

County Councillor Annual Report

April 2024

HIGHWAYS PROJECTS

In the 2023 / 24 financial year I have negotiated the following major projects :

- 1 17 sets of road markings repainted in Trimley St Mary. These included centre line, give way, bus stop and cycle lane markings.
- 2 23 faded or damaged road signs will be repaired or replaced in the Trimley villages. This will be funded by County Highways for 4 of the signs, and the remaining 19 funded by me from an extra £3000 fund plus £2487.58 from my Local Highways budget.
- 3 Suffolk County Council have provided £24.8 million for road and footpath repairs. Within my Division 3 roads in Felixstowe Walton will be resurfaced and 4 sections of footpath in Walton and Trimley will be repaired.
- 4 Suffolk County Council have completed the scheme to replace all 43000 of its street lamps with low energy LED lights.
- 5 A new Highways contract was awarded to “Milestone” on 01 October 2023.

NEW SCHOOLS

Suffolk County Council has provided £32 million for 11 new schools in Suffolk. This will include a new primary school in North Felixstowe and a new primary school in Trimley St Martin.

TREE PLANTING

Suffolk County Council has planted 225,000 new trees since 2020. This includes 7604 funded by the Government.

LOCALITY BUDGET

In the 2023 /24 financial year I have funded the following projects from my £8000 annual budget:

- 1 £1000 to Catch 22 for football tournaments at Orwell Green Felixstowe.
- 2 £807 to Suffolk Football Association for a youth football tournament at Eastward Ho.
- 3 £540 to Landguard Fort Trust for a charity concert.
- 4 £750 to Trimley St Mary Neighbourhood Watch.
- 5 £1490 to Cruse, a bereavement support charity.
- 6 £1000 to Felixstowe Men’s Shed for a new lathe.

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET

The budget for the next financial year 2024 / 25 will increase from £693 million to £752 million. There will be an additional £74 million spent on Adult Services and Children’s Services in the next two years. The County Council have made these funds available and have set a balanced budget by making a prudent set of savings totalling £43 million.

COUNCILLOR STUART BIRD B.A.(HONS)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR FELIXSTOWE NORTH AND TRIMLEY DIVISION

TOWN COUNCILLOR FOR FELIXSTOWE PORT WARD

