

Report for Bildeston Parish Council by Robert Lindsay, Suffolk County Councillor for 9 Oct 2023

20mph limit Bildeston

As you know the 20mph speed limit installation is half complete, with 30mph buffer zones at the north and south ends of the village yet to be installed. Work was stopped by the fact that the High Street needed to be used as a diversion for a road closure elsewhere. Meantime Kier's contract with Suffolk came to an end, and there will be an inevitable delay until the new contractor Milestone picks it up. I will let you know the date for recommencement as soon as I have it.

Project to sustainably heat Bildeston surgery and school

I have provided £666 from my locality budget to Bildeston Heating in order for them to pay an adviser for "pre-feasibility" advice to see whether it is feasible to heat the Surgery and Bildeston School next door via a borehole and a ground source heat pump. Both operations have massive heating and electricity bills which would be reduced with a heat pump, but capital costs of installing a ground source heat pump may be an issue.

Launch of £100k Fund for Net Zero Business Solutions

Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders group have announced a £100k fund to spark net zero innovation across the county. The 'Net Zero Innovation Fund' will provide grants to businesses for innovative solutions that drive the county towards its net zero target. The fund is being coordinated by the Carbon Charter, Suffolk's hub for sustainable business, and is part of a package of work to deliver the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan, which sets out the shared ambition of a net zero county by 2030.

To find out more information and to apply, businesses should visit

<https://carboncharter.org/nzifs/>