

Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

Students debate climate issues at councils' second COP-style event

Ahead of global leaders gathering in Brazil for COP30 next month, students from schools across Suffolk have taken part in their own event to tackle real-world climate change issues.

'A groundbreaking step forward' – Councils make listed building energy upgrades easier

A groundbreaking council initiative – one of the first of its kind in the country – will help owners of Grade II listed buildings make their homes more energy efficient.

Councils ask communities to identify potential development sites

Residents, developers, landowners, businesses and other organisations are being invited to submit locations which could be considered for planned future development.

Dog owner prosecuted for noise nuisance

A Shotley resident has been fined over £1,000 after repeatedly allowing his dog to cause a serious noise disturbance, despite multiple warnings and formal enforcement action.

Developer cash to support communities in Babergh and Mid Suffolk

Towns and parishes across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are set to receive more than £1m in developer contributions to help community infrastructure keep pace with housing growth.

Upcoming funding summit

The Babergh and Mid Suffolk grants and funding team is hosting a free funding summit on Wednesday 19 November at Chamberlin Hall, Bildeston, from 9am to 2.30pm. The event will help community organisations access the funding they need and is being delivered in partnership with Suffolk Community Foundation, Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk County Council and the National Lottery Community Fund. Book online: [Conference Booking Form : AideCRM](#)

Anglian Water flood guidance

Anglian Water has created a leaflet to help people protect their homes from winter flooding. The information is particularly relevant due to the long, hot summer we

have had this year. You can find the leaflet as an attachment on this email. Further flooding information and guidance can be found on our website.

Sustainable Communities Food Fund

Our Sustainable Communities Food Fund provides grants to small scale food initiatives such as community pantries, fridges and food pop-ups.

Between £250 and £5,000 is available and can be used for anything from the purchase of equipment and revenue costs to delivering training and workshops.

Funding is awarded on a first come, first served basis, so please encourage groups to submit an application as soon as they can.

Sustainable Communities Action Day

On Saturday 8 November, Sustainable Suffolk is hosting an action day designed to bring together the county's community groups, town and parish councils, and all those involved in local environmental action in order to share knowledge and new ideas.

On the day, there will be a range of speakers and workshops, hosted by prominent organisations from the local area. It runs from 9:30am until 3:30pm and lunch is included.

Do [sign up online](#) and encourage any groups you think it may be relevant to, to attend