

District Councillor's Report

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you were able to enjoy a restful and enjoyable end to 2023 and beginning of 2024. Obviously, this can be a particularly difficult time of the year for many people in our community and that makes the need to look out for the vulnerable all the more important. For this reason, I would like to recommend a service offered by South Norfolk Council. The Council's Help Hub offers wide ranging help and support for addressing issues like money worries, loneliness and isolation, health and wellbeing problems, housing issues, bereavement, and general community support. So, if you or anyone you know can make use of this service please contact the Help Hub by calling 01508 533933 or emailing helphub@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk.

Once again significant levels of flooding has been seen in our ward. This is evidently not a problem that is going to simply go away. As a result, it seems to me that a more streamlined, grassroots approach to at least mitigating this problem may be in order. There are skills and talents that can be utilized and used to prepare ourselves for the worst excesses of wet weather so that we are better positioned to cope and be mobilized to respond in a positive way. Ultimately, I'd like to gather as many likeminded people and groups together to pool expertise and develop a more coordinated response across all three parishes in future.

If you are willing or able to contribute to this please feel free to contact me. As usual I will be at my Councillor surgery on the last Saturday of the month between 10am and 12 at Harleston Information Plus and I can also be contacted by email on James.Eddy@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

All the best,

James