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Welcome to my monthly newsletter

MP VISIT TO THE DEBEN WARD

I was delighted to invite Jenny Riddell Carpenter to the Deben Peninsulaso she can understand our concerns and worries .

We first sat down with a cup of tea and I gave an overview of concerns and issues .We talked about local social isolation , affordable housing , mental health , public transport and how all levels of government can work together to make lives better . In particular we discussed at length the recent highway issues , and how the use of our roads have changed over the years , along with increase in visitors to the Deben peninsula, all adding to the stress of highways . Not only this with the change in weather patterns we are seeing increase in flooding which is having serious implications for all .







We then did a small tour of the peninsula, meeting with a number of local parish councils to discuss specific village issues .

Hollesley village hall was our first stop where we discussed recent local road collisions and how we can increase policing levels locally .

We then moved on to Shottisham , Eyke and finished in Butley. We talked about the new houses at Eyke, even I was surprised how quickly work had started and Eyke parish council and myself are worried what sort of impact this will have on the roads in particular the Wilford Bridge roundabout junction .

We had a productive meeting in Shottisham covering mobile phone connection and 20 mph speed limits. Jenny also shared her view on devolution and like me is positive on the concept and made a very important point , irrelevant to the structure of the new council , it's who you elect as your representative that makes the difference .

Our stop in Eyke was something I was keen to make ,esp with your huge housing development along with continued traffic concerns . We met with your parish council and discussed the really pressing issues of the increase in the number vehicles through your village along with the big impact of the new housing development. Questions still unanswered were how this will impact the Wilford bridge roundabout road along with when will the facilities be delivered to support these new houses . However Jenny , your parish council and myself will hold the developers to their conditions and I really hope any village disturbance will be minimum .

The big difficult question however is how do we keep our communities strong and healthy in a changing world .This is just the start of my initiative to engage with all stakeholders and decision makers to support all my villages .

SUPPORT FOR HOLLESLEY MEET UP MONDAY NEW YEAR LUNCH

In January I was pleased to support the Hollesley meet up Monday new year lunch .
I contributed through my enabling community budget to support the event and attended in person .It gave me a great opportunity to speak to many residents discussing local and national issues .
These events are incredibly important to me and it reminds me how lucky we all are in having active local communities.



https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/24851999.hollesley-community-lunch-offers-warmth-residents/

2nd Crash at Hollesley Water Tower

I was shocked to see yet another collisionin Hollesley , although different junction , it is beginning to feel as if our roads are very dangerous . I have been increasingly aware of soil and dirt on the road , increased flooding due to broken drains and heavier and larger commercial vehicles .

Fortunately there was no serious injuries however it worries me that something will happen that will cost a life .

I spoke out about the local issues and I am pushing hard for all stakeholders to focus on dealing with the issues

The County council is not changing the actual message on the signs butwill replace road signs with a yellow background which should prove to be more eye catching

https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/24901811.james-mallinder-speaks-crashes-hollesley-woodbridge/

February full council meeting

I gave two speeches, the first in highlighting concerns over the delivery of more household waste bins. The council voted to purchase an additional waste bin for household waste. This is in response to national mandate to change the way we recycle across the uk . Although we have no choice in collecting differently when I was chair of the suffolk waste partnership I was keen to investigate fully the ability to divide the bins we have, or provide hessian sacks . Such investigation hasnot taken place and I am disappointed that the council is just purchasing bins without looking into the impact this will have. There was little debate but I took the opportunity to highlight the issues of bins on streets causing obstacles on pavements , extra bin capacity actually encourages households to create more waste and finally, where I worked hard to decrease the carbon footprint of east suffolk , more bins , more collections massively increases the carbon emissions of the council .

My second speech was against the budget the green party presented to council .Although we are all aware the structure of our economics and politics leaves locally councils under funded , councils also have a duty to manage finances.

I do not feel East Suffolk is offering value for money and I have noticed spending on rebranding policies and on unnecessary vanity projects . I know a number of our residents are struggling to pay for food, housing and heating so am disappointed that the council is not focusing on the core responsibilities of the council and reducing the tax burden . On behalf of my residents I opposed the budget - the only councillor to vote NO .

Pardon the weeds pointless rebranding and Love East Suffolk district wide litter pick cancelled

East Suffolk Green party and Lib dem party on coming to power cancelled the successful Pardon the weeds campaign I introduced under the previous Conservative administration . This campaign was designed to allow agreed areas of East Suffolk land to be left uncut to allow nature to flourish , especially supporting many of our insects . Much praise was given

by wild life groups and residents in policy delivery and public engagement through the campaign heading ' pardon the weeds we are feeding the bees '

The Green party on coming to power cancelled this campaign and then rebranded the campaign to call it ' nature at work ' This causes a number of issues

The unnecessary rebranding has cost East Suffolk residents nearly 50,000 pounds. With costs in daily lives increasing East Suffolk council has made no effort to keep their running costs to a minimum , spending tax payers money with no concern of how increased council tax will impact on households . With this wasteful rebranding , new signage has been introduced which is a waste of resources , and the old signs will be just scrapped and end up in landfill. This is now very fast becoming an anti- envrionment project .

Although I have pushed for an annual district wide litter pick campaign , I am sad to report the spring annual litter pick ' Love East Suffolk ' I introduced, has been cancelled for a second year . This campaign had huge district wide support from town and village councils and local groups coming together to litter pick across our district . Many residents enjoyed the project where families and neighbours joined forces in removing litter from our countryside and living environments . It's a real shame .

The battle continues to remove politics from the environmental debate and focus on doing the right thing.

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