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## October 2026

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Last month was a busy month for me across Suffolk Coastal and beyond, with lots of events, campaigns and community engagement. There were community events, new campaigns and – as you may have seen – a few conversations about rural life, black Labradors and pubs along the way!

The month began with two brilliant Community Days in Leiston and Felixstowe. It was fantastic to see so many local people come along, enjoy the

activities and make the most of all the free family fun. Thank you to everyone who came along and to all the local organisations, businesses and volunteers who helped make both days such a success.

But it hasn't all been events. I've also been continuing to push forward on some important local campaigns. I've been working with residents along the B1125 to raise concerns about the road becoming a rat run and looking at what more can be done to tackle traffic, speeding and safety concerns.

I've also launched a new campaign around the Bayeux Tapestry, asking Greater Anglia to help make sure Suffolk Coastal schoolchildren have the opportunity to see it when it comes to London. With the Sutton Hoo treasures playing such an important part in the story, I want to make sure children in Suffolk Coastal aren't left behind.

September ended with a busy Labour Party Conference in Liverpool, with plenty of conversations about the issues affecting nature and communities across the country.

There's lots more to catch up on, so read on for updates on these campaigns, the work I've been doing across Suffolk Coastal and what's coming next in the October edition of my newsletter.

Jenny

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## **Government Regulating to Protect Rural Households**



Earlier this year, my team and I supported constituents across Suffolk Coastal who were facing spiraling heating oil prices, cancelled orders without refunds, and being left high and dry with no warning.

I helped residents get hundreds of pounds back for undelivered orders, I pushed the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) to investigate and campaigned for proper regulation of heating oil. You may have seen me in the media at the time, talking about the scale of the crisis and demanding change.

So, I'm really pleased the Government has responded to a recent CMA review by taking action to regulate the heating oil market. This is what I campaigned for, and it shows that this Government is serious about protecting people in rural communities.

For too long, households relying on heating oil have been left exposed when things go wrong. I pushed for change because residents here deserved better, and I will keep pressing to make sure these commitments deliver for Suffolk Coastal.

If you need help with heating oil costs now, [Suffolk County Council has information about financial support](#), and my office can help you look at what may be available.

You can read the [Government's full response to the CMA here](#).

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## Leiston Community Day



September got off to a fantastic start with my Community Day in Leiston, bringing around 300 local residents together at the Long Shop Museum for an afternoon of free family fun.

We made sure everything was absolutely free so that families could enjoy their day - with a bouncy castle, painting, plenty of free food, even brand new free school uniforms and lots of fun activities

I have to say some big "thank yous" to those who made it all possible – we had donations from Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, M&S, Lidl, Waitrose, Asda and Sizerwell C – which meant we could make it all totally free. And a huge thank you to the Long Shop Museum who hosted us, as well as the local businesses, volunteers and community groups who gave up their time.

It was so good that we're planning to do it all again next year!

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## Grange Farm Community Fun Day



I also held (my now annual!) Community Day in Felixstowe at Felixstowe Rugby Club.

We welcomed around 1,000 local residents for free games, face painting, more brand new free school uniforms and plenty of food – again all completely free.

The Felixstowe West Pride in Place Board also joined us, giving local residents in the area the opportunity to find out more about the £20 million of funding coming to the area and share their ideas about how it should be spent. It was great to hear so many ideas and have conversations about the future of Felixstowe West.

A huge thank you to Felixstowe Rugby Club for all their help in making the day possible, and to all the organisations, community groups and volunteers who gave up their time.

Again – big shout out to Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, M&S, Lidl, Waitrose, Asda and Sizerhall C who made the day possible. We couldn't have pulled it off without them.

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## **What's all this about pubs, pints and labradors ....?**



You may have seen some of the discussion following my appearance on a panel at Labour Party Conference sparked debate on social media.

Whilst I'm pleased that we've seen more cute pictures on social media of labradors over the past week than we usually do (the more pictures the better, in my view!), I think its also worth saying that I have made clear since that I was making the argument that rural Britain has real challenges, across education, transport, connectivity and the cost of living. Not everything is rosy, even if its often hidden from view by beautiful scenery, And these are challenges that Government can help fix.

I wrote about it in the EADT too, you can read it here:

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/26613349.suffolk-mp-behind-labrador-comments-said/>

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## Jobs Fair



In September, I also hosted my second Saxmundham Jobs Fair at Market Hall. It was a huge success, with over 20 businesses, charities and support services showcasing their current vacancies and services to more than 100 attendees.

From East Suffolk Council and Suffolk Police to Summer Field Work and Britten Pears Arts, there were opportunities for a huge range of interests and experience levels. There were also organisations offering advice on training, apprenticeships and support for people looking to get back into work or make a change in their career.

A big thank you to all of the employers and organisations who gave up their time to take part, and to everyone who came along. Bringing local employers and residents together like this can make a real difference, and I'm already looking forward to doing it again next year.

