Parish Report for August 2024

This report will be a bit ‘bare boned’ as I wasn’t able to attend the July meeting of the MSDC. I am having to peruse notes and news from other sources.

\*At that meeting the ‘Mid Suffolk State of the District Report 2024’ was presented. This is available on the Mid Suffolk website. The report is detailed and covers wellnigh all areas of interest. It serves to assist in the creation of the ‘Mid Suffolk Plan 2023-2027. When reading this it appears that the ‘Strengths’ are locally related and the challenges are in line with what goes on Nationally, for instance increasing house prices, food inflation and rents going up. The population is on average older than the mean, 25,3% over 65. The average for England is 18,3%. This characteristic is a local challenge set to increase as time goes on.

The life expectancy for both men and women exceeds the National average, by 2,4 years for women and by 2,3 years for men. Women have a life expectancy of 3,5 years more then men.

84% of the residents are satisfied with their local area as compared to 74% across England.

Population density is at 121 people per square km compared to 438 for England.

Educational levels at age 19 exceed the average for England.

More positives could be added on, what seems clear is that Mid Suffolk is a good part of the country to live in.

\*A draft ‘Local Listed Buildings Consent Order’ is under way. This will be consulted upon. The aim is to make it easier for those living in Grade 2 listed homes to make improvements to save energy, like ne windows.

\*Grants for home adaptions will be increased for the most vulnerable.

\*Our former District Councillor and present County Councillor Peter Gould has passed away following a period of illness. He has been widely praised for having spent many years working for the public good.

August will be a quiet month with no MSDC meeting to be held. May I wish all of you an enjoyable end of summer.

Best Wishes,

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