

To Chairman & Parish Councillors – Holbrook Parish Council
From Councillor Mary McLaren
Babergh District Councillor.

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Babergh District Council

Update on Covid 19 in Suffolk

Regular bulletins continue to be produced to keep all residents informed regarding the Covid-19 situation in our county

An update on the vaccine roll out and our future, can be found on the [SNEE NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service website](#).

BDC continue to play a part alongside public sector colleagues within the Suffolk Resilience Forum in a response to the pandemic by continuing to offer support to our communities and businesses. Access the BDC website.

Welcome Back Fund

You should have now received information from BDC inviting you to apply for a share of the Welcome Back fund. Completed request forms should be returned as soon as possible to ensure that you do not miss out on this important funding opportunity. There are a selection of items which will enable you to support and encourage local trade and tourism.

Babergh District Council lend support to Thank You Day

John Ward the leader of BDC has thanked workers in the District for their incredible work during the pandemic

You can help Suffolk say Thank You.

Over the past 18 months we have seen the vast network of volunteers who have supported their own communities often going the extra mile for neighbours and residents. To recognise the efforts of the hundreds of people who have made and are still making a tremendous effort in their parishes