

District Councillor Report for Stansfield Parish Council – 14th March 2022

1. West Suffolk Council met in February and agreed the budget for 2022/2023. I believe you should all now have received your new Council Tax bills which, where appropriate, include the Government's £150 rebate. If anyone is concerned about their bill please do get in touch.
2. West Suffolk Council has announced plans for the re-vamped Christmas festivities in Bury for 2022. The partnership, which will be jointly resourcing, funding, planning and delivering the five days of Christmas events includes: The Arc, Our Bury St Edmunds BID, Bury St Edmunds Town Council, St Edmundsbury Cathedral and West Suffolk Council. The event will encompass the 1000 year celebration of the Abbey.

To make sure everyone has an 'Abbey Christmas', festivities will kick off early on 17 November with the Our Bury St Edmunds BID Christmas Lights event. This will be followed by the St Edmund's Day Weekend Spectacle of Light running from 17 to 20 November (St Edmunds Day).

Then, from November 23, there will be five festive days of Christmas events which will include a range of entertainment and bespoke themed markets and activities.

3. I currently have no planning applications live in Stansfield.
4. The end of the financial year is rapidly approaching and I still have funds in my Locality Budget. If the Parish has any plans for marking the Jubilee or has any other needs that I maybe able to support, do please get in touch soon.
5. I am asking all my parishes if they would be interested in having an electric vehicle charging point installed and if so, where. Do please contact me so that I can ensure you are not overlooked when they roll out their rural scheme.