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Helping Family Carers

A family carer is anybody who looks after someone with a long-term illness, mental health difficulty or disability. There are a significant number of people who are in a caring role but who see themselves as a spouse, family member or friend rather than a family carer. Not recognising yourself as a family carer can be a real barrier to accessing the vital support needed and available. Suffolk Family Carers has a mission to ensure that family carers who do not use the internet or email on a regular basis are not excluded from the support and services they need. Further information about all the services available can be found here [About Us | Suffolk Family Carers](#) There are two services that Suffolk Family Carers would like to highlight at this time: Support for Veterans and carers of Veterans - further information here [Suffolk Armed Forces & Veterans | Suffolk Family Carers](#) (plus see event below) and "Help Getting Online" - through a partnership with Communities Together East Anglia assistance is provided to family carers to get the most from digital devices and to give confidence to access support in what can be an overwhelming digital world. Further information here: [Support going digital - Suffolk Family Carers](#)

Event for Those Caring for a Veteran or Veterans who are a Family Carer - Thursday 9th October

This event is aimed at the above group and is being held at The Hut beside the seaside in **Felixstowe from 10.30am to 3pm**. Improve your wellbeing through conversation with welcoming staff and other family carers. Free tea, coffee, cake and fruit will be provided or if you fancy a bag of chips at lunchtime then bring some money along. To book a place and to view other support groups for veterans please go to [YourSpace - Veterans Community Family Carer Groups - Suffolk Family Carers](#)

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

Suffolk County Council took its business case for a single unitary council to Full Council and Cabinet on 16th September. It was endorsed by a majority of councillors and by cabinet. Districts and Ipswich Borough Council have submitted an alternative proposal to form three unitary councils in Suffolk as part of Local Government Reorganisation. No plans have been prepared for a two unitary Suffolk. The Government will decide which form to approve. The second step is for Suffolk (and Norfolk) to give consent for the Government to form a Mayoral Authority. This proposal was debated at full council on 2nd October, votes were taken and the proposal was passed almost unanimously.

National Grid Pylon Scheme Update

The application for the Development Consent Order (essentially planning permission) was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) by National Grid on 29th August. PINS then had 28 days to determine whether or not to accept the application - which has now been accepted. The next step is for the Planning Inspectorate to appoint an Examining Authority which will hold a preliminary meeting, set the examination timetable and conduct a series of written assessments, public hearings and site inspections. During this time anyone who is interested can register to take part in the Examination and will have the opportunity to make either verbal or written representations about the plans. If you would like to participate during Examination you can register as an interested party. You will need to sign up on the dedicated Norwich to Tilbury page of the Planning Inspectorate here [Norwich to Tilbury - Project information](#)

Ancestry and The Hold

Suffolk's parish registers and transcripts have been professionally digitalised with Ancestry and are now available free at The Hold. Suffolk Archives is the official record repository for the diocese. The archives service makes it easier to access records. Viewing from home requires an Ancestry subscription with royalties supporting the archive service. Advice on using Ancestry is available at <https://www.suffolkarchives.co.uk/>

Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy (Draft)

Cabinet has approved the final draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Suffolk subject to a 28 day pre-publication consultation with supporting authorities (Districts, Borough, Broads Authority and Natural England). When finalised the LNRS will have standing as 'material considerations' in planning terms and the content will need to be taken into account.

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/25/03857 - Ash Tree Cottage, Half Moon Lane. Listed Buildings Consent for replacements of timber windows.

DC/25/03985 - Stoney End, Half Moon Lane. Works to tree in conservation area - cut down to fence height or remove goat willow tree.

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