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## Flag flying again over Kessingland

### Beach



Parishioners and visitors alike may have noticed over the past few months the flag has not been flying at Kessingland beach. This was due to storm-damage to the finial at the top of the flag pole. This is part of the mechanism which hoists and lowers the flag.

Following a recent site visit by the manufacture and installers, the Parish Council is pleased to announce that repairs have been effected and once again the flag is flying at Kessingland Beach!



## Public Space Protection Orders.

### Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014



Under Section 59 of the above legislation Waveney District Council have made the following Orders :-

- 1 **Dogs in Childrens Play Areas.** - The Order comes into force on the 1st April 2017 and shall have effect for a period of three years expiring on the 31st March 2020.

**The Restricted Area** - the Order applies to all children's play areas in the Waveney District which are gated (or fitted with grids) and fenced to prevent access to dogs.

**Persons to whom Order applies** - The Order applies to all persons within the Restricted Area at all times of the day and night.

**Prohibitions** - In pursuance of section 59 of the Act, the Council therefore prohibits any person from taking a dog or dogs into the Restricted Area

2. **Dogs on Leads (General)** - The Order comes into force on the 1st April 2017 and shall have effect for a period of three years expiring on the 31st March 2020.

**The Restricted Area** - The Order applied to all areas described in Schedule 2, ***(which are for Kessingland)***

- a) All public highways in the Waveney District, including all classes of roads whether made or unmade, capable of carrying motorised vehicle traffic, EXCLUDING footpaths and rights of way not normally intended for public vehicular access
- b) All pedestrian footways and verges adjacent to public highways specified in (a) above.
- c) All sports grounds, fields, greens and pitches when in use as such.
- d) All cemeteries , churchyards and burial grounds
- e) All allotment sites

**Persons to whom Order applies** - The Order applies to all persons within the Restricted Area at all times of the day and night.

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**Requirements** - In pursuance of section 59 of the Act, the Council therefore requires persons taking a dog or dogs onto a Restricted Area to keep each dog on a lead **and** under close control at all times whilst in a Restricted Area

3. **Dog Fouling** - The Order comes into force on the 1st April 2017 and shall have effect for a period of three years expiring on the 31st March 2020.

**The Restricted Area** - This Order applies to all land in the Waveney District which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or have permitted access (with or without payment) including (but not restricted to ) commons, beaches, highways, footpaths, verges, car parks, pedestrianised areas, promenades, sports fields and pitches, village or town greens, play areas, parks, gardens and other community amenity space ( the “Restricted Area ).

**Persons to whom Order applies** - The Order applies to all persons within the Restricted Area at all times of the day and night.

**Requirements** - In pursuance of section 59 of the Act, the Council therefore requires persons for the time being in control of a dog within a Restricted area to remove all faeces deposited by the dog forthwith.

*The order shall not apply to any person who has a reasonable excuse for failing to comply. Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to comply with this order*

**Exemptions :-** These Orders will not apply to any person who:-

- i) registered as a blind person in a register under S29 of the National Assistance Act 1948
- ii) is for the time being in charge of an Assistance Dog registered with Assistance Dogs UK and upon which he/she relies for assistance

**Offences :-**

1. Failure without reasonable cause to comply with the prohibitions imposed by these Orders, as set out , is a criminal offence
2. A person is guilty of such an offence, under S67 of the Act, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
3. Alternatively, at the Council’s discretion, a person believed to have committed an offence may be offered the opportunity to discharge liability for prosecution by paying a fixed penalty of £80.



# SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

Many residents of Kessingland and those passing through on their way to work, school etc. park on the double yellow lines at the junction on Church Road and High Street, Kessingland. When vehicles park outside the shop they block the view of approaching traffic from Whites Lane direction, which could result in a collision.

While many are only there for a few minutes to pick up a paper or pint of milk, the regular stream of people stopping at peak times means that when one vehicle leaves another quickly replaces it. Leaving someone in the vehicle in the driver or passenger seat does not make stopping acceptable or any less dangerous.

