

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.

As part of the boundary review at the next election the division will change – the Newmarket North part will move to Exning & Newmarket division and Newmarket & Red Lodge division will gain all of Newmarket East.

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!

I am also a member of Newmarket Town Council and Red Lodge Parish Council.

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 quarries.

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, Mondays tend to be quite busy with many meetings on the same day and time.

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 ANPR camera and road closures which is hopefully shared with local members.

I'm contactable on: **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 the various projects across my division:

NEWMARKET

Newmarket Academy – Bloodhound Supersonic Car visit £400

Newmarket & Mildenhall Sea Cadets shower refurbishment £1,000

Newmarket Hospital courtyards refurb £2,000

Newmarket cinema £3,000

Rayes Lane fencing £3,000

Newmarket Youth Action Group -shelter for skate park £2,000

RED LODGE

Lighthouse – youth activities £500

MOULTON

Looking at 20's Plenty implementation in the village and once feasibility is costed will make a contribution.

KENTFORD

No requests received this financial year.

HERRINGSWELL

War memorial repair £900

DALHAM

White lining scheme around B1085 Affleck Arms bend

Looking at a scheme to close Denham Road to clear the ditches to prevent seasonal black ice.

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.

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