

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 15th 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** 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