



### A Note from the Mayor - March 2026

As I take on the role of Mayor, I want to start by thanking Cllr Simon Flunder for his outstanding work during his term. Simon's dedication and commitment to Southwold have set a very high standard—a hard act to follow!

I would also like to thank Cllr Martin Palmer for all his efforts while serving as a Town Councillor. His contributions have made a real difference, and they are greatly appreciated by his fellow Councillors as well as the community.

It's a real honour to serve Southwold, and I look forward to continuing the work of my predecessors.

The Council committees are busy with their work which includes considering every planning application, maintaining our property portfolio, looking after assets such as play equipment, bins, notice boards, and memorial seats. The roads committee is working with Suffolk County Council on a 20mph High Street limit and clarifying the road signs around the town, while other committees focus on events, and promoting the town, through the Visit Southwold website and the Tourist Information Centre on the High Street.

At the same time, the Council continues to respond to wider issues, including National Energy Projects in the area, where we aim to ensure the best outcomes for our town. Looking ahead, Local Government reorganisation will create a single Unitary authority, replacing the current District and County Councils. While the impact on town and parish councils is not yet clear, it will bring significant changes to the way local government works.

I am proud to be part of a Council that works so hard for Southwold, and I am excited to continue supporting our community and celebrating everything that makes our town special.



Cllr Paula Goldsmith

## Make a Difference in Southwold! Become a Town Councillor

Do you care about your community? Want to help shape the future of Southwold?

As a Councillor, you can:

- ✓ Influence local decisions that matter
- ✓ Support community projects, events, and local businesses
- ✓ Protect our environment and heritage
- ✓ Work with residents to make Southwold even better

We're looking for people who are passionate, collaborative, and ready to get involved!

### Step up. Get involved. Shape your town

Contact Southwold Town Council today to find out how  
Tel: 01502 722576 or email: [admin@southwold-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@southwold-tc.gov.uk)

### Southwold Town Council Contact details

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**Tel:** 01502 722576

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[admin@southwold-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@southwold-tc.gov.uk)

**Website:**  
[www.southwoldtown.com](http://www.southwoldtown.com)

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### Town Hall Opening Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
**9.30am - 12pm**  
**2pm - 4pm**

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### Southwold Town Councillors

Cllr David Beavan  
Cllr Philip Davy  
Cllr Simon Flunder  
Cllr Vicky Gladwell  
Cllr Paula Goldsmith (Chair)  
Cllr Carl Hurr  
Cllr Rhys Jarvis  
Cllr Jane Miller  
Cllr Victoria Redington  
Cllr Robert Temple  
Cllr Michael Wells  
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### Other Civic Dignitaries

High Steward - Graham Denny  
Sgt-at-Mace - Steve Wright  
Town Crier - Richard Braine

## Town Council services community assets, and projects

Southwold Town Council continues to progress its major strategic projects, but an equally important part of its work is the day-to-day stewardship of the town's many assets and properties. Across Southwold, the Town Council is responsible for maintaining a wide and diverse portfolio that supports community life, local businesses, heritage, and public enjoyment.

The Council currently manages:

- **10 residential units** providing local housing.
- **12 commercial units** supporting Southwold's business community.
- **The Enterprise Hub**, a space designed to encourage local enterprise and flexible working.
- **Public facilities**, including the Kilcock Cliff toilets.
- **Southwold Market**, a long-standing focal point for traders and residents.
- **The Marshes**, an important landscape.
- **Town Hall**, a Grade II listed civic building and community venue.
- **Town Pump**, a historic feature in the heart of the town.
- **Memorial benches** across Southwold, cared for in partnership with families and donors.
- **Wayfaring signs** that help residents and visitors navigate the town.
- **Two play areas**, providing safe spaces for children and families.
- **Public gardens**, providing space for reflection and enjoyment, including Electricity Green, Ferry Road, and Might's Road.

These assets require ongoing maintenance, investment, and thoughtful management. They form the backdrop to daily life in Southwold—places where people live, work, gather, and enjoy the town's character. By caring for all of the above, the Council helps preserve Southwold's heritage while ensuring facilities remain safe, accessible, and welcoming.

### Funding Southwold's Services and Community Assets

Income received from Council-owned properties is reinvested directly into maintaining and improving those buildings, ensuring they remain in good condition now and for the future.

For everything else the Town Council is responsible for, the main source of funding is the precept. In Southwold, this income helps pay for a wide range of local services and improvements, including the upkeep of public gardens, new litter bins, repairs to children's play areas and the skatepark, small grants to voluntary groups, enhanced CCTV to support police responses to local crime, staffing and statutory duties, community events, and the new 20mph scheme for the High Street.

