

NEWSLETTER PIECE re the CLOSURE OF THE BAILEY BRIDGE

The Bailey Bridge spanning the River Blyth closed for essential renovation until the end September.

Suffolk County Council has made finance available to help mitigate the impact on local people, in cases where the temporary closure has disrupted their ability to walk or cycle between Southwold/Reydon and Walberswick for the purposes of work, caring, childcare, education, medical and/or pastoral care.

The money may also be used to help local businesses, with employees who would normally use the bridge, to travel to and from work. Other special needs of individuals or businesses can be considered on a case-by-case basis.

This financial support is temporary and limited by available funds and overall demand. In most cases, the support is through provision of a non-transferable ferry pass with a defined number of crossings. Support for taxi or other transport costs is also possible depending on specific needs. The assistance is administered locally by Council representatives from Walberswick, Southwold and the County.

Anyone who would like to seek assistance should e-mail Suffolk County Councillor for Southwold/Reydon, Michael Ladd: Michael.ladd@suffolk.gov.uk

Please include your name (and business if applicable), a short explanation of need and contact details. All requests will be handled in confidence and assessed within a week.