



ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

of the ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on November 26th 2024 in the Reading Room, Eriswell

Present:

Cllr G Tolmie (Chairman)

Cllr L Hall

Cllr A James

Cllr A Bibbey

In attendance: West Suffolk D/Cllr Gerald Kelly, Mr A Blenkiron, MD Elveden Farms, N Glading, Parish Clerk, and one member of the public

2024/ 85	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING
	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. No recording. No meeting in December 2024
2024/ 86	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
a.	Councillors received the following apologies for absence: Cllr J Foster, Cllr B Foster, C/Cllr C Noble
b.	Councillors consented to accept the apologies received
2024/ 87	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
	Members' declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None
2024/88	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on October 29th 2024
a.	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on October 29 th 2024 were considered and AGREED as an accurate record, with one alteration- properties are for rent not sale The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes
b.	Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: None
2024/89	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	Mrs Brunning will contact Elveden Estates about a pothole at Little London
2024/90	UPDATES FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
a.	Update from Sqd. Ldr. Adam Eaton: not present
b.	Update from C/Cllr Colin Noble: Not present
c.	Update from West Suffolk D/Cllr Gerald Kelly (D/Cllr Tracy Whitehead was not present) D/Cllr G Kelly apologised about the roundabout signage - no progress has been made, will be bringing it up in the morning, it is unacceptable. Load of information from West Suffolk on keeping warm this winter, which Nicky has passed on

