



## **August 2025**

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### **New Parish Councillor**

We would like to introduce the latest Redgrave resident to become a Parish Councillor Gill Collison. Gill moved to Botesdale from Kent three years ago. She then moved to Redgrave in January 2025 after leaving the NHS where she worked as a midwife and nurse. Gill says: *"Redgrave is a beautiful, very friendly village and I am enjoying lovely walks with my little dog Dylan, playing golf in Diss and bowls in Botesdale and, of course, baking cakes and crocheting - a new hobby that I absolutely love. I look forward to being a Councillor for the Parish and supporting the village"*.

### **Results of Survey for Potential Development at Gallows Hill**

The results of the village survey, together with Parish Council responses to comments and queries raised as part of the survey, have been published on the village website here [PDF-Survey-Results-for-Publication-to-Village-July-2025-VERSION-6.pdf](#) The details will also be published on the Parish Council and Redgrave village Facebook pages and the notice board by the pond.

### **B1113 Road Closure for Hot Rod Event**

Just a reminder that the main road through the village will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 25th August between 11am and 4pm for the annual hot rod/custom car event. The road will be closed from the junction with Churchway to 100 yards passed The Cross Keys towards South Lopham.

### **Proposal for Permanent Closure of Slip Road in front of The Cross Keys**

The Parish Council has been approached by residents who live along this slip road to explore the possibility of getting the road, which runs from The Street, along the front of the pub and up to Churchway, permanently closed on safety grounds. The Parish Council will be meeting with Suffolk Highways to discuss. If anyone has any comments to make on this proposal, or has experienced safety issues when either walking or driving along this slip road, can you please contact the Parish Clerk on [clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk)

### **National Emergency Alert test to Mobile Phones - 7th September**

In the second ever national test of the system, the Government will be sending an emergency alert test to all mobile phones across the UK at around **3pm on Sunday 7th September**. During the test mobile phones will vibrate and make a loud siren sound for approximately ten seconds, even if the phone is set to silent. A message will also appear on phone screens making it clear that the alert is a test. Further information can be found here [National Emergency Alert test to be held on 7th September - GOV.UK](#)

### **Veteran Connect**

A new service has been set up by Citizens Advice to provide expert advice and personalised support for those serving in the Armed Forces, veterans and their immediate families across mid Suffolk. The service has a particular focus on those veterans living in rural communities many of whom face significant challenges in accessing vital services such as healthcare, housing and employment. For further information please go to [Veteran Connect - Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk](#) or contact the dedicated veteran connect adviser on [veteranconnect@midsuffolcab.org.uk](mailto:veteranconnect@midsuffolcab.org.uk)

### **Suffolk County Council - Local Government Reorganisation Survey**

The Government wants to see all six councils in Suffolk (County Council plus the five district/boroughs of Babergh, East Suffolk, Ipswich, Mid Suffolk and West Suffolk) replaced with a single unitary authority covering all of Suffolk. The change would bring all services under one roof with associated costs savings. However the District and Borough Councils in Suffolk do not agree and would prefer to see three unitary authorities in the county. Suffolk County Council is keen to hear residents' views on these proposals. You can take part in the public survey here [Residents' Survey - Have your say! - One Suffolk Council](#)

### **Tour of Britain Men's Cycle Event**

For the first time two stages of this event are being held in Suffolk. On Tuesday 2nd September East Suffolk is hosting the opening stage which will start in Woodbridge and finish in Southwold. The following day stage 2 is being hosted by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council. Stage 2 will start and finish in Stowmarket. If you would like to go along to cheer on the competitors, further information can be found here [Lloyds Tour of Britain Men - Lloyds Tour of Britain](#)

### **Rural Communities Fund**

The Mid Suffolk Rural Support Fund has been created to support towns and villages with funding opportunities for local businesses and community organisations. £300,000 is available to be applied for each year. For further information and a list of ways the funding can be applied, please go to [£300k per year to revitalise rural communities - Mid Suffolk District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](#)

### **Norwich to Tilbury Grid Upgrade**

A community newsletter has recently been published giving an update on this project. It provides an overview of progress, including an update on recent consultations and information on archaeology surveys. The newsletter can be found here [Norwich to Tilbury - July 2025 Community Newsletter.pdf](#)

### **Planning Applications**

We will list here any new planning applications because by the time they appear in the Parish magazine it is sometimes too late for comments. To find details of any application, go to the planning section of BMSDC website, link below, scroll down to the bottom of the page, enter the planning reference and press "search". [Simple Search \(baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

**DC/25/03388** - Richjoy, The Street. Erection of a rear single storey extension.

**DC/25/03257** - Stone Cottages, Bury Road, Botesdale. Construction of ground mounted solar panel arrays and associated infrastructure which will have the ability to export 49.9MW (AC) electricity. Construction of new vehicular access.

**DC/25/03324** - Land at Churchway. Change of use of land from agricultural for continued use of land as a dog park.

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This bulletin is published in addition to the minutes of Parish Council meetings. Full minutes, bulletins and lots of other useful information about Redgrave can be found on the village website at [Welcome to Redgrave » Redgrave Village](#)