

The Suttons Cllr Jack Tyrrell

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Serving the people of The Sutton's



## What I've been up to since winning the 2021 Election

### Youth Shed trial coming soon to our area

As co founder of the highly successful Mens Shed, I have been working on a project that will also support the younger generation in our area too.

My idea is to enrol 11 to 15 year old boys and girls, showing them how to put their energy into learning new skills that will broaden their work opportunities and give them excellent future prospects. The aim is to have 6 students on a trial basis for ten weeks- 5 hours a week. These students

may not be academic and possibly struggling at school but we can teach them a trade. I'm a bricklayer by trade and I would like to give them the chance to get involved with something they feel they would like to try.

There are 87 volunteers at the Mens Shed; retired electricians, plumbers, carpenters and bricklayers to name a few. These are local people happy to support, teach and encourage our younger generation

to help them have the very best chances. If the trial is successful we would like to have a dedicated 'Youth Shed' where these two generations can help each other, bringing them closer together. The students will learn a trade and hopefully this will also build inter-generational relationships.

The Police and local school are very supportive. We aim to set up an open evening where any parents can come along and find out more as well as get their questions answered. It will give them the chance to see the respectful and dedicated environment we are offering.

On day one they will learn how to lay a brick. The more they learn the more tools they will receive. If the students complete 10 weeks, they will be able to keep the tools they have gained through working hard.



Great Support for my Youth Shed project from the police, colleagues and the fabulous Mens Shed volunteers



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**We live in the best place- lets make it even better**



# Santa Visited over 2300 local children

Barry Meade took the lead in building the reindeers while Ivan Thompson built the sleigh which helped us deliver over 2300 teddy bears and 500 books, toys and sweets to many happy children in Long Sutton, Sutton Bridge, Luton, Tydd Gote, Tydd St. Mary & Little Sutton.

I could not have done this without the help of Cllr David Wilkinson (Santa) Ivan Thompson, Jo Wilkinson, Rob Wilkinson, Annette Wilkinson and Emma Woodhouse. They all worked so hard with me to make this happen for the local children.

Funds raised from a collection went toward heater oil in the Mens Shed.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to see us- great to see so many on very cold nights.

A huge thank you also to the sponsors- Lift & Shift (Simon & Dee) - Grays of Holbeach - Norfolk Scaffolding Ltd- Cafe Retro- Long Sutton Flooring - Silverwood Tearooms



Santa's sleigh- getting ready for an evening visiting the local children



Wombles collected over Christmas in Sutton Bridge



Long Sutton Wombles

## Long Sutton & Sutton Bridge Volunteers

Working together to make the area cleaner and nicer.

The fight against litter is one very close to my heart and to many residents. It's why I am keen to support the work of the local Wombles groups and other litter picking volunteers.

Most of us dispose of our rubbish correctly- sadly a few ruin it for the majority. Local volunteers and the Enviromental Services team work hard to keep on top of it, yet often you can see as soon as an area is cleared, within weeks the same area is back having to be done again.

We can all play our part by reporting or even by being involved as a volunteer. Please contact me if you have any information or would like to become a volunteer and I would be delighted to put you in touch.

If you would like to discuss any further ideas that you think may help to keep our area clean and tidy please contact me and I would be delighted to hear them and discuss them further.



The Men's Shed- a life line to s



# Pride Award

There are so many good people who never get recognised for their great work within the community. The Awards are so important to celebrate them.

I was very proud when Jan invited me to judge the Best Neighbour Award. I was nervous, however, I got over my feelings to do this in the best way I could.

Third place went to Monica Venni from Holbeach, Second place went to Davis & Ann Ingle from Gedney Hill and first place went to Amanda Halifax from Spalding. There are 11 categories Caring Neighbour - Service with a Smile, Young Achiever - Senior Citizen - Community Hero -Volunteer

of the Year - Special Achievement - Community Sports Group - Bakkavor Local Charity Community Champion and Before and After School Social Activities.

I would like to see more people being nominated for these Awards from our area. We have so many local volunteers, who I would like to thank each and every one for what they do to help our area.

If you would like to nominate someone for an Award next year, get in touch with me and I will let you know how to nominate them. Don't let this go by; let's show everyone we have wonderful heroes in The Suttons.



