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**Mid Suffolk’s new leader outlines initial priorities**

Mid Suffolk District Council’s new leader has outlined the priorities for the new administration – refocusing the council’s work in a “greener and more sustainable direction” whilst tackling community issues. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/mid-suffolks-new-leader-outlines-initial-priorities/)

**The results are in: Local Elections 2023**

There are new political landscapes for both Mid Suffolk District Council and Babergh District Council following the local elections. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/the-results-are-in-local-elections-2023/)

**Thousands raised by former Mid Suffolk Chairman for children’s charity**

Former Mid Suffolk District Council Chairman, Cllr James Caston presented a cheque of £4,400 to Stowmarket ASD Saturday Clubs. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/thousands-raised-by-mid-suffolk-chairman-for-childrens-charity/)

**Congratulations to Their Majesties on Coronation Day**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Chairs sent congratulations on behalf of the districts to Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla on their coronation. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/congratulations-to-their-majesties-on-coronation-day/)

**More than £500,000 goes back to communities in latest round of CIL funding**

Money collected from developers in Mid Suffolk and Babergh is going back to the communities in our districts after councillors approved the latest round of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) bids. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/100000-3g-pitch-grant-for-local-club-in-latest-round-of-cil-funding/)

**Help for families during school holidays**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils staged a range of activities to keep children and young people safe and active during half term and Easter holidays – also tackling holiday hunger. [More information about half term activities](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/new-blog-entry/) and [Easter activities](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/fortnight-of-fun-ahead-as-easter-break-beckons/)

**Making even more homes energy efficient**

Over the next three years, more Suffolk homes will be upgraded to improve their energy efficiency, helping to reduce residents’ energy bills. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/making-even-more-homes-energy-efficient/)

**Residents urged to #ShakeItOut and keep recycling clean, dry and loose**

A campaign encouraging people in Suffolk to shake out their plastic bags and not to put them in their recycling bins is underway. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/suffolk-residents-urged-to-shakeitout-and-keep-recycling-clean-dry-and-loose/)

**Suffolk backs national campaign to tackle food waste**

Suffolk Waste Partnership (SWP), which includes Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, is backing a national campaign highlighting the problem of food waste and encouraging people to do something about it. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/suffolk-backs-national-campaign-to-tackle-food-waste/)

**Free compost and cheap bins to help green fingered residents**

Successful initiatives to help residents get composting, as part of International Compost Awareness Week. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/free-compost-a-hot-competition-and-cheap-bins-to-help-green-fingered-residents/)

**Stowmarket opens a window of opportunity**

Stowmarket’s high street could become a showcase for artists and creatives this summer with the launch of a pilot project to revitalise an empty shop window in the town. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/stowmarket-opens-a-window-of-opportunity/)

**Contractor appointed for 5a Cross Street, Eye**

Plans to transform 5a Cross Street, Eye, are underway following the appointment of Colnesett Ltd. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/contractor-appointed-for-5a-cross-street-eye/)

**Planning application submitted for Stowmarket sport, health & wellbeing, education, and leisure facilities**

A full planning application for new Stowmarket sport, health & wellbeing, education, and leisure facilities has been submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/milestone-reached-as-planning-application-for-stowmarket-sport-health-and-wellbeing-education-and-leisure-facilities-submitted/)

**Schoolchildren and those living with dementia share memories**

A project building empathy and understanding about dementia has come to a Mid Suffolk care home, with a local school visiting to hear about residents’ lives and experiences. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/schoolchildren-and-those-living-with-dementia-share-memories-at-stowmarket-care-home/)

**Former school transformed into much needed homes**

Keys to 41 new affordable homes were handed over to Mid Suffolk District Council following the final stage of the transformation of the former Needham Market Middle School. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/former-school-transformed-into-much-needed-homes/)

**Plans for Skills and Innovation Centre at Gateway 14 unveiled**

Local businesses, students and workers could all benefit from modern, collaborative working and learning spaces at Gateway 14, following the approval of an initial business case. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/plans-for-skills-and-innovation-centre-at-gateway-14-unveiled/)

**State-of-the-art emergency services hub opens in Stowmarket**

A new police and fire station off Needham Road, Stowmarket, has opened, following a £431K contribution from Mid Suffolk District Council through the Community Infrastructure Levy. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/stowmarket-emergency-hub/)

**25 BY 25: Suffolk's challenge to businesses to tackle the climate emergency**

The launch of the [’25 by 25’](https://carboncharter.org/make-the-25-by-25-pledge/) campaign sees Suffolk businesses urged to pledge a 25% reduction in their carbon emissions by 2025.  [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/25-by-25-suffolks-challenge-to-businesses-to-tackle-the-climate-emergency/)

**Bin lorry naming competition winners get behind the wheel of Ed Sheerbin**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s bin lorry naming competition winners enjoyed the chance to get behind the wheel of ‘Ed Sheerbin’ and ‘Binnie the Pooh’. [More information](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/bin-lorry-naming-competition-winners-get-behind-the-wheel-of-ed-sheerbin/)