

Report for Lavenham PC by County Councillor Robert Lindsay 5.12.24

Green Willows footway

I have agreed to contribute just over £1k from my discretionary budget to cover BT's costs in exploring whether their cabling will expensively affect this footway. This has proved to be the sticking point for Babergh officers and with luck that should alleviate their worries and allow them to fund the rest, including design costs, with a CIL bid.

Lavenham 20mph

I am pushing Highways on getting the parish council a quote for this job.

Free home survey to find out how best to stop heat leaks from your home

Suffolk Public Sector Leaders are offering home owners a free or discounted "retrofit" assessment. The only criteria is that your home's Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) band must be below C.

You can apply online at suffolkenergyassessment.co.uk

You can check your home's EPC on gov.uk/find-energy-certificate.

The approved retrofit assessor will identify the best measures for your home, e.g. insulation, draft proofing, ventilation repairs, heat pumps or solar panels. They will also give you a cost:benefit analysis of any measure recommended.

It is free if your property is smaller than 98m². There is a maximum fee of £30 for larger homes.

Loft Insulation Offer for Suffolk Residents

For the second year running, Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders are providing funding to help Suffolk residents make their homes warmer and save money on their energy bills by providing discounted loft insulation - an uninsulated home can lose up to a quarter of its heat through its roof. The Suffolk Loft Insulation Offer enables homeowners in Suffolk to receive a 50% discount (up to £200) and free delivery on orders of 200mm or 370mm wide eco-friendly thermal insulation rolls from High Loft, the UK's leading eco loft insulation brand. Last year, the project enabled the insulation of over 5,000m² of roofs in Suffolk, and this year the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership wants to double that figure. The offer is open to anyone in Suffolk and will only close once the allocated funding has been spent.

Visit <https://highloft.co.uk/pages/suffolk-council-200-loft-insulation-contribution> and fill in the form to receive your discount code

£15k offer for home efficiency loan opens.

The council's new £3m fund for interest-free loans to residents wishing to undertake home energy efficiency upgrades that was mentioned in last month's parish report is now active, and applications can now be made at <https://www.lendology.org.uk/warm-home-suffolk-loan>. Energy efficiency upgrades such as insulation, solar panels, batteries, glazing, or heat pumps are possible with loans from £2,000 to £15,000 to be repaid over a maximum of seven years at 0% interest.

Budget consultation

Suffolk County Council has launched a public consultation prior to decisions on the budget for the next financial year, 2025-26, which are due to be made in the next few months. The consultation will close on Monday 16 December, and if you want to participate, visit www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2025_26_budget.