



## **Stonham Ward**

**May 2020**

### **We know you've 'bin' waiting**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are poised to re-launch their garden waste collections during May, having stopped them to protect essential collections during COVID-19.

[Read the full story here.](#)

### **Approval for 98 homes enables sports facility for Haughley**

Detailed plans for 98 new homes in Haughley have received the go ahead – providing a range of community benefits for the village, including a new football pitch.

[Read the full story here.](#)

### **£17m COVID-19 grant funding unclaimed by small businesses in Babergh and Mid Suffolk**

Over £28m has been awarded to eligible small businesses, shop owners and leisure organisations in Babergh and Mid Suffolk since the launch of the Government's Small Business Grant and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants at the end of March.

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### **Green light for £2.2m extension at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre**

Plans for a £2.2m development and refurbishment at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre in Stowmarket have been given the go ahead.

[Read the full story here.](#)



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### **Online democracy in action**

Mid Suffolk District Council today held its first planning meeting using virtual technology – allowing public meetings to continue safely despite the lockdown.

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### **Local community groups to receive over £64,000 in emergency funding**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have approved grants totalling more than £64,000 to support local communities in their response to COVID-19.

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### **Recognising the volunteers at the heart of Mid Suffolk's coronavirus response**

Mid Suffolk District Council is saluting the unwavering community spirit within its neighbourhoods, as selfless heroes prove an incredible force in the fight against Covid-19.

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### **Council rejects homes to protect Haughley's heritage**

Mid Suffolk District Council today refused outline planning permission for 120 homes to be built in Haughley, citing poor connectivity and harm to local heritage.

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### **Babergh and Mid Suffolk communities receive funding boost of more than £4.5 million**

Communities across Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded Community Infrastructure Levy funding in excess of £4.5 million since the start of the year.

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### **Cyber cons capitalising on coronavirus crisis**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are urging vigilance against rising numbers of coronavirus cons, with over 2,000 online scams identified nationally in the last month alone.

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### **Council meetings to resume remotely**

Council meetings for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are set to resume remotely following the Government's decision to grant local authorities' powers to meet and make decisions using digital technology to ensure public safety.

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### **It's gOasis for Mid Suffolk winter sports complex**

Major proposals to build a £500 million snow centre, creating over 5,000 jobs in the area, have been finalised.

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### **Gateway 14 appoints Jaynic as development manager for new Stowmarket mixed-use business and logistic space**

Mid Suffolk District Council's vision for Stowmarket has taken a major step forward with the announcement of a partner to deliver Gateway 14.

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### **Green light for 115 new homes enables health centre expansion**

Detailed plans for 115 new homes at Woolpit received the go ahead today – bringing a raft of community benefits a step closer, including the expansion of Woolpit Health Centre.

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### **An Easter message from Suffolk's NHS, Emergency and Public Services**

Stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives. This is a Public Emergency not a Public Holiday.

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### **Small businesses in Suffolk urged to access £200m pot of COVID-19 aid**

Eligible businesses across Suffolk are being urged to access grants of £10,000 or £25,000 to help them through COVID-19 crisis.

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### **Further financial support for struggling households in Babergh and Mid Suffolk**



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Families already struggling with financial hardship are to be given further support to reduce their council tax bills, with letters due through the doors of more than 4,000 households in Babergh and Mid Suffolk over coming days.

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### **Joint statement on COVID-19 from Babergh and Mid Suffolk's political group leaders**

Although the political make up of both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils is varied and diverse, the resolve to work together to look after our communities, protect the vulnerable and safeguard our local economy during the COVID-19 pandemic is entirely the same.

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### **Businesses urged to access financial support and guidance during COVID-19 crisis**

Businesses in Babergh and Mid Suffolk are being urged to find out what financial support is available to them as well as seeking advice and guidance in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.

[Read the full story here.](#)

### **Emergency funding pot available to help local community groups**

Community groups and organisations can now apply for immediate grants of up to £2,500 as part of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' response to COVID-19.

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