

Ringshall Parish Council News

Bus Routes 461/2

Suffolk County Council plan to withdraw funding from March for the bus routes 461&462. Hadleigh Community Transport Group (HCTG), who run the routes, looked to all the Parish Councils with stops on the routes for help with funding. As far as Council is aware, no Parish Council, including this one, has decided to grant funding to support the service post March. It was seen as too costly (in region of £1500 per Council) for the potential benefit given the limited funds these Councils have at their disposal. This means there is a possibility that these routes will stop after March, unless HCTG finds alternate funding. Council would therefore like to make residents aware of the "Dial-A-Ride" service available:

Suffolk On Board - <https://communities.suffolkonboard.com/my-area/mid-suffolk/> - 01449 614271

The local operators for which are:

BSEVC - <https://www.bsevc.co.uk/rural-transport-mid-suffolk> - 01449 614271

HCTG - <http://hadleigh.org/> - 01473 826242

Activities day

The Council is working with the Mix to provide an activities day for children later this year. This will be located at the Village Hall. So, please be on the look out for posters on the notices boards and updates on the Council website, which will be put up once a date and the activities are confirmed.

Annual Parish Litter Pick

A date should have been set for the next annual parish litter pick at the Council meeting in January. Council thanks the volunteers who have participated in the past, and once again looks to such volunteers to help with this year's pick. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to volunteer.

Councillor Vacancies

Council still has vacancies for new Councillors. Whilst unpaid, it can be an interesting and worthwhile position to hold, it does not require onerous amounts of time, and can help shape the future of Ringshall parish. The role of Councillor is open to any of voting age within the Parish, irrespective of experience. If you want to help make a difference locally then please consider applying.

More information on the role of Council and Councillors, and the application process can be found on the Council's website, or please contact the Clerk, or speak to an existing Councillor. You can also just come along to a Council meeting, and see the Council in action for yourself.

Parish Issues

The Parish Council is here to help.

It might not always have the power to act directly, but it can help apply pressure to the relevant organisations. It also has a good working relationship with both the District and Country Councillors, who regularly attend Council meetings. So, if you have any local issues, like potholes not being fixed, street lighting not working, dangerous parking (all of which have been received in the past), then please contact the Council via Clerk, or have your say in the open forum in the Council meetings.

Also, it is not just issues that Council is interested in. If you have any ideas on how life in the parish can be improved, then please bring them to the Council's attention and it will see if it can help. It might not always be able to act directly, but it might be able to assist with guidance or maybe a grant if you are looking to start a local community group.

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