



Getting Suffolk Back on its Feet

Suffolk Liberal Democrats Plan for Suffolk

A Summary

- **Suffolk needs change – the pandemic has damaged businesses, families have suffered, the wellbeing of the whole community has been hit.**
- **Suffolk County Council must lead. Reviving, regenerating, and reconnecting, boosting and demanding more from Suffolk's economy.**
- **Liberal Democrats will maximise every opportunity the green economy provides, helping us to respond to climate change and improve wellbeing- business as usual simply won't do.**
- **Liberal Democrats have a plan for Suffolk – a plan for a greener, more caring, safer county, investing in skills, valuing our carers, and supporting the next generation.**

A Greater Greener Economy

Liberal Democrats have an ambitious plan for a greater greener economy.

- Supporting sustainable businesses, taking advantage of the green revolution. Creating more and better jobs, encouraging and growing our SME sector. Encouraging businesses back into Town Centre's boosting regeneration and our rural economy. Making Suffolk a hotbed of innovation.
- A sustainable greater green economy requires real rural public transport and long neglected roads must be attended to. Cycle lanes and 20mph areas must be seen as the norm and all of these pieces of the jigsaw substantially reduce both citizens and the Council's carbon footprint.
- Planting more trees, supporting farmers with biodiversity, introducing a solar energy scheme for Suffolk businesses, and implementation of flood prevention strategies are all top priorities. To succeed we need life-long excellent education for all; Liberal Democrats will act to improve schools, and boost apprenticeships and training.

Your Tory Council Doesn't Care,

We face a care crisis in Suffolk, with services closed and carers let down

Change is urgently needed so Suffolk can become a *care and wellbeing county*.

Our priorities will be,

- Identify Suffolk's hidden carers. Create a single confidential unified list of family carers so we can ensure support is targeted to the most invaluable and overworked members of our community. Liberal Democrats will also stand up for Carers by calling on the government to raise Carer's Allowance by £1,000 a year
- Support older people by paying real attention to their needs; we will work across the sector to re-create a service such as 'Age UK Suffolk' and ensure all sheltered accommodation has on site warden support as well as create a digital outreach scheme to tackle social isolation.
- Deliver a strategy for children and vulnerable adults that integrates funding and support with children's and adult social services, NHS mental health services and ensuring that this works with our voluntary sector.
- Engage with, and support, community youth groups to connect our young people with their communities.

Leading the Lib Dem fight to tackle crime...

James Sandbach, PCC Candidate for Suffolk

Suffolk can be so much safer and with a national legal background, James as Police and Crime Commissioner will work far more closely with the County Council to prioritise frontline community policing.

James' police and justice plan for Suffolk includes,

- Redirecting resources towards community policing. Restoring Police visibility within communities with a third of all new officers being PCSOs embedded in our communities.
- Fight determinedly for fairer funding from the Home Office so that Suffolk's police force's funding no longer lies at the bottom of the national funding table.
- Create a local restorative justice scheme designed to deal with low level offending and with the needs of victims right at its heart.
- Deliver an integrated speeding and road safety initiative in conjunction with Suffolk Highways so that road safety regains its rightful place as a major priority.
- establish a 'Community Justice Partnership' to radically improve the justice system in Suffolk working with our Magistrates courts and voluntary sector but with equality of support for victims.