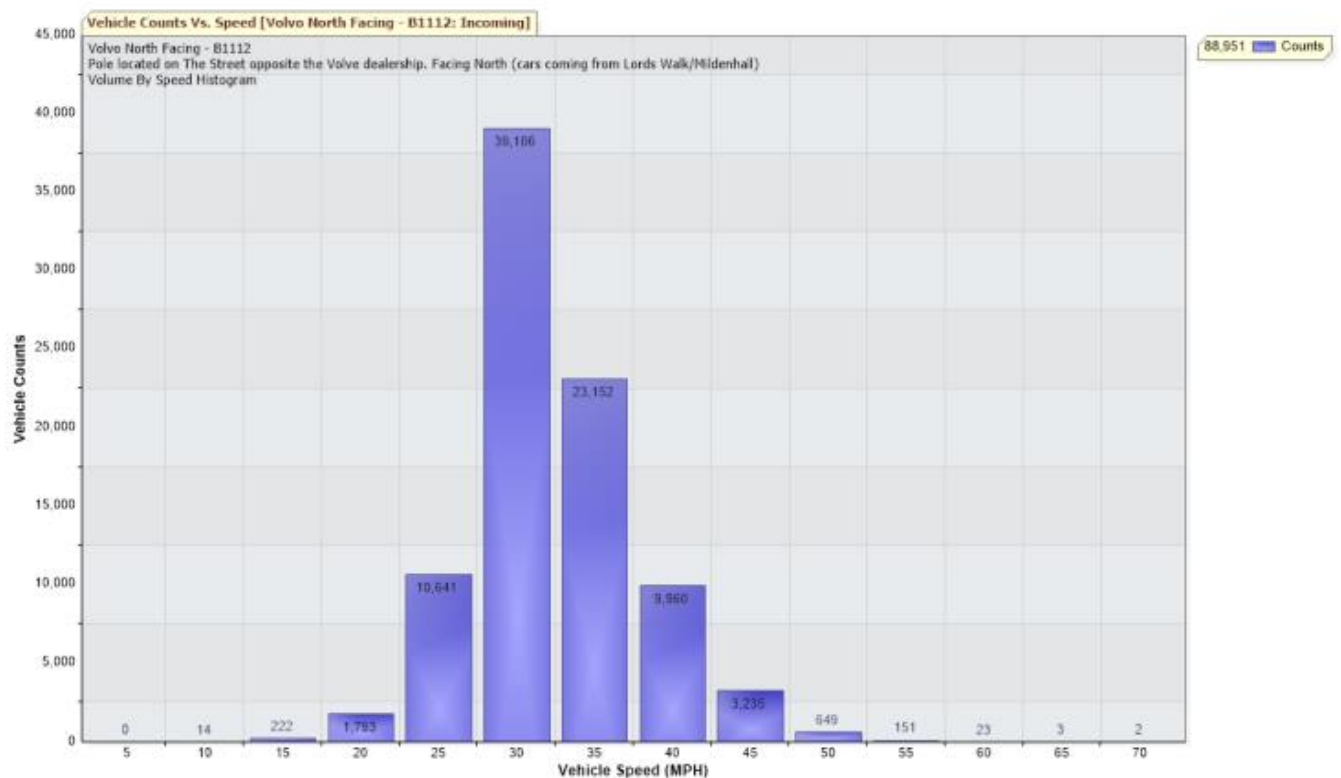
	<p>The new government is keen on devolution – discussions as to how this will be done.</p> <p>Plan to re-introduce glycosphate weedkiller.</p> <p>Solar power is ramping up – some of which District will lead, some County.</p> <p>The weather changes recently- will keep on happening – Lakenheath had 9 power cuts, tree went through roof, flooding.</p> <p>Knowing who needs help in advance is important.</p> <p>Drainage Board are upping their game on their pumps, some have been run for 600 hours.</p> <p>Last year 1.2 billion tons of water were pumped off the Fens into the river/ sea</p> <p>There is some speculation about the car wash business.</p> <p>Likely to be some chargers available, up near shops, already two available at Reliable rentals.</p> <p>Solar `cover` ideas in Mildenhall are progressing, talking to Sainsburys.</p> <p>There are three landowners of Mildenhall bus station hampering ideas on progression.</p>									
d.	<p>Update from Mr A Blenkiron</p> <p>Carrot harvest continuing</p> <p>Onions selling well</p> <p>Set aside in Eriswell is planted with herbal lay (mix of grasses to reintroduce nitrogen)</p>									
2024/91	LORDS WALK/ LIGHTING UPDATES									
a.	<p>Update on Radcliffe Road streetlights (Suffolk County Council Streetlighting)</p> <p>See email from C/Cllr Noble at 91b.</p>									
b.	<p>Update on Unsafe/broken footpath light between Myrtle and Hawthorne (Suffolk Council Streetlighting) <i>email received from C/Cllr Colin Noble 18/11/2024:</i></p> <p><i>Sadly, I can't attend the next meeting as I shall be away at a council helping with various the next day. Please give my apologies and if any matters are raised for my attention.</i></p> <p><i>My understanding is that the various are programmed in but yet to have actual dates. I understand the live pole is the priority.</i></p>									
c.	<p>Update on Base collection facility - Amazon lockers and van collections: Sqn Ldr Eaton was not present</p>									
d.	<p>Update on advertising signage (Planning Enforcement WSC): See above 90c.</p>									
2024/92	MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING									
a.	<p>None at time of agenda writing</p>									
2024/93	FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ DONATIONS									
a.	<p>The October 2024 itemised expenditure/ invoices for payment were AGREED unanimously, and signatories were authorised to sign the relevant cheques.</p> <table><tr><td>Staff</td><td>Nov-24</td><td>£ 466.45</td></tr><tr><td>Royal British Legion</td><td>Poppy wreath</td><td>£ 20.00</td></tr><tr><td>Elveden Farms</td><td>Xmas trees</td><td>£ 399.60</td></tr></table>	Staff	Nov-24	£ 466.45	Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	£ 20.00	Elveden Farms	Xmas trees	£ 399.60
