

District Councillor Report – September 2024 – James Eddy

It's hard to believe that we are already heading towards autumn. The weather might not have been the best this year but it has been another successful summer for community events in this part of the Waveney Valley. Amongst many other things we have had a Summer Solstice street food festival, Harleston Beer Festival, the beach party on Harleston Marketplace, D-Day Commemorations, a car boot and volunteer fayre, the Harleston and Waveney Festival and the recent heritage open days. These have all been well supported by the people of our community and this once again shows the tremendous community spirit at the heart of our ward, from those who volunteer their time and efforts to put on these events to those who go to enjoy them.

The kindness of the people in our ward was further illustrated to me recently when I went online looking for help. After a lot of waiting, a lady living in the town had finally secured somewhere to live that was better suited to her physical needs. However, she required some help to actually conduct the move from one part of Harleston to another and having volunteered to help, I soon realised that I would also need some assistance. Luckily, as is so often the case, the people of our community swiftly came through with offers of their expertise and time. I am therefore happy to report that the lady successfully moved into her new home without any problems. As has also been illustrated by the campaign to preserve the Wortwell Bell as an asset for the people of the village, we are lucky to live in an area where so many people are willing to go the extra mile for individuals and for the community as a whole.

I'd like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to my District Councillor Members Ward Grant, which is an annual fund of £1000 that I can use to support various local clubs and organisations that are based in our Ward. So, if your club or organisation needs some financial support of over £100 for a specific project then please let me know how much money you require and what it is specifically for. For this and any other queries then please get in contact by emailing me at james.eddy@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or pop in to see me at Harleston Information Plus on the last Saturday of every month between 10am and 12.