

Never miss a collection with the new East Suffolk app!

A new app has been launched to help residents with the changes to recycling which begin in June.

The new app will help residents quickly see which bin is due for collection each week and will help people check what can be put into each bin, to help people recycle even more.

There is also the option to receive reminders ahead of bin collection day and receive alerts if a scheduled bin collection has been delayed through bad weather or a traffic issue.

The new app also enables people to find nearby council-owned car parks, leisure centres and public toilets, as well as local places to eat and their associated food hygiene rating.

Cllr Paul Ashton, East Suffolk’s Deputy Leader and cabinet member for Corporate Services said: “The new East Suffolk app will help residents adjust to the changes to recycling services which are being introduced across the county on 1 June, making it even easier for people to check their collection day, the colour of bin being collected and check what items can go into each bin.

“In addition to recycling information, our new app also enables people to find nearby council-owned facilities such as car parks and public toilets, report issues directly using our online forms and check the food hygiene ratings of local places to eat, with more services to come in due course.”

The new app is available for Apple and Android in the app store (search for East Suffolk) or via www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/councilapp

The new Better Recycling service launches in Suffolk from 1 June and from this date, residents will be able to recycle more items, including glass and soft plastic, through their recycling bins at home. The collections will be as follows:

- A weekly food waste collection (grey food container)
- A three-weekly general rubbish collection (black lid bin)
- A three-weekly recycling collection for glass, plastics, metal and cartons (blue lid bin)
- A three-weekly recycling collection for paper and card (green lid bin)

By the end of this month, all households will have received their additional green lidded recycling bin and grey food waste container, as well as a smaller caddy to collect food waste indoors.

To help residents recycle even more, the new East Suffolk app has a handy recycling search tool to check whether an item can be recycled. There is also an AI powered image search which enables residents to take a photo of an item and check whether it can be recycled, and in which bin.

The new app is fully accessible and is voice reader compatible.

Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk

A new website - jointly created by Suffolk’s county, district and borough councils - providing simple and clear information and updates about Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk.

It is part of our commitment to ensuring residents and communities are aware of LGR, why it is happening, and what it means for them as we transition to three new unitary councils.

The Future Suffolk website www.suffolkgrhub.gov.uk, developed in-house, will evolve as plans progress. But it already includes:

- explainers about LGR
- a timeline of the LGR process and key milestones
- maps showing the new council boundaries
- details about the 2027 shadow authority elections.

The site also includes an interactive map showing provisional ward names and boundaries, as well as details of the number of councillors. These boundaries have been shaped in accordance with the [Boundary Commission for England's](#) guidance and by working with cross-party groups of councillors over the past few months, with the support of our democratic service and elections teams. You can preview the site here: <https://preview-suffolkgr-scc.cloud.contensis.com/>

The website brings everything together in one place and ensures these complex changes are communicated in a clear, consistent and transparent way. It also provides a single point of contact for residents, and the opportunity to submit questions and comments. Please note Future Suffolk is a temporary website and identity being used to communicate these changes – it is not a brand for the new councils.

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Tunstall Parish Council

Thank you

We would like to thank all residents who took the time to complete the Tunstall questionnaire, all data from this will be processed and shared with residents.

2025/26 Accounts

The Parish Council Accounts for the year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 have now been fully audited (by Mr Trevor Brown CPFA) and are ready for inspection by residents at a mutually convenient time. You can also see key documents on the Parish Web Site at <https://tunstallparish.gov.uk/parish-council/accounts/>

Suffolk Community Awards 2026

In a unique partnership, Community Action Suffolk (CAS), Suffolk County Council and the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (“SALC”) launched the Suffolk Community Awards.

These collaborative awards celebrate and recognise the huge contribution that groups, individuals, town and parish councils make on the overall quality of life in our communities across the length and breadth of Suffolk.

There are 18 awards available and nominations close on 12th July, for more information please visit www.suffolkcommunityawards.co.uk

Annual Parish Meeting Reports

If you were unable to attend the annual parish meeting, you can find copies of the reports at www.tunstallparish.gov.uk/parish-council/meeting-associated-papers/

Tunstall Grapevine

Let us know your email address and we will keep you informed of the latest news.

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PET SERVICE

Join us to celebrate the animals we love or have loved so much

Sunday 7th June 3.00pm
St Michael & All Angels Churchyard, Tunstall
(inside if raining)
Refreshments provided

For more information please contact Sarah
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All humans & animals welcome!

Diary dates

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Thursday 4 June at Tunstall Community Hall.

The Mobile Library

Tunstall Green:
Wednesday 24 June 10.25—10.50
Tunstall Common:
Friday 26 June 15:50-16:05

June 2026 Bulletin

Please send or give all material to the editor: Tiffany Pollock 688 816, tiffpollock@hotmail.co.uk by **15 June 2026**





A Busy Month!

I’m not sure what it is about June, but it always seems to become one of the busiest months of the year for us at Grace Church!

Alongside our regular activities, we have several special events planned this June. All open to everyone.

Regular Activities

- Sunday Services — Rendlesham School and Tunstall Chapel
- Children’s & Youth Groups — Fridays at Tunstall Chapel
- Coffee, Craft & Chat / Toddler Group — Wednesdays at Tunstall Chapel
- Women’s Meeting — 3rd Tuesday at Tunstall Chapel
- Dads’ & Children’s Group — 2nd Saturday at Tunstall Chapel

Special Events in June

Rendlesham Show Stand

11am–5pm, Saturday 6th June
Our usual stand at the Rendlesham Show where we will be offering children’s activities, along with shelter from the sun or rain. Please do come and say hello!

