

MELTON GRANGE ROAD AREA

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION



HELLO NEIGHBOURS

September 2026

The summer is coming to an end, and we are now seeing the approach of darker evenings. Please remember to take some easy precautions which will hopefully deter the opportunistic unwanted quest

- Close curtains/blinds as it become darker outside so that your downstairs interior is not easily visible from the road.
- Check that the garage is down and locked, your vehicle is locked and valuable items are removed, your car keys should be stored away from the front door so they cannot be cloned.
- Check your side gate and garden shed (if you have one) are locked and secure, any valuable garden items should be stored away safely.

CRIME FIGURES are shown in the link below along with other interesting stats for the period July 2025 to June 2026 in the Woodbridge/Melton area:

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

REFUSE COLLECTION

As everyone is aware since my last Newsletter in June there has been a change to the refuse collection and the issue of two new bins (hopefully everyone has received these) coupled with a change in the collection day. It seems this change has not run as smoothly as anticipated, especially the vegetable caddie collection. As an individual I have completed the non-collection council waste proforma each time the caddie was not collected, and I have also written to our MP twice outlining the problems. From the council I have received the standard automatic reply (take the bin in and put it out next week). From our MP I have received a positive response, in which she wants to be informed as to any further problems.

PARKING

School is starting soon, and I will be seeking a meeting with the Headteacher of Woodbridge Primary School to ask that once again, in her welcome letter, to include a piece about sensible parking and the need to maintain a lower speed near the school. I will also ask her to mention the requirement not to leave the engine of the car running whilst waiting to pick up/drop off pupils, it is against the law. (Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, enforces Rule 123 of the Highway Code)

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

The Parish Clerk has informed me that Melton Parish Council (MPC) have resolved to survey all residents in our area. A letter will be distributed shortly highlighting the roads where a 20 MPH could be implemented and asking if you want to proceed with this project and if so, confirm which roads warrant the reduced speed limit. The consultation will last until 30th September, then the MPC will analyse the comments. No names/emails/addresses will be collected; just answers. I've been pushing this project over the last 6 months so can I ask you to reply to this consultation asap.

DVLA SPAM EMAIL. An email claiming to be from the DVLA tells you that your vehicle tax renewal has not been completed and it is now expired. It threatens fines of up to £1,000 for non-payment and includes a dodgy phishing link where it will ask for your personal and financial details. Scam emails like this can be reported to their website:

[the National Cyber Security Centre.](#)

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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