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## **A Ticket to the Tapestry**



The Bayeux Tapestry is now on display at the British Museum, giving children across the country a unique opportunity to see one of the most important pieces of our country's history.

But for many schools in our rural communities, the cost of taking a whole class to London can be a significant barrier.

That's why I'm calling on Greater Anglia to match Southeastern Rail's offer of 1,066 free train tickets for schoolchildren in Hastings to provide complimentary rail travel for organised school groups travelling from Suffolk Coastal to visit the exhibition.

Sutton Hoo is such an important part of Suffolk's history, and the current cultural exchange surrounding the Bayeux Tapestry makes this a particularly special opportunity for children in our area. I want to make sure the cost of getting to London doesn't mean children in Suffolk Coastal miss out.

There are still opportunities for schools to visit, with bookings for 22 February to 25 March 2027 due to open in early 2027. Further ticket releases will also follow for visits later in the exhibition.

I'm asking local residents, parents and schools to get behind the campaign and show Greater Anglia how much support there is for making this opportunity accessible to Suffolk children.

You can support the campaign by emailing Greater Anglia here:

<https://getcampaigning.co.uk/suffolk-coastal/c/suttonhoo>

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## **B1125 Rat Run**



I have launched a new campaign calling for action on the growing problem of traffic using the B1125 as a rat run.

Residents and parish councils along and around the road have been raising concerns about increasing traffic volumes, speeding and dangerous driving. For people living in these rural communities, this is not simply an inconvenience. It affects their safety and wellbeing, as well as that of cyclists, pedestrians and other road users.

I have been working with local residents to make sure their concerns are heard, but we need proper evidence to understand exactly what is happening and where action is needed.

That is why I am calling on Suffolk County Council and Sizewell C to work with communities around the B1125 to deliver effective monitoring of traffic volumes, vehicle types and speeds at locations agreed with local people. The results and methodology should then be shared transparently, with the evidence kept under regular review.

Most importantly, monitoring cannot become an excuse for further delay. Where the evidence shows a problem, there needs to be a clear process for taking action, whether that means lower speed limits, traffic calming, improved signage, better enforcement or other measures to discourage inappropriate through traffic.

I am asking residents to add their name to my campaign and send a clear message that the B1125 community deserves to be listened to, properly monitored and acted on.

You can join the campaign at:

<https://www.jennyforsuffolkcoastal.org/b1125ratrun>

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## **Bawdsey Erosion**



I recently brought together the Environment Agency, East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council, Bawdsey Parish Council, Bawdsey Radar Museum, Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club, PGL Bawdsey Manor and UCL Professor Helen Bunningham for a roundtable on the ongoing impact of coastal erosion in Bawdsey.

It was a useful opportunity to hear directly about the changes people have seen along the coastline, including the rapid erosion in some areas and the impact on homes, businesses, footpaths and other important community sites. We also discussed the work already being done to monitor and manage the coastline, and the challenges around funding and responsibility.

One of the key messages was the need for better coordination and for local organisations to have access to the information and monitoring already being collected. We also discussed the importance of keeping the coastal footpath open and understanding how changes to the coastline could affect the wider area.

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## **Woodbridge Anti- Social Driving Public Meeting**



Thank you to everyone who took part in my survey earlier this year on anti-social behaviour in Woodbridge and shared their experiences and concerns.

Your responses have helped shape my work and the discussions I have been having with Suffolk Police around anti-social driving. I have used your feedback to raise residents' concerns directly with the police and asked what more can be done. Your contributions have helped ensure these discussions reflect the problems people are experiencing and the impact on their daily lives.

Building on your feedback and these discussions, I am now arranging a public meeting to bring residents, the police and other local representatives together. I want residents to have the opportunity to ask questions directly, hear how their concerns are being addressed and discuss what further action is needed.

The meeting will take place in central Woodbridge on Friday 6 November 2026, starting at 6pm sharp, with the exact venue shared with those who register closer to the date event.

If you would like to attend, **please register at:**  
**[getcampaigning.co.uk/events/woodbridgeasbmeeting](https://getcampaigning.co.uk/events/woodbridgeasbmeeting)**.

Thank you again for helping to inform this work. I hope you will be able to join us.

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## **Energy Surveys**

# HAVE YOUR SAY

On the impact Energy  
Projects are having on:

Transport

Small  
Business

Housing



As many will know, Suffolk Coastal is being asked to host a huge amount of nationally significant energy infrastructure, from Sizewell C to new offshore wind and electricity transmission projects.

I want to hear from residents about the impact on roads and travel and housing, as well as from small businesses, farmers, parish councils and community groups about their experiences. You can complete whichever survey is most relevant to you, and more than one if you would like to contribute across different issues.

The evidence you provide will help me build a detailed picture of the cumulative impact of these projects and will feed directly into my work.

If you live, work or run a business in Suffolk Coastal and have been affected by energy infrastructure, please take a few minutes to complete the relevant survey and share your experience.

Have your say and take part here:

<https://www.jennyforsuffolkcoastal.org/energy>

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