This year, the Town Council set a precept of £185,960. For a Band D household, this represents an increase of just 12p per week compared with last year. Despite rising costs over several years, this is the first increase since 2017. This funding will enable the Town Council to continue supporting community life, protect the character of the town, and invest in improvements that benefit residents both now and, in the years, ahead.



Finally, as well as looking after our own assets we work with other stakeholders, who maintain assets in the town, such as East Suffolk Council who look after the greens, and the Harbour Management Committee who look after the Harbour and surrounds.

## Upcoming Major Projects for 2026 - 2027

Following the successful completion of the Enterprise Hub at Station Road last year, the Council's next large-scale project will focus on improving the gable end at the rear of the shops and flats on Station Road. This project will provide additional storage and toilet facilities, as well as reinforcing the gable wall. Quotes are currently being sought for the work.

Additionally, we are exploring ways to enhance community accessibility and usability of the Grade II-listed Town Hall. Plans include installing a lift and upgrading the kitchen and toilet facilities. A planning application for these improvements has recently been approved by East Suffolk Council, and we are now considering a phased approach for the work.



## Southwold Market - every Monday and Thursday



The Market operates every Monday and Thursday from 9am in the Market Place. The traders sell a range of goods including fruit, vegetables, flowers and plants alongside jewellery, pet food, local photographs, fish and seafood, ladies' clothing, household goods and artwork.

The most recent regular addition to our market is Crystal Roo, selling a variety of crystals including ornaments, carvings and globes. Other occasional traders on the market offer wooden home products, skincare, home fragrance, soft furnishings, and more.

Please follow Southwold Market on Facebook and Instagram for the latest market news.

Interested stallholders are invited to contact Trudi on 01502 722576 or email: [assets@southwold-tc.gov.uk](mailto:assets@southwold-tc.gov.uk)

## Changes for Local Councils

Local government structures in Norfolk and Suffolk are set to change. Both East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council are expected to be dissolved, with their responsibilities transferred to one or more newly created Unitary Councils. We are awaiting confirmation from central government on how many new authorities will be established and the timetable for their introduction.

Town and parish councils will remain in place, but they may be invited to consider whether they wish to take on additional local services as part of the new arrangements.

In the meantime, the Suffolk County Council elections are scheduled for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026, and will go ahead as planned.



**TALK TO YOUR TOWN  
COUNCILLOR**

**11AM - MIDDAY**

**Thursday 12th March 2026**

**Thursday 9th April 2026**

*at the Tourist Information Office/  
Craftco in the High Street*



9<sup>th</sup> March Commonwealth Day

21<sup>st</sup> June Suffolk Day

28<sup>th</sup> May Charter Fair

8<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Sunday

14<sup>th</sup> June Civic Service & Songs of Praise

11<sup>th</sup> Nov Armistice Day

28<sup>th</sup> Nov Christmas Lights Switch on

### What's Happening in Southwold? Come and Find Out

Join us for an evening where local groups, clubs, and organisations share the projects, events, and community work happening across Southwold. It's a chance to hear what's new, celebrate what's working well, and discover how you can get involved.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 6.30pm**  
**Southwold Town Hall**

Light refreshments will be available from 6.15pm - come along, meet your neighbours, and hear what's happening in Southwold.

**Everyone is welcome - it's your community, your meeting**



**PROMOTE YOUR EVENT ON OUR 'Visit Southwold' website**

We want to encourage businesses and groups in Southwold to hold events for members of the public to attend and enjoy. We can support our town events by publicising them on our events calendar. Please submit your event via the 'Visit Southwold' website:

**www.visitsouthwold.org**



**Next Town Council Meeting Dates**  
**All at the Town Hall at 6.30pm**  
  
Tuesday 31st March 2026  
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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
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**or see www.southwoldtown.com**

## Other contacts

### Suffolk County Council

For queries relating to:

- Roads: Transport and Potholes
- Local History and Archives
- Registration Services
- Blue Badges
- Libraries
- Education and Schools
- Children's Services
- Street Lights

Email: [customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk)

Phone: 0345 606 6067

SCC Highways on-line reporting tool:  
<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

### East Suffolk Council

For queries relating to:

- Planning
- Elections
- Licensing
- Housing
- Dogs on the beach
- Events
- Refuse collections
- Dogs on the beach

Email: [customerservices@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@eastsoffolk.gov.uk)

Phone: 0333 016 2000

### East Suffolk Services Ltd

Undertake a range of services on behalf of East Suffolk Council including:

- Grounds maintenance
- CCTV
- Home Alarms
- Street Cleansing
- Facilities Management
- Parking enforcement

Email:

[customerservices@eastsoffolkservices.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@eastsoffolkservices.co.uk)

Phone: 0330 016 6111

### Police

Phone: 101 for non emergency or  
Suffolk Constabulary on-line reporting tool:  
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk>