffic survey B1085, School Road, Chippenham Road £327.50

Speed limit report Moulton Road (west of village) with a view to extending the 40mph speed limit by 1,000m (sadly not supported by the Police and therefore not justified by the head of transport strategy £400

On a positive note, bend warning signs and SLOW road markings have been agreed for Moulton Road.

### **KENTFORD**

Supported in previous years but no requests received this financial year – so any requests for 23/24 will be considered favourably.

**HERRINGSWELL**

Defibrillator £1,625

May 2022 Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations £1,000

Repairs to war memorial £900

**DALHAM**

November 2022 interior decoration of Dalham Village Hall £1,600

Stores Hill – various traffic schemes £3,500 committed.

Annual Town & Parish Meetings are always a good way of getting a feel for what's going well and what's not – contentious issues draw big crowds whereas small crowds indicate satisfaction!

With respect to the meetings that I can attend I look forward to finding out what issues are of concern to residents.

Thank you.

May 2023