

Suffolk County Council - April Highlights

Keep Moving Suffolk

April 1st marked the 2nd anniversary of the Keep Moving Suffolk Campaign. The campaign was started in the early days of the pandemic to encourage people to remain active at home. The campaign hosts a range of virtual sessions to get Suffolk's residents moving.

More information can be found here - <https://www.keepmovingsuffolk.com/>

Violence against Women and Girls funding announced

On April 4th Suffolk County Council announced £350,000 of funding to support the Suffolk Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2022.

The fund aims to support the strategy to prevent violence, support victims, pursue perpetrators and strengthen the overall system. Suffolk has launched its 3-year strategy for VAWG, in line with the Government's plan to reduce and prevent this type of crime, improve collaboration between services and ensure perpetrators are brought to justice.

The Strategy is available to view online at: [Suffolk VAWG Strategy 2022-25](#)

99% of pupils receive a preferred primary school on National Offer Day

This year 99.22% of children were offered a place at one of their parents' three preferred schools and 95.6% were offered a place at their first preference school.

Suffolk County Council received 7144 applications from parents indicating which primary school they would prefer their child to join in September 2022.

Fire service delivers much-needed equipment

Staff from Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service have today embarked on a 1,000 mile journey to transport vital firefighting kit to help their counterparts in Ukraine

The deployment team, consisting of six volunteers, will drive across Europe to deliver Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service's donation of two fully operational fire engines and accompanying equipment, which forms part of the wider National Fire Chiefs Council and Fire Aid initiative.

The donation builds on the success of last month's charity car washes, which saw [Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service raise over £8,000 for the Disaster Emergency Committee's Ukraine appeal and the Fire Fighters Charity.](#)

150 miles of new road surfaces in Suffolk

Suffolk Highways begins its programme to resurface and surface dress 150 miles of new roads across 173 different sites across the county this year.

The two separate programmes provide new surfaces for vehicles to travel on, with the treatments expected to last between 5 and 20 years; depending on the type of treatment and volumes of vehicles using the roads amongst many other factors.

For further details, including the programmes of work, please visit the [road resurfacing](#) and [surface dressing](#) pages. Both programmes are subject to change due to the operations being weather dependent. Therefore, they will be updated regularly.

Suffolk digital care project hits unprecedented

A team of social care professionals in Suffolk is making strides in digital transformation by achieving a milestone in referrals for its digital care service.

Suffolk County Council, in partnership with Alcove and Rethink Partners, is pleased to have achieved a landmark number of 1,000 referrals for care

technology in under nine months since the ground-breaking Cassius service went live on 19 July 2021.

The service has seen over 1,600 devices installed in people's homes to enable Suffolk residents to stay at home and live independently and delay the need to access additional care or move to supported accommodation.

Suffolk County Council to freeze post-16 travel costs to schools and colleges

Suffolk County Council is to freeze charges for travel for over 16s to schools and colleges from September.

The council's Cabinet agreed fares should remain at 2021/22 levels for another 12 months to help families faced with soaring living costs. The decision means costs for the 2022/23 academic year will remain at £930 per year for mainstream transport and £750 for SEND pupils.

The council is not required by law to fund Post-16 Travel and does not receive any funding from central government to fund it.

Applications for SCC Post-16 travel for the September term need to be made by May 31. **[Apply via the Suffolk On Board website.](#)**