

Parish Report – September 2022

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For information on local support during the Cost-of-Living Crisis, visit:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service/>

Latest SCC COVID information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For information on supporting Ukrainian refugees in Suffolk, email:

refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk or ukrainesupport@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

Update on Ukrainian Refugees in Suffolk

Suffolk County Council has provided an update with how many Ukrainian refugees are currently in Suffolk and awaiting to be granted entry to our county. Below is a table showing how many arrivals also currently have sponsors (as of 23rd August 2022):

Lower Tier Local Authority	Number of Visa applications	Number of Visas issued	Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location
Babergh	204	192	156
East Suffolk	418	400	327
Ipswich	142	115	90
Mid Suffolk	265	254	204
West Suffolk	375	348	282

The second table below shows how Suffolk compares to our neighbouring counties:

Upper Tier Local Authority	Number of Visas applications	Number of Visas issued	Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location
Suffolk	1,404	1,309	1,059
Cambridgeshire	2,017	1,885	1,500
Essex	2,171	2,000	1,567
Norfolk	1,511	1,371	1,080

Solar Together Suffolk – This year’s registration now open

Solar Together is a project endorsed by SCC for residents and small/medium businesses to group-buy solar panels and battery storage – this provides buyers with the security of an approved installer, at a discount on normal rates. Registration has just opened, and applicants can apply up until the 26th September.

For more information, please visit: <https://solartogether.co.uk/suffolk/home>

EV Charging – Expressions of Interest

SCC have been successful in a bid for funding towards new EV charging infrastructure. The £2.75m funding will focus on community-owned car parks, where charging can be accessed 24/7.

If you wish to express interest and make the Council aware of your area, please contact Peter Frost, Environment Strategy Officer - peter.frost2@suffolk.gov.uk

Suffolk Says Thank You to our Fire Service

Community leaders, as well as our Group, recognise the stellar work done by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service during the heatwave and very dry weather. Crews have been called to more than 1,300 incidents since the start of July, making it one of the busiest years on record for the service. With such heavy demand, our Group wish to extend our thanks to all involved.

Suffolk GLI has a Facebook Page!

Our Group want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to connect with us and learn about what we’re doing as the elected opposition.

Suffolk GLI are on many platforms (see list at the bottom of the page) but have decided to create a Facebook page to ensure all users have access to our content.

Search on Facebook for ‘Suffolk GLI - Green, Liberal Democrat & Independent Group’, and connect with us!

Great British Beach Clean: September!

Every September, thousands of people across the UK head to the coast to take part in this week-long campaign. This year’s is taking place between 16th-25th September. If you would like to be take part, contact the Council’s AONB Countryside Projects Officer, Neil Lister - neil.lister@suffolk.gov.uk.

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Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/suffolkgli_group/

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Website - [Suffolk Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group – The GLI Group at Suffolk County Council \(suffolkgli.wordpress.com\)](#)