



Anne Whybrow

Bosmere

September Newsletter

Covering Badley, Barking, Battsford, Baylham, Combs, Great Bricett,
Little Finborough, Needham Market, Nettlestead, Ofton,

Ringshall, Somersham, and Willisham

Anne Whybrow

Suffolk County Councillor
The Old Rectory
Ringshall
IP14 2HZ
07525288635



Highways

Following restructure of Suffolk Highways there are now three area offices dealing with local issues and our area will fall under Phoenix House in Ipswich. When reporting any problems the public and Parish Councils should use the Customer Service Centre: telephone number 0345 606 6171 as the point of contact for all enquiries. From Monday (4th September 2017) the new team is in place, I am sure there will be teething problems but they have been working within this area before and have been working with previous officers with the aim to make the transition seamless. I visited the new team last Monday and discussed the long list of repairs needed across the Division. I have a Highways Locality Budget of £6,666 annually when I report to you (Unsuitable for HGV) signing could cost £1,200 from this budget you will understand that the budget doesn't go very far across 13 Parishes! I now have a copy of a Matrix that shows how decisions are made as to mending potholes, I am told that when repairs are made in the future common sense should be used if one close by also needs repairing. Should you have any problems with reporting problems do let me know or ask the Parish Clerk to send me a list.

County Farm Lettings 2017

This year there are two new lettings on the County Farms estate. These consist of 13 acres of bare land at Bardwell and 69 acres of bare land at West Row. The properties

were advertised, applications were assessed and prospective tenants interviewed. The new tenancies will be for a period of 5 years and will commence on 11 October 2017. The tenancy of the land at Bardwell has been awarded to a 33-year-old shepherdess who is starting her own flock of sheep as a new enterprise, demonstrating how County Farms can give opportunities to aspiring young farmers. Whereas the tenancy at West Row has been let to an established local farmer who is paying a premium rent to help maximise the return on council assets (we also understand taking on the land will allow the tenant to employ a part time member of staff on a full-time basis).

Energy from Waste

Open events are regularly held at the Suffolk Energy from Waste facility to allow people to come and have a look around, and since the visitor centre opened in 2015 over 2,600 people have been round the plant to find out more about how Suffolk's waste is being used to create electricity for 30,000 homes. Each visit includes a short presentation, time in the interactive visitor centre and the control room, and a tour of the plant. Not only do visitors learn about the Energy from Waste process but also about the 4 R's - reduce, reuse, recycle and recover. Further open events are planned in the Autumn. If you would like to come to an open day, you can email suffolkefw@sita.co.uk to reg

Suffolk students celebrate as GCSE results continue to rise

Self-reported statistics from Suffolk schools released today show that more students in Suffolk have achieved expected levels of GCSE attainment in English and Maths this year.

This year, there has been a change to the way that English and Maths GCSEs are graded. Results are now graded from 9 to 1, (previously A to G) with 9 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. The expected standard for pupils to achieve is now a grade 4 and above (previously a C grade and above), with grade 5 considered a 'strong pass'. These changes will be phased in to cover all subjects by 2020.

More than 7,000 students in Suffolk were entered for GCSE results. According to provisional results collated from around 80% of schools in Suffolk, 63% of students achieved a grade 4 and above in English and maths this year. The figures suggest more than 2% more students have achieved the expected standard for English and maths, compared with last year.

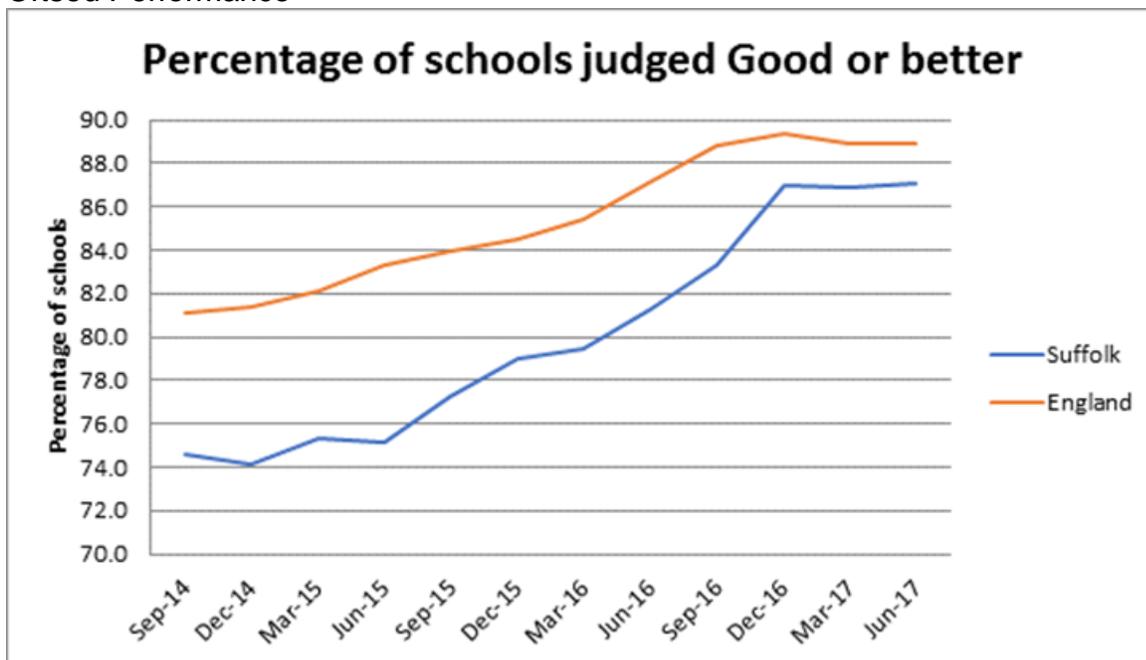
Some schools have made significant gains compared to last year:

- Ormiston Denes Academy: 20% increase to 53% of pupils achieving the threshold for English and maths.
- Holbrook Academy: 15% increase to 88% of pupils achieving the threshold for English and maths.
- Stowmarket High School: 15% increase to 60% of pupils achieving the threshold for English and maths.

The self-reported figures also show a significant increase in the number of disadvantaged pupils achieving the threshold measure in English and maths.

Approximately 6% more students in Suffolk achieved this measure this year compared to last year.

Oftsed Performance



More students in Suffolk pass A level exams than across the country

Provisional A level figures show that Suffolk pupils have once again performed well with the number of A*-E grades awarded above the national average.

Almost 3,000 pupils were entered for A Levels in Suffolk. Although yet to be verified, the figures show that 98.2% of A levels taken in the county have been awarded an A*- E grade, compared with 97.9% nationally. 77% of A level grades achieved were within the A*- C bracket, in line with national figures and a 1% increase on last year's results.

Early indications show that Suffolk's Academic average points per entry has risen to 33.37 this year, compared with 30.44 last year.

Pass rates remain high across the county, with St Benedict's Catholic School and Newmarket Academy both reporting a 100% pass rate (A*-E grade achieved). Students at Sir John Leman High School made a significant 11% gain in the number of A*-C grades awarded this year, increasing from 71% to 82%.