

Councillors' briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

July 2023

Anti-social behaviour awareness

Our community safety team will be out in our market towns this month, sharing information and answering questions from residents, working alongside partners in tenancy management, environmental health and officers from Suffolk Police on the following dates:

- Monday 3 July: Hadleigh, Morrisons
- Tuesday 4 July: Eye, Broad Street
- Wednesday 5 July: Stowmarket Cedars Park Tesco
- Thursday 6 July: Sudbury market

Summer holiday activities and free family fun days

We will soon be promoting our summer holiday activity programme to encourage everyone to stay active and healthy during the school break.

Our holiday, activities and food (HAF) programme, funded by the Department for Education, ensures children in need, for example those eligible for free school meals, continue to receive support through holidays - with places also available to book by others looking to entertain their youngsters locally for a small fee. [Find your local activities.](#)

Also during July we will be holding a series of free family fun days across the districts - offering everything from climbing walls to archery, face-painting to sports. The events will be 10am to 2pm on:

- Monday 24 July at Eye Community Centre
- Tuesday 25 July at Stowmarket Recreation Ground
- Thursday 27 July at Shotley Community Centre
- Friday 28 July at East House Park, Hadleigh
- and Monday 31 July at Belle Vue Park, Sudbury

Look out for further information on social media over coming weeks and please help us spread the word within your towns and parishes.

Works get underway to install almost 30 new electric vehicle charge points in council car parks

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are set to install 28 new electric vehicle chargers across their car park network this year, to help tackle climate change.

[More information](#)

Districts welcome the Tour of Britain

The UK's biggest professional cycle race, the men's Tour of Britain, is heading to Suffolk on Thursday 7 September. Route details are due to be announced soon, so please keep an eye on our councils' social media pages for the latest information.

Meanwhile we are promoting a competition to design the jersey to be presented to the winner of the Suffolk stage. [More information](#)

Joint Local Plan examination

Examination hearing for our Joint Local Plan took place this week. The virtual sessions can be viewed via the [Joint Local Plan YouTube channel](#). [Find out more about our Joint Local Plan](#).

National Grid pylons consultation

National Grid has launched its latest public consultation on plans for a new high-voltage power line across East Anglia, including Mid Suffolk and Babergh.

The Norwich to Tilbury project has previously been opposed by both councils amid significant concerns, particularly over the impact on the environment.

The public consultation events in our area are:

- Tuesday 11 July, 11am-4pm at Blackbourne Community Centre, Blackbourne Road, Elmswell.
- Wednesday 19 July, 2pm-7pm - Copdock Village Hall, Old London Road, Copdock.

There are also consultation webinars on July 5 (1-2pm), July 25 (7-8pm), August 12, 17 (both 10-11am). [For more details visit the National Grid website](#).

Babergh Chair supports a cause close to her heart

The new Chair of Babergh District Council will be supporting a cause close to her heart which "offers hope to others". [More information](#)

Neighbourhood plan referendums

Three Neighbourhood Planning Referendums will be held in the Babergh District on Wednesday 19 July for [Leavenheath](#), [Stutton](#) and [Wherstead](#).

Voters will be asked *"Do you want Babergh District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Plan Area?"*

Please help us to remind electors choosing to vote in person for the Referendums that they will need to bring [photo ID](#).