



### Mayor's Musings – March 2025

My second term as Mayor has gone as quickly as my first. I continue to be amazed how well our community works together with all the societies and volunteers providing a rich tapestry of activity. Our councillors have continued to oversee the business of the Town. The clean-up Southwold initiative in October was very successful and this will be followed up in the Spring. The Christmas Lights committee again organised the excellent event in November which was well supported. The Rotary Club has been very active and organised a very successful swim on Christmas day raising money for a range of organisations. I would recommend you attend the Arts Centre which has recently reopened after a major refurbishment including a new ceiling. Their programmes are very varied and are attracting large audiences from across the region.

The Tourist Information Centre is fully operational and open at Craftco. The Town Council will be developing its website to attract visitors and keep locals up to date with events [www.visitsouthwold.com](http://www.visitsouthwold.com)

The Town Council has been very active with the National Energy Projects and are pleased the Lionlink project will not be coming onshore North of the Pier. However, it is important all residents are aware of the implications of Sizewell C, Sealink and other infrastructure projects and the potential harm they can do to our community. The next major project for the Council is to understand the implications of the Devolution decision. Suffolk and Norfolk must put in their business plans by September 2025 to influence how the local government will be organised. Watch this space.

One of the highlights of the last 2 years is the improvement to our roads. Firstly, York Road was resurfaced, followed by Pier Avenue, Park Lane, East Street, Ferry Road, and Mill Lane. There are still roads with potholes and uneven surfaces, but these can be reported by individuals on the Suffolk County Highways tool. The Roads Committee are still committed to bringing in 20mph along the High Street with calming measures. There are proposals to improve signage around the Town.

I am looking forward to a range of events this year. The Mayor's Charity Concert on Friday 2nd May at St Edmunds Church is to showcase local musicians and to raise money for the Music Trust charity that supports Southwold Primary School. The Epic Half Marathon run on 2nd March which was very successful. There are many events to look forward to including the Roubaix cycle event on 13th April, Dog Show on 19th April to raise money for Ukraine, the Lions Fete on 25th May, the Arts and Street Festival on 21st June and another Harbour Festival on 28th June. The Summer Theatre will start in July.

Issued with this Newsletter is a separate document titled Southwold Town Council's strategy which identifies the Council's objectives for future years. Your comments will be welcome.

Thank you for all your continued support and let's look forward to an enjoyable Spring and Summer.



**Cllr Simon Flunder**

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#### Town Hall Opening Hours

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

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#### Southwold Town Councillors

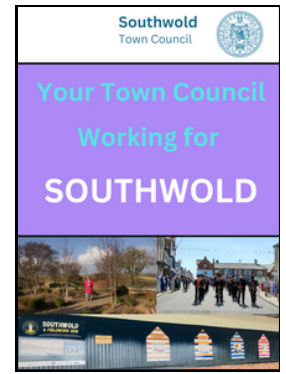
Cllr David Beavan  
Cllr Philip Davy  
Cllr Simon Flunder (Chair)  
Cllr Vicky Gladwell  
Cllr Paula Goldsmith  
Cllr Carl Hurr  
Cllr Rhys Jarvis  
Cllr Jane Miller  
Cllr Martin Palmer  
Cllr Victoria Redington  
Cllr Robert Temple  
Cllr Michael Wells

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#### Other Civic Dignitaries

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

# Town Council Strategic Plan & Budget for 2025-27



Residents have received a separate brochure outlining the Town Council’s strategic priorities for the next two years, along with details of the budget required to complete these projects. We welcome any queries or comments from residents regarding these priorities. Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of Southwold.

As well as our own strategic priorities, we collaborate with other councils such as Reydon and Walberswick on improving and protecting the local environment.

## Town Council Assets & Property

In addition to our strategic projects, the Town Council is responsible for maintaining a variety of assets and properties across Southwold, including:

- Residential Properties: 10 units
- Commercial Properties: 12 units
- Public Facilities:
  - Kilcock Cliff toilets
  - Southwold Market
  - The Marshes
  - The Town Pump
  - The Town Hall
  - Numerous memorial benches
  - Various litter and grit bins
  - Wayfaring signs throughout the town
  - Two play areas with gym equipment and a skatepark
  - Gardens at Electricity Green, Ferry Road and Might's Road



Rental income which we receive from our properties is reinvested into maintaining all of these assets, ensuring they remain in good condition for the community.

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 2025 - 2026

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 Town Mayor's Charity Concert

## Friday 2nd May, 7pm, St. Edmund's Church



The Southwold Town Mayor will host a special concert on Friday 2nd May 2025 in St. Edmund's Church, Southwold, in aid of the Southwold Music Trust. The charity aims to make music a central part of Southwold by staging concerts, supporting music-making within the community, and providing weekly music activities in Southwold Primary School.

The concert will begin at 7pm and last just under one hour. The programme will be performed entirely by local musicians, including young people, adult amateurs and community groups.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/southwoldmusictrust](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/southwoldmusictrust) or by calling the box office on 0333 666 4466. Tickets range from £7 to £20 and children aged 16 and under are completely free. Help us fill the church, enjoy the skills of musicians within your community, and support music within Southwold!



## Southwold Market - every Monday and Thursday



The Market operates every Monday and Thursday from 9am to 4pm in the Market Place. The traders sell a range of goods including fruit/vegetables, flowers/plants as well as jewellery, pet food, photographs, fish/seafood, ladies clothing, household goods, and paintings/artwork.

We are pleased to welcome some new traders to the market - Nicki of Ironbridge who specialises in wooden products for the home including picture frames, chopping boards, wind chimes etc and Caitlin - The Mug Maker who sells a variety of ceramics including bowls, vases and ornaments.

**We welcome new stalls to the market - please contact Trudi on 01502 722576 or email: [assets@southwoldtowncouncil.com](mailto:assets@southwoldtowncouncil.com)**

## Changes for Local Councils

The government have launched their engagement on their proposal to create a Mayoral Combined County Authority across Norfolk and Suffolk.

The link can be found below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution>

**Responses need to be sent by Sunday 13th April 2025.**

The Town Council will respond to the consultation and interact with regional and local councils to ensure proposals take into account Southwold's requirements



## TALK TO YOUR TOWN COUNCILLOR

10AM - MIDDAY

**Thursday 13th March 2025**

**Thursday 10th April 2025**

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





10th March

**COMMONWEALTH DAY**

22nd June

**CIVIC SERVICE & SONGS OF PRAISE**

8th May

**ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY**

9th Nov

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

29th May

**CHARTER FAIR**

11th Nov

**ARMISTICE DAY**

21st June

**SUFFOLK DAY**

29th Nov

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

## 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>

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**Southwold**

**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](http://www.visitsouthwold.org)



## Next Town Council Meeting Dates

All at the Town Hall at 6.30pm

Tuesday 25th March 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

or see [www.southwoldtown.com](http://www.southwoldtown.com)