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c.	<p>To consider Budgets and Precept demand 2025 to 2026</p>									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Budget 2025 to 2026 was considered (<i>Next meeting</i>) (ii) The precept request 2025 to 2026, tax base was considered (to be submitted in January 2025) (<i>Next meeting</i>)
d.	<p>The letter from Lloyds Bank confirming the change from Treasurers Account to Community Account on 14th January 2025 and accompanied new charges was RECEIVED.</p> <p>Cllr A Bibbey and clerk met with HSBC representative on Zoom on Zoom Gabriella.speak@hsbc.com</p> <p>EPC = not a charitable association</p> <p>£5 per month would be charged</p> <p>Can pay cheques in online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply clerk as primary user 2. Appoint other users 3. Open savings account
2024/94	SID REPORT
a.	Report from SID management volunteer Cllr G Tolmie (October 2024) (<i>Appendix A</i>)
2024/95	EPC EMERGENCY PLAN REVIEW
a.	<p>To consider identifying vulnerable people</p> <p>Clerk to work with Mrs Brunning, any inclusions must be agreed in writing</p> <p>Electricity people/ other utilities have their own lists, check with them</p>
2024/96	CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
a.	<p>Update on Christmas 2024 decorations/ 28th November</p> <p>Delivery date changed to 27th November: Clerk to receive</p>
2024/97	CHAIRMANS and OTHER REPORTS
a.	<p><u>Chairmans</u> itinerary and report (on the night)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Update .gov.uk domains <p>Register (2 year domain) then we can apply for our web pages to be redirected. Most important that is we will each get a new email address at £24 a year for all our PC use</p> <p>Clerk to follow up</p>
c.	<u>Councillors'</u> reports (on the night): None
d.	<p><u>Reports from other groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Eriswell Recreation Ground Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Playground Inspection Report RECEIVED (ii) Reading Room Committee: Gutter has been cleared out, gate to be painted or perhaps left galvanised. b) Poors Charity: no report (Note: all pallets have been taken away) c) Report from Cllr G Tolmie, Eriswell Footpath Warden: no report
2024/98	<p>EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION: Information may be shared (with the permission of the Chairman)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project Renewable (<i>Appendix B</i>) 2. Winter Survival Kit (<i>Appendix C</i>)

