November 2025 Samford Report

Consultation: Active Travel in Woodbridge

- Suffolk County Council seeks feedback on proposals to improve walking, cycling, and traffic flow in Woodbridge town centre.
- Plans include making Thoroughfare one-way eastbound and two options for Cumberland Street (one-way westbound or modal filter).
- Quay Street will become one-way northbound to improve pedestrian safety.
- Survey open until December 12. More info: Active Travel Woodbridge website.

£63m A12 Highway Improvement Proposals

- Planning application for upgrades between A12/A14 Seven Hills Junction and Woods Lane north of Woodbridge.
- Includes improved junctions, mobility hub at Adastral Park, new footbridge, dual carriageway upgrades, and cycleways.
- Public comments can be sent to planning@suffolk.gov.uk.

Disability Heritage Project Receives £139k Grant

- Suffolk Archives awarded National Lottery Heritage Fund grant for 'Beyond Labels: Celebrating Disability in Suffolk'.
- Project will collect and share stories, run workshops, digitise records, and host a public exhibition in 2026.

Suffolk County Council Objects to Sea Link Project

- Council maintains objection to Sea Link infrastructure project due to concerns over design, access, and local impact.
- Examination phase underway and expected to last up to six months.

New Armed Forces Covenant for Suffolk

- Council renews pledge to support serving and former military personnel and their families.
- Reflects updated engagement, legislation, and delivery since original 2012 pledge.

Sunnica Solar Farm Concerns

- Council warns proposed changes could allow further large infrastructure projects such as data centres.
- Public consultation will follow; all relevant parties encouraged to respond.

Culture Project Fund Supports Young Artists

- £500,000 fund supports projects like Gainsborough's House offering free printmaking and art workshops for young people.
- Applications for 2026 grants now open: Culture Project Fund website.

NHS Health Checks Campaign

- Free NHS Health Checks available for Suffolk residents aged 40–74 who meet eligibility criteria.
- Checks help detect early signs of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and more.
- More info: Suffolk GP Federation website.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Progress

- Council expanding EV charging infrastructure, including trial of cross-pavement gullies for residents without off-street parking.
- £5.3m secured from LEVI fund; 6,000 chargepoints to be installed countywide.

Ipswich Active Travel Consultation

- Consultation open on new segregated cycle path for Princes Street, Ipswich.
- Survey open until December 22.

'One Suffolk' Council Proposal

- Government consultation on replacing Suffolk's six councils with a single unitary authority.
- Consultation open until January 11, 2026.

Sudbury Active Travel Improvements

- New walking and cycling route on Melford Road, Sudbury, starting January 2026.
- Includes new crossings and shared-use path; phased road closures planned.

'Wonderlust by Bus' Map Launch

- Interactive map helps residents and visitors explore Suffolk by bus and active travel.
- Available online and at over 900 locations.

Volunteer Recognition: Way To Go Project

- Volunteers in Ipswich and Lowestoft recognised for supporting walking and cycling groups.
- Over 600 residents have benefitted from these initiatives.

Suffolk Archives Awarded National Accreditation

 Suffolk Archives receives national accreditation for high standards in archive service delivery.