Proud to be judging one of the categories at the South Holland Pride Awards



## £12 million gap

Want to report a pothole or other road fault?

Visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting)

Did you know?

We maintain 5,500 miles of road, so all reports are prioritised based on the location of the road, type of road (A,B,C or unclassified) and the severity of the fault.

Safety is our top priority, so any faults that are a danger to drivers and other road users will be repaired before others.

We need YOU!

Join our fight to have government reinstate the £12 million that was cut from our roads maintenance grant in 2021/22.

Get involved by writing to your local MP at [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com).



**"Give the national importance of fresh produce carried by our roads, it's just not fair for the cost burden to fall largely on Lincolnshire's shoulders. Which is why I am working with local Councillors like Jack Tyrrell to make sure that repaired roads are fit for purpose and so have secured a further meeting with the Transport Minister to make our case where it matters."**

*Rt Hon Sir John Hayes CBE MP*

## Mens Shed News

Two of the bricklayers have done the brickwork on the new forge.

There's so much going on in the Shed, from welding to wood work. The new model area is going strong- a few men have taken on some new projects.

There are a few unfinished model boat hulls for anyone who wanted to finish them, a donation would be welcome to finish the model.

You can bring your own project in if you would like to. The shed fix up and mend anything, nothing is too much trouble and there are many local volunteers who will be able to fix anything for the cost of the materials and a donation to the Shed.

The Mens Shed is open to any man of any age. There is so much you can get involved with or just sit and have a cuppa, Membership is £10 a year and a £1 in the box for tea and biscuits.

A few months ago we received an email from Ireland, The Long Sutton Mens Shed is the largest in Europe with its own carpark.

What a facility we can be truly proud of in The Suttons!



so many local men.





## Sutton Bridge joins the Free Garden Waste Collection

Delighted that Sutton Bridge are now joining the monthly garden waste collection after I approached the Parish Council about the scheme, and they voted in favour at Decembers meeting.

In our fourth year now, Cllr Wilkinson and I have seen the amount of people turning up with car and vans loaded to the hilt, even going back for more. In the first year we would be there for about 4 hours now we are loaded in 2 and less.

We may need a second lorry in the height of summer if so we (David Wilkinson and I) said we

will pay for it this year, then speak to the 4 parish councils for the following year.

Last year in the Spalding Recycling Centre they took more garden waste in one month than they took in Grantham in four months, just think we start in March and finish in November thats 9 lorry loads.

Please remember to buy green recycle bags for grass then we can throw them straight onto the lorry, black bags you have to take back, also if you use ton bags don't fill them more than a 1/3 full, we are getting old and struggle to lift them on the lorry.

## Garden Waste Collection Dates

Saturday 26th March 2022  
Spring Gardens Long Sutton

Saturday 30th April 2022  
Kings Street Sutton Bridge

Saturday 28th May 2022  
Puddingpoke Lane Lutton

Saturday 25th June 2022  
Rectory Road Car Park Tydd St. Mary

Saturday 30th July 2022  
Spring Gardens Long Sutton

Saturday 27th August 2022  
Kings Street Sutton Bridge

Saturday 24th September 2022  
Puddingpoke Lane Lutton

Saturday 29th October 2022  
Rectory Road Car Park Tydd St Mary

**Following Saturday may not go ahead it depends on the weather**

**Saturday 26th November 2022  
Spring Gardens Long Sutton**

## Widows Christmas Party

I sadly had to cancel this years Widows Christmas Party for the second time because of the covid pandemic.

I held out for as long as possible before cancelling the event, in the hope things would be ok to proceed but the importance of keeping residents safe had to be my priority.

My family and I have hosted this event for the past eight years and look forward to doing it again.

The event is an intimate, special occasion where 50 local widows come together to have fun, enjoy home-cooked food and have a great

Christmas party. Many of our guests have no one to share their day with so the event means so much to both the guests and my family who love hosting it.

My wife and two daughters lovingly cook the dinner, while I keep the drinks topped up and make sure everyone is having a good time.

I bought everyone who was invited this year a little gift so they knew we were still thinking of them even though the event didn't go ahead and I look forward to Christmas 2022 where we can hopefully enjoy our celebration together again.



Widows Christmas Party 2020



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