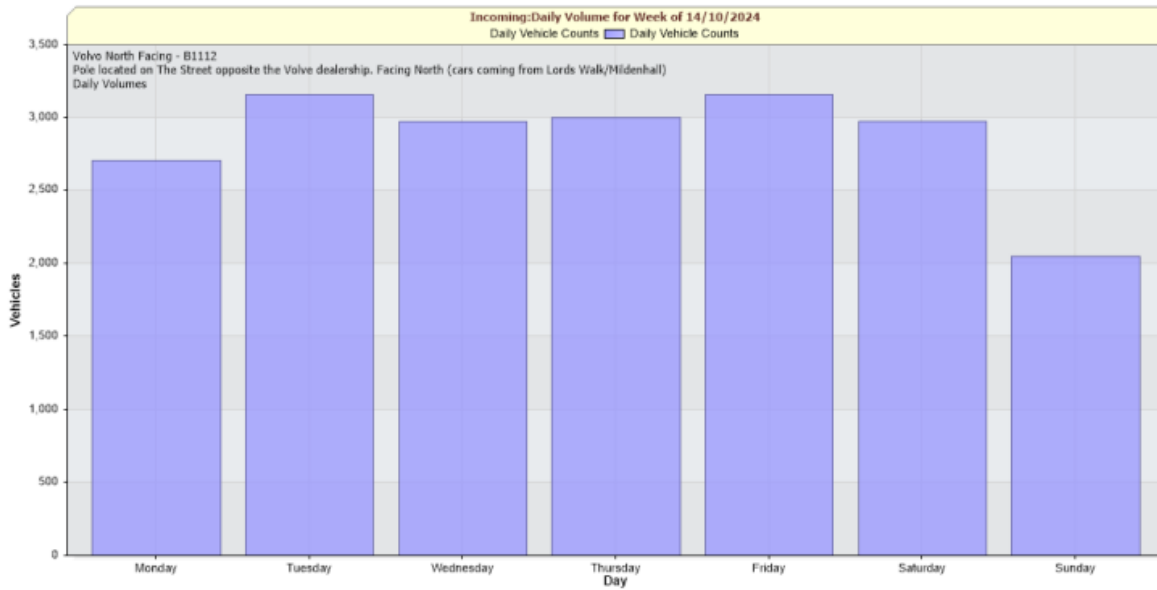
Appendix A

Eriswell Parish Council Traffic Report October 2024

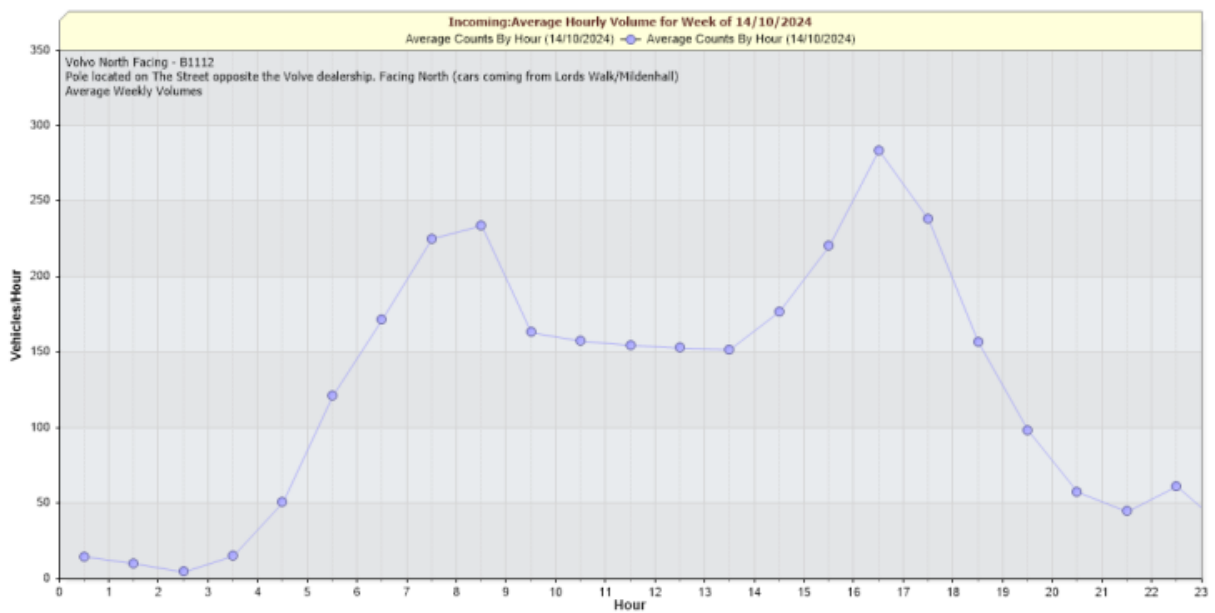
On 08 May 2024 at 18:00 the SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole positioned opposite the Volvo dealership, The Street, in the village of Eriswell. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming from the direction Lakenheath heading South towards Eriswell Village. Traffic speed and volumes were measured from 00:00AM 31st September up until 23:59PM on 30th October 2024. There was between 2700 and 3200 vehicles on weekdays passing this point. There was between 2000 and 3000 vehicles per day over the weekend heading towards the village. The busiest times during the week was 07:45-08:45 (Avg. 237 cars p/h) and 16:00-17:00 (Avg. 267 cars p/h). The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 35.3 MPH past his point. The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 29.1 MPH past his point. The fastest speeds recorded during this period was 70MPH (x2) and 65MPH (x3). The SID is positioned 670m past where the 30MPH zone starts (460m past the T-junction). The next pages show: - Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above. - Typical hourly volumes (weekdays) passing this point - Community Speed Watch Team Limit (35MPH) exceedances table - SID Location aerial diagram



31/09/2024 to 30/10/2024 into Eriswell village – Traffic from Mildenhall/Lords Walk



Typical weekday volumes heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village



Typical weekday volumes/hour heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	22	20	15	24	18	22	42
2 - 2	10	19	9	11	13	17	20
2 - 3	7	7	7	5	18	21	16
3 - 4	25	28	32	37	35	30	20
4 - 5	78	101	73	77	91	37	26
5 - 6	94	124	156	138	130	47	48
6 - 7	85	116	137	133	100	48	29
7 - 8	99	109	119	113	108	67	30
8 - 9	85	99	96	95	79	74	66
9 - 10	66	89	71	84	63	75	69
10 - 11	66	68	77	90	72	95	114
11 - 12	58	65	98	93	91	135	121
12 - 13	58	110	105	130	100	124	141
13 - 14	61	86	125	107	111	157	135
14 - 15	121	93	86	126	133	128	119
15 - 16	141	161	159	211	159	127	108
16 - 17	151	181	237	247	170	141	113
17 - 18	121	173	216	219	122	153	87
18 - 19	85	100	117	99	98	81	66
19 - 20	52	77	79	95	77	73	52
20 - 21	44	49	74	55	60	46	45
21 - 22	31	54	39	47	48	52	29
22 - 23	41	59	53	60	70	57	31
23 - 24	34	51	49	29	42	38	29
Totals	1635	2039	2229	2325	2008	1845	1556

Exceeding Community Speed Watch Team Limit of 35MPH



SID Location vs Start of 30MPH zone

Appendix B

Dear Councillors

I am sending you a copy of this email as you may know of someone who would like a survey undertaken. I happened to mention to him that I understood that some of the houses on Lords Walk had a variety of issues with heating.

Please make it clear that, as with all commercial enterprises, Eriswell Parish Council do not endorse this company. There are grants available to improve heating sustainability and Renewables can point people in the right direction.

West Suffolk Council can also assist, see the Warm Homes Suffolk initiative:

<https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/reduce-your-impact/domestic-energy-efficiency-funding.cfm>

[Domestic energy efficiency funding](#)

The council is supporting the residents and communities of West Suffolk to improve their home energy efficiency and the government has launched a series of funding initiatives to support home insulation and renewable energy installations.

