



Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – February 2019

Winter Advice – As colder weather approaches, Suffolk County Council have issued detailed advice on being prepared of which a summary is as follows:

1. If you are travelling by motor vehicle:
 - Check the weather forecast before setting off and consider whether your journey is absolutely necessary.
 - Make sure that basic maintenance on your vehicle is maintained e.g. lights, tyres etc.
 - Clear snow, frost and condensation from all windows before setting off on a journey.
 - Allow extra time for your journey and drive at a sensible speed.
 - Take a fully charged mobile phone with you and some emergency kit in the car, including a torch, ice scraper, de-icer, first-aid kit, warm clothes and in severe weather, a shovel, a pair of boots, a blanket, any medication, food and a hot drink.
2. To protect yourself:
 - Get vaccinated against seasonal flu if you're eligible.
 - Check you have shoes with good grip, to prevent falls in cold weather.
 - Wear several layers of clothes to stay warm.
 - Remain active in your home and limit going outside unless it is necessary.
3. Be a good Neighbour:

Icy roads and snow can often mean that older or more vulnerable people are not able to get out and about. If you have an elderly, vulnerable neighbour or relative please look out for them in the winter months. They may need help with shopping, clearing paths, walking a dog or just seeing a friendly face. If the curtains are not opened during the day, or there are no lights on in the evening, there may be something wrong. Try knocking on the door to see if there's an answer. If not, contact a relative or friend who you think may have a key or get in touch with your local police force on 101 or 999 if you have immediate concerns.

For a list of full advice please go to [suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/seasonal-winter/](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/seasonal-winter/)

Mid Suffolk District Council Building Control – MSDC are keen to raise awareness amongst members of the local community of all the building control services which it runs. Your council can help if you are thinking of building an extension, internal alterations i.e. removal of walls, converting your garage or creating an annex.

Mid Suffolk District Council, has a dedicated, independent and impartial team with over 100 years combined specialist knowledge in the construction industry. They can help guide you through the processes to make that all-important alteration to your home, whilst ensuring you meet mandatory Building Regulations. They understand fitting home improvements around your job can be a challenge. Their team will find a way to support you that fits in with your diary and if required inspections can be booked by 10.00 a.m. on the day. If you want to find out more about the services your local council offers, just speak to one of the team by heading to the Council's website at: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/building-control/>

The council also deals with demolitions and dangerous structures. You can always contact them to report a dangerous structure online at <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/building-control/dangerous-structures/>

Meetings in February - The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 11th February at 7.30 p.m. in Claydon & Barham village hall. Members of the community are very welcome to attend and opportunity will be given at the beginning of the meeting for them to speak on items included on the agenda or other issues about which they have concerns. Agendas will be available prior to the meeting from our Parish Clerk, Mrs C. Greenan, 129 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 2AX. Telephone/text 07887459989. email claywhit@btinternet.com

