

MELTON GRANGE ROAD AREA

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HELLO NEIGHBOURS

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This is the first Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for 2026 so a belated Happy New Year to everyone. If you are still receiving a hand delivered copy of the Newsletter, please consider changing to the electronic version. You can do this by contacting me at the phone/email address shown below. Thank you.

I would like to thank those neighbours who kindly acted upon my request for comments on the parking problem that we encounter during school drop off/pick up periods, also your thought on the possibility of a 20mph within our area.

Firstly, the parking. One of the school governors had this subject included on the agenda of a recent School Governors Meeting. Unfortunately, the agenda was quite full so he was only able to briefly mention the subject of parking, however, he should, at the next meeting, be able to address this matter in more detail and will forward the outcome to me so I can pursue it further as necessary.

Secondly, the 20mph limit. I have been informed by the Clerk to Melton Parish Council (MPC) that this was discussed by the Suffolk County Council at their cabinet meeting on 6th January and it was agreed that local Parish Councils should take the lead. This was then discussed by the MPC on 27th January with the Councillors reviewing a draft process that the MPC could follow when they receive a request. This was enhanced and expanded and will now go to Full Council for a decision to be made in conjunction with the Planning and Transport Committee. When/if agreed the MPC will publish the process and advise on how a request for a 20mph limit can be made. It has been stressed to me that there is no new money for this project and any redesignation is likely to cost many thousands of pounds!!, This will have to come from the Precept raised by the Parish Council. It may be that requests have to be prioritised or held back until funds can be found. I will continue to press for updates so that I can submit a request as soon as the procedure is published.

CRIME FIGURES are shown in the link below along with other interesting stats for the year ending December 2025 in the Woodbridge/Melton area:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/suffolk-constabulary/deben-and-orford/?yourlocalpolicingteam=about-us>

Here is a scam as highlighted by “Which”? that is currently recirculating.

WhatsApp Gold scam and Martinelli

The WhatsApp Gold and Martinelli scam is a common hoax which regularly recirculates. The scam installs malware on your phone. It begins with a WhatsApp message promoting a sham version of the messaging service called “WhatsApp Gold”, which has special features that can be unlocked by clicking a link. The link will lead to malware being downloaded on your device. Another version of this scam features a message which warns of a video called “Martinelli” installing malware to your device if opened. However, there is no evidence that video exists. You can report a WhatsApp message by selecting it in your conversation and tapping “report”. To report the sender on WhatsApp, open the chat, tap on the sender’s contact details and select “block and report”

SUSPECT EMAILS: forward to the **Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS)** at report@phishing.gov.uk.

SUFFOLK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS www.suffolknwa.co.uk/news.html

LATEST SCAMS: www.which.co.uk/news/tag/scam-alert

SUSPECT TEXT MESSAGES: forward to 7726 (free of charge).

VICTIM OF FRAUD: inform your bank and report to Action Fraud. 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk/

USEFUL CONTACTS

Call 101 for non-urgent matters. Always call 999 in emergencies.

Crime prevention advice: Suffolk Police website at: www.suffolk.police.uk/advice

Local information: www.suffolknwa.co.uk or www.suffolk.police.uk/news

To report something, or otherwise to contact Police use: www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us

To report something anonymously call Crimestoppers on: **0800 555 111** or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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