There are no restrictions a very short distance from the shop and the quick change over of vehicles means you don't have to wait long for a space.

Some of the vehicles parking on the double yellow lines are disabled badge holders. On page 23 of the Department of Transport booklet issued with your disabled badge, 'The Blue Badge Scheme: Rights and Responsibilities in England' it states in the section 'Safe and Responsible Parking' at the second bullet point that you should not park 'where it would make it difficult for others to see clearly, such as close to a junction. The Blue Badge is not a licence to park anywhere. If you park where it would cause an obstruction or danger to other road users your vehicle could be removed by the police.'

ANY vehicle parking at this junction for any period of time, if seen by an officer, WILL be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £30.

The parking restrictions are there for your and other road user's safety.

THANK YOU.

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### PCSO Surgeries to be held at Kessingland Library

Wednesday 26th April 2017 12 - 1pm

Wednesday 24th May 2017 12 - 1pm

Wednesday 21st June 2017 12 - 1pm

## KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL – SPEEDWATCH SCHEME



Kessingland Parish Council has successfully run a Community Speed Watch Scheme within the village for the last year.

The Speedwatch Scheme is run in conjunction with the Police who will take follow up action for any motorists caught exceeding the speed limit, with multiple offenders receiving penalties.

However, the main purpose of the scheme is not to punish motorists, rather to encourage responsible driving on our roads. Our very visible presence markedly slows traffic and encourages greater concentration and attention to speed while travelling through the village.

The Parish Council are currently seeking more volunteers to be actively involved iwth the Scheme. There is no cost for training and everything you need to take part is supplied . You can volunteer at times which suit you, for as many or as few hours as you wish.

The more volunteers there are the greater effect we have on making Kessingland a safe and pleasant place to live.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Kessingland Speedwatch Team please contact the Parish Clerk via email at [clerkkessingland@outlook.com](mailto:clerkkessingland@outlook.com) or by telephone on 01502 744367 who will put you in touch with the Kessingland Speedwatch Co-ordinator.

You can help make your village a safer place.

## Information from UK Power Networks.

### TAKING CARE OF VULNERABLE CUSTOMERS DURING A STORM

On February 23, the high winds and rain of Storm Doris battered the UK. The storm severely damaged the network in the East of England and our staff worked incredibly hard to get nearly everyone affected reconnected the next day. Based on feedback from stakeholders and customers we were aware that vulnerable customers, in particular, were often unprepared for power cuts caused by big storms. That's why in the 24 hours leading up to Storm Doris we ran a proactive alert campaign, texting 65,614 customers on our priority services register about the timing and possible impact of the storm, reassuring them that we had extra staff on hand and telling them where they could get more information. We also called 34,000 customers with the same information, reminding them to charge their phone and keep a torch to hand. After the storm, we convened a focus group of customers on the Priority Services Register. The focus group told us that they'd appreciated the proactive contact and praised the work of our staff in response to the storm damage.

### Joining the Priority Services Register

If you know someone in your local community that you think might need extra support in a power cut you can find information about how they can apply to join our Priority Services Register either by visiting our website [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/help](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/help) or email [psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk](mailto:psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk) or call (free) on 0800 169 9970

### Kessingland WI



After news of springtime events (which include a meal at Lowestoft College to celebrate our 65th Birthday) we were delighted to present a gift to one of our founder members, Barbara Eyre, and also a gift to Hilda Block - a member of 50 years' standing. It is amazing that these two ladies are still able to attend each month; Barbara runs our savings club, which helps members to spread the cost of their annual subscription, while Hilda organises the selling of raffle tickets at all of our gatherings.

Our speaker was Alex Bass, whose subject was Suffolk Heritage Coast. He presented an illuminating talk, and his questions with reference to his photographs made us realise that we will collectively know quite a lot about our area. We were inspired to go out and explore our beautiful coast. The Walking group are going to Dunwich, and the Darts team are playing a friendly with Halesworth WI team. Pamela Newell and Margaret Thurston won the competition and the Bloom of the Month