Rendlesham Village Praise in the Park Service

11am, Sunday 7th June
A short, informal service for Rendlesham and the surrounding villages in the Rendlesham Show marquee, followed by coffee/cake (on us!) from the Jubilee Park

Coffee Shop.

Annual Clay Shoot

3pm, Saturday 13th June
Starting and finishing at Sudbourne Village Hall, with a short walk to a nearby meadow to shoot at some “clay pigeons”. No experience is necessary — just a willingness to have a go!

The afternoon concludes with a barbecue and a short talk about the Christian faith.
Booking is essential via our website.

Women’s Summer Meal

7:30pm, Wednesday 24th June
A meal at Tunstall Chapel followed by a short talk about the Christian faith.
Booking is essential via our website.

Please note: we do not charge for any of our events.

Hopefully that gives you a flavour of what’s happening! These events are not just for the Grace Church community, but for anyone who would like to come along for a happy time, to find out more about Christianity, or both.

We would love to welcome you.

DAVE RUSHBROOK
Minister, Grace Church Rendlesham
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Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Why not make today the day that you prioritise your Mental Health and Wellbeing?

Looking after our mental wellbeing helps our whole community. Our mental health is just as important as our physical health and there are lots of small things that we can all do that will keep us feeling happier and healthier throughout the year ahead. Whether it is going for a walk, having a conversation with an old friend, star gazing, doing a daily crossword or maybe even volunteering small habits like these can make a huge difference to how we feel.

The Five Ways to Wellbeing recognises that many factors influence our wellbeing, so for more information and some inspiration visit www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/

We are complex creatures with busy lives and even the strongest of us need help or support at some time in our lives. The sooner we act or seek support the better our life becomes.

Where can I go for help or support?

Our new 'Well Minds' booklet contains lots of useful services, helplines and websites that are available to support anyone that needs support with their mental health and wellbeing.

Follow the link below to view the booklet either as an interactive flipbook or a PDF version.

Printed copies of the booklet will be available in all libraries across Suffolk.

The 'Well Minds' flip book - simplebooklet.com/wellmindssuffolk

The Vicar’s Voice

Early summer brings a whole energy and freshness about it that I love. The lighter evenings extend the day and mean I get to spend more time enjoying the outdoors. I’m very easy to please. I like poppies, buttercups, bluebells and forget-me-nots. I find the odd moment to grab a drink and sit outside when the sun is shining, and the village Peacock, Livingstone, and my two cats keep me company.

There is a simple wonder in creation that calms my soul. The colours, textures and sounds all work together and make me grateful that I live in such an amazing place in Suffolk. Just recently, I have installed an app on my phone called “Merlin”, which listens to bird song and helps me identify the birds in

my garden. Robins and blackbirds are certainly very vocal. I have had up to 13 varieties in one sitting, all singing together, creating quite a melody.

The beauty, variety and sound of nature lead me to believe that it couldn’t all be accidental, and there is a creator who purposely put together colours, sounds and life to give us our amazing countryside. It was His gift for us to enjoy, and whether it be sitting in the garden, eating ice cream, paddling at the beach or walking in your village, I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy our amazing area this summer.

REV KATHY WILSON
Shottisham

Fun in the Sun for St Michael’s

As summer arrives, we’re delighted that fundraising is now underway for the vital repairs to the crumbling East side of the church. We received a very unexpected donation of £140 from John Denny’s pub darts tournament - the proceeds from the event including a contribution from Georgy at the Green Man, so thanks to both of them and everyone else involved, for such generosity.

This month:

Everything stops for tea: Pat’s Open Garden, Saturday June 20th, 2-5pm

Longman’s Cottage on Longman’s Lane will be opening its gate, and Pat has been tending the extensive gardens and overseeing an ambitious planting scheme -quite extraordinary for a soon to be 92 year old! The entry fee (£5 for adults, £2 for kids age 5-16 and under 5s free) includes drinks and cake and anything we raise goes into the repair fund. We’ve got several stalls - manned by the Bowls Club, the WI and by producers in the village including a children’s craft stall and Carole’s hand made glass creations. At the time of writing, we still have one table available for a £10 donation to the church. Or if having a stall’s a bit ambitious, would you consider donating a bottle to our Tombola? It can be anything from vinegar and Fairy liquid to an1856 bottle of claret! These can be dropped at the church, or at North House on Woodbridge Road. There will be plenty of seating to enjoy the sun or a chat with neighbours and we hope loads of you will come to support this heroic effort to raise funds from one of our most senior residents.

The animals came in two by two, Hurrah, Sunday 5th June, 3pm

Ours is a village with many pet-owning households, and also one that is close to the land. This service is for pets or for farm animals. It’s about celebrating the joy past or present that they bring us, and our vicar, Mandy, blessing all our four-legged attendees individually in the hope of a long and happy life. Refreshments for humans and dogs provided (if anyone is bringing any other kind of animal, please let us know).

Can you Fill the Tower?

Shortly, you will see a progress board outside the church keeping a record of how much we have raised towards the campaign to save the East side. Richard Taylor, village designer extraordinaire has made this, and it coincides with us starting grant applications. We also now have a fundraising page. If you can give anything, however small, you’ll be contributing towards the future of this village asset, and anyone donating £50 or over will be recognised as patrons in the list on display in the church once we reach our target. The fundraising page is: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-tunstall-church>

Absolute Beginners (mainly)

The choir is now meeting weekly on Wednesdays in the church and will be performing at Pat’s open garden on 20th. We’re delighted to report that while a couple of us have sung before, the rest showed up saying they could not sing a note and have been proved wrong. I wish I had made a bet with each of them as the church would have been quids in!



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