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### Glen Horn Report to Parish Councils August 2015

#### Mid Suffolk District Council Administration.

Local Authorities are being required more and more to develop innovative ways of delivering services for customers and citizens, and Mid Suffolk is working closely with Suffolk County Council, and other local authorities on how the proposed Devolution bill will affect services in the future, as well as opportunities for parish councils and residents to have more influence in providing services in their localities.

Work is still continuing on proposals for the accommodation for both Mid Suffolk & Babergh, and I will report on progress once the proposals have been fully examined.

#### Waste & Recycling.

This is going from strength to strength. The new Energy from Waste facility (EFW) at Great Blakenham is officially open, and just as importantly, its neighbouring facility is taking recyclable waste, such as juice cartons, pots & pans, aerosols and books. This has therefore directly increased the overall recycling percentage. 98% of the waste delivered to the EFW is suitable for recycling after burning, so very little has to be delivered to the landfill site. Beyond the electricity produced, (equivalent to that used by 30,000 homes), the hot water is planned to be pumped to 50 acres of glasshouses nearby, for tomato production. Instead of removing carbon dioxide from the burning procedure, the intention is to separate it from the emissions, and divert it to the glasshouses, where the plants will naturally absorb it for growth, and also produce oxygen.

#### Housing.

The council is redeveloping a number of estates in the district, replacing the old, large garden properties with smaller and more energy efficient homes. We are also active in the housing market, and purchasing appropriate properties to supplement the housing portfolio which has been diminished by schemes such as the right to buy. (To give some context, MSDC Housing stock was approximately 5500 in the 1960's, and is now below 3400)

#### Paws on Patrol.

The council and Police have been rolling out a successful scheme promoting responsible dog ownership in Mid Suffolk. This concerns dog owners getting across the message about dog fouling and control of dogs in public places. If anyone would like further information, please contact me directly.

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### Cycling.

There have recently been some very successful schemes to promote cycling across the county, and as a keen cyclist I welcome these initiatives, and would love to see more people enjoying the pleasures and health benefits of cycling, however, we must also get the message across to some of the more serious cyclists, that certainly during this time of year, there are very large farm machines and trailers using country roads and lanes, and that speed limits and the rules of the road apply just as much to cyclists as other road users. I would welcome any suggestions as to how we can raise awareness with those cyclists who are perhaps visiting the area, and not fully appreciative of the potential dangers.

### Scams.

The Suffolk County Council and Trading Standards joint initiative known as SCAMnesty is still running, and anyone receiving information on potential scams is asked to share it. There are SCAMnesty bins in libraries, Citizens Advice Bureaus and Suffolk County Council Offices, where you can leave any suspicious mail to be investigated by Trading Standards Officers.

### Police Connect.

The Police have recently launched a new, free of charge information service, available to everyone. It allows users to stipulate the post code area and subject of interest –e.g. :types of crime they wish to be made aware of within that area.

The Web address is [www.suffolk.police.uk/policeconnect](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/policeconnect)

I have signed up, and would recommend all parish clerks and councillors to register too.

As a new councillor I am still finding my way somewhat, although have now taken up roles on the Joint Audit Committee, Development Control and the Enabling Programme steering Board, and am always available to help local residents with any problem, or at least point them in the right direction to find answers.

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I am also happy to receive visitors at home, but please call to arrange an appointment if at all possible, at The Old School, Westhorpe.

Kindest Regards.

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