



## **December 2025**

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*Redgrave Parish Council wishes all Redgrave residents warm season's greetings for Christmas and the New Year.*

### **Carols on The Knoll**

This year the annual carol singing on The Knoll will take place on **Thursday 18th December at 6.30 pm.**

### **Christmas and New Year Waste Collections**

Here is the schedule for the waste and recycling collection dates over the Christmas and New Year period [mid-suffolk-christmas-and-new-year-waste-collection-schedule-2025-26](#) Also please see the schedule from December 2025 through to May 2026 here [mid-suffolk-refuse-and-recycling-collection-schedule-to-may2026](#) From June 2026 changes are being made to waste collections, including weekly food waste collections. Details to follow from MSDC.

### **John's Wood**

This Redgrave woodland, now dedicated to the memory of long-standing and much-loved resident John Preston, is officially open. The Parish Council is taking steps to register the site formally as *John's Wood* so that the name will be recorded in perpetuity on maps, Land Registry records and other official documents. As tree warden, John arranged for the wood to be planted in 2019 and remained actively involved in its care. A bench, funded by many of John's friends, has been installed for residents to sit and enjoy this peaceful corner of the village in the shade of a Holm Oak, John's favourite tree, that has been planted in his memory and under which rest his ashes. The Parish Council warmly encourages you to visit the woodland. The entrance is on the left-hand side just up Mill Lane from its junction with Fen Street. There is a sign dedicated to John at the entrance.

### **Potential Purchase of Redgrave Woodland**

Redgrave Parish Council is considering the acquisition of approximately 1 acre of semi-natural woodland located on Hall Lane. The woodland would be purchased using existing Parish Council reserve funds and held as a long-term community asset for the parish. Before the Parish Council makes a decision on the purchase, it would like to seek residents' views. Your feedback will help inform the final decision. Further information, together with the opportunity for you to express your views on this potential purchase, can be found in the attached survey. Please return the completed survey by **Sat 3rd January 2026** either by email to the Parish Clerk at [clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk), by mail to the Parish Clerk at Moneypot Hill House, Moneypot Hill, Redgrave, IP22 1SF or by dropping it into the village shop.

## **Delay to the Suffolk and Norfolk Mayoral Election**

The Government has recently announced that it is minded to delay the inaugural mayoral elections for Norfolk and Suffolk, which were due to take place in May 2026, until 2028. Suffolk County Council has been keen to express that this decision is not related to the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) stating that LGR and devolution are two separate processes, albeit closely linked. There have not been any announcements relating to the County Council elections which are due to take place in 2026. Further information about the Government announcement and devolution can be found here [Written statements - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](#)

## **Public Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation**

A public consultation has been launched on the proposals for local government reorganisation - an initiative that could significantly transform how services are delivered across our communities. For details on the proposals for Suffolk, and to take part in the public consultation, please go to [Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Norfolk and Suffolk - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Citizen Space](#) The consultation closes on **11th January 2026**.

## **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 \(babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

DC/25/05019 - 4 Birds Cottages, Half Moon Lane. Reduce a willow (T1) to hedge height

DC/25/05031 - Holly Cottage, The Street. Partial or complete removal of 1 walnut tree

DC/25/05283 - Broadlands, Half Moon Lane. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development. Use of land for the siting of a mobile home for use ancillary to the main dwelling.

DC/25/04901 - The Priory, Half Moon Lane. Listed Building Consent. Replacement of two pairs of wooden side-hinged garage doors.

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