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk

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The homes in the older part of the village could benefit, I've put advice sheets on the Noticeboards as not everyone is online (possibly those that need the assistance the most) - do you know of anyone please ?

On Mon, 11 Nov 2024 at 10:31, Chris Whitehall <chris@projects4renewables.co.uk> wrote:

Morning Nicky, hope you are all well?

Great news, we have received our Funding Allocation to provide Free Energy Efficiency measures to Residents, Businesses, Community Projects and Parish Council Buildings for the community of Lakenheath and are registered to do so through Suffolk's 'Warm Homes Healthy People' initiative

A Letter of Introduction together with a Leaflet explaining the scheme, will be delivered within the next 10 days, enabling those to register their interest. In addition, we have spoken to Denise at the Lakenheath Times who will be running our first advert in the Winter edition of their Parish Magazine

We are allowed to undertake our first installations (after Building Surveys have been completed) from December so now we want to prioritise those properties in most need of upgrade or those Residents living in Fuel Poverty

One of the areas where we have been asked to concentrate our efforts on are what is described as 'solid wall', ie those building that do not have a cavity

Based on our previous conversations, I think you have a few properties in mind but also you mentioned some newer properties where Air Source Heat Pumps have been installed but the perception was that they possibly weren't working correctly or just not very efficient. As we will be in the area every week from now on, if you have someone you know who would be receptive to a free Survey, we could pop round and undertake an assessment

Anyway, if you would like to get together to discuss further, please advise

Kind regards

Chris Whitehall
Managing Director

P4R Services Ltd

T/A Projects4Renewables & Projects4Roofing

Appendix C

Supporting Each Other: Focus on Winter

You may have heard **Winter Fuel Payments** being discussed in the news recently. They used to be paid to everyone over State Pension age, regardless of their income. This has now changed. Only people who get **Pension Credit** will receive the one off Winter Fuel Payment this year.

And it's not just help with heating costs - getting Pension Credit opens the door to additional benefits such as help with the cost of dental work, glasses and transport to hospital; help with rent or mortgage interest; and help paying Council Tax. Not to mention a free TV Licence for those aged 75 and over.

A lot of people think if they have savings they won't be entitled, but that is not always the case. While 1.4 million households in the UK already receive Pension Credit, an estimated 880,000 people are eligible for it, but not receiving it.

Can you help us reach these people?

If you have friends or family over State Pension age (currently 66), ask them if they have checked their eligibility. They can find out more here: www.gov.uk/pension-credit, or by calling 0800 99 1234. Applications can be made online or over the phone.

How can you as a Council reach your pension age residents?

Please consider how you can raise awareness of this valuable benefit and support people to apply. Could you use any of the following ideas to get the information out there?

- An article in your local Parish newsletter, magazine or paper
- Posters on community noticeboards
- Flyers in local shops, community centres and libraries
- Visits to coffee mornings and groups for older people to chat to them about it
- Social media posts and articles on your Town / Parish Council website
- Promotion on local radio stations
- Items in church notice sheets
- Appoint a member of your community to be a Pension Credit champion and spread the word

Further down you will find some useful resources which we would ask you to use within your parishes/towns. **You don't need to be an expert** on Pension Credit: just encourage people to check their eligibility themselves, or support them to do so, either over the **phone 0800 99 1234** or online: www.gov.uk/pension-credit

The quickest way to apply for Pension Credit is to call the claim line 0800 99 1234 (a friend or family member can call for them as long as they are with the person at the time) or go online www.gov.uk/pension-credit

What about people who are not entitled to Pension Credit?

Below you will find details of support throughout West Suffolk available to our communities who may find themselves vulnerable this winter.

The Government Funded Household Support Fund has been extended until March 2025 and is an allocation of funding given to Suffolk County Council to support people who are experiencing hardship or struggling with the rising costs. Suffolk County Council allocates Household Support Fund money to residents in a number of ways including Local Welfare Assistance Scheme (details below). For full details in relation to the Household Support Fund please visit: [Household Support Fund - Suffolk County Council](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/lwas)

Local Welfare Assistance Scheme: www.suffolk.gov.uk/lwas

A fund set up for those experiencing financial hardship and can help with food, heating, clothing, fuel and white goods. Full details and eligibility criteria can be found on the website. This fund is changing so it is important you keep up to date by visiting the website.

Applications are made online, or with support from a partner organisation such as Citizens Advice.

