

## **Over 98.5% of pupils receive a place at one of their preferred Secondary Schools on National Offer Day**

It was announced on March 1<sup>st</sup> that 98.51% of pupils received a place at one of their Preferred Secondary Schools in Suffolk on National Offer Day.

This year, Suffolk County Council (SCC) received 7768 applications from parents indicating at which secondary school they would prefer their child to be educated from September 2022.

7339 pupils received offers for their first preference school and 7652 pupils received an offer for one of their three preferred schools.

Families who applied online are able to log on to the Admissions Portal from today to see their child's offer. They will also receive an email to confirm this offer. Letters will be sent to parents who made a paper application by second class post today (1 March).

If a family does not receive a place at their preferred school, their child's name will automatically be added to the waiting list for that school. Parents will also be advised on how to log an appeal should they wish to do so.

## **Help to reduce the environmental impact of your home**

"Low Impact Living in Suffolk" is a new campaign making it easier for Suffolk residents to improve the energy efficiency and lower energy use of their homes.

Our homes are responsible for generating 20% of all UK carbon emissions, primarily through the heating and energy they use. There are many ways to reduce these emissions, with Low Impact Living in Suffolk sharing steps through the [www.greensuffolk.org](http://www.greensuffolk.org) website.

Information is available to demystify the products, technology and grants that help reduce the impact of our homes on the environment and save money on increasing energy bills. Residents can find out their carbon footprint, look for green energy tariffs and compare new, more sustainable heating systems including ground and air source heat pumps, biomass boilers, heat recovery, hydro and wind electricity.

Detailed information on solar panels, including buying schemes, water heating and electricity sits alongside up to date advice on recycling. Options for improving or replacing windows across properties that vary in age, materials, location, and style are also available.

## **Campaign urges households to recycle glass properly**

Residents across Suffolk are being encouraged to get behind a campaign calling for people to recycle glass properly.

Suffolk Waste Partnership (SWP) is launching 'Glass – It's Better in The Bank', a 12-week campaign aimed at getting people to stop putting glass in their household recycling bins and to use a bottle bank instead.

Suffolk Waste Partnership comprises the county, district and borough councils working together to improve waste management services.

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The SWP campaign runs until 31 May and will feature in adverts on buses, at supermarket billboards and on a van touring part of the county, plus on social media and on radio.

District and borough councils, which collect our rubbish, will be applying bin tags and stickers to recycling bins containing glass.

Crews will have a prompt in the cab to remind them to be on the look-out and recycling bins may not be emptied if they are found to contain glass.

There will be a dedicated web page about the campaign on the [Suffolk Recycling](#) webpage with a set of FAQs and an information leaflet to distribute at events.

Glass is not accepted in household recycling bins as the Materials Recycling Facility at Great Blakenham near Ipswich, where the bins are taken for sorting, is unable to separate glass from other materials.

Glass mistakenly placed in household recycling bins costs the SWP around £500,000 a year. It will **not** be recycled and can spoil other good recycling, especially card and paper.

Glass represents about half of all the wrong material in household recycling bins – other bad eggs include black rubbish sacks, food, nappies, textiles, and cartons – and rejection levels are currently running at around 20%.

## **Suffolk County Council votes to condemn Putin's invasion of Ukraine and pledges its support for refugees**

At a meeting of the County Council held on March 24<sup>th</sup>, councillors from across the political divide voted in favour of a motion condemning the war in Ukraine.

Suffolk County Council is pledging their full backing for the Ukrainian people and committing to support refugees arriving in Suffolk.

The cross-party motion described the invasion of Ukraine as "immoral and reprehensible" and praised the "enduring bravery" of the Ukrainian people against Russian aggression. The motion also stated that the council in no way associated the actions of the Russian government with individuals of Russian heritage living in Suffolk.

On the issue of refugees the council made clear its willingness to help settle individuals and families fleeing the conflict. Committing itself to support the people of Ukraine and pledged to work with District and Borough Councils along with the Suffolk Resilience Forum, the Voluntary Sector, Suffolk Refugee Support and MPs to ensure all efforts are made to welcome Displaced People coming from Ukraine to Suffolk.

The motion went on to praise the Government's economic response to the conflict but stressed the need for easier and faster routes for refugees wanting to come to this country.