Warm Homes Suffolk: [Warm Homes Suffolk](https://www.warmhomesuffolk.co.uk)

Grants available to help insulate and make properties more energy efficient. Eligibility can be checked online or by contacting 03456 037 686. This fund is available to homeowners, renters and landlords and is provided throughout the county.

Other benefits www.entitledto.co.uk

Check entitlement to other benefits such as Housing Benefit, Support for Mortgage Interest, Council Tax Reduction, Attendance Allowance, Carers Allowance and more. These could increase your income and help you better afford your bills. Use an online benefits calculator or contact an advice agency such as Age UK or Citizens Advice.

Discretionary Payments www.angliarevenues.gov.uk/discretionary

There are two different types of discretionary payment funds available: Discretionary Housing Payment: for those in receipt of Housing Benefit or Housing Element of Universal Credit and Exceptional Hardship Payments: for those receiving council tax reduction.

Both payments are short term and one off but are aimed at helping those experiencing exception financial hardship. Individuals can apply on line and full details of funding available can be found by visiting the website (application form is through this website as well)

Help with the cost of heating oil

- “Suffolk Oil Loans” from Eastern Savings & Loans, a Credit Union. They offer an interest-free loan of up to £500 for heating oil. This is only available to residents of Suffolk. You need to become a member of Eastern Savings & Loans to apply. Membership costs £5
- To find out more about the Suffolk Oil Loan, visit: www.eslco.co.uk/products-and-services/loan-products/suffolk-oil-loans
- Community Oil Buying: by clubbing together with others in your community, you may be able to get a cheaper price for your oil. The Oil Club website lists the many Oil Clubs in Suffolk, and often several small rural communities in the same postcode area are included in the same ‘club’. To find your nearest oil club, visit: www.oil-club.co.uk
- Another scheme to consider is Community Action Suffolk’s community oil buying scheme. It offers pre-payment and Direct Debit schemes, but please note it does not offer a ‘buy now, pay later’ scheme. For more information, visit: www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/business-support/community-oil-buying-bulk-lpg

Promote help to deal with debt: There are a number of services, both West Suffolk wide and nationally that can support with financial concerns and managing your wellbeing. For local support please visit the council’s Cost of Living support pages: [Cost of living \(westsuffolk.gov.uk\)](http://westsuffolk.gov.uk)

Debt can cause financial hardship and stress. Sometimes even well-managed debt can spiral out of control when life circumstances change. For specialist debt advice, the following organisations can help:

- **Citizens Advice West Suffolk** [Citizens Advice West Suffolk | Free, confidential, independent advice \(suffolkwestcab.org.uk\)](http://Citizens Advice West Suffolk | Free, confidential, independent advice (suffolkwestcab.org.uk)) Advice line: 0808 278 7868 (Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 3:30pm)
- **West Suffolk - worried about money?** [Worrying about money? - West Suffolk](#) leaflet was co-produced as a straightforward resource for people facing money worries or financial crisis, and support workers, to quickly see which local agencies are best placed to help with advice and help to access cash first options.
- **National Debtline** Telephone appointments, webchat 0808 808 4000 (9am-8pm, Monday-Friday) <https://nationaldebtline.org>
- **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** Face to face appointments, home visits 0800 328 0006 <https://capuk.org>

Resources

There are some really good resources available to use online and as printed material. Check out the following, particularly the Age UK simple booklet (which you can order printed copies of, for free, from Age UK) and the Gov.uk toolkit:

Gov.uk

- Pension Credit toolkit: advice and guidance for stakeholders
www.gov.uk/government/publications/pension-credit-toolkit/pension-credit-toolkit-advice-and-guidance-for-stakeholders
- This toolkit includes videos, social media images, posters and flyers. It also examines the barriers to claiming, dispels myths, and gives advice on how to talk to people about Pension Credit.
- Pension Credit claimant guide www.gov.uk/pension-credit
- Pension Credit calculator www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator
- Guidance on the closure of Tax Credits for people over State Pension age
www.gov.uk/government/publications/pension-credit
- Easy Read “Get Help from Pension Credit”
<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/600811bbe90e072f4ed77f6d/pension-credit-easy-read.pdf>

Age UK Website www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/benefits-entitlements/pension-credit • Simple A5 information guide booklet
www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/information-guides/ageukig50_pension_credit_inf.pdf

- More detailed A4 factsheet www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/factsheets/fs48_pension_credit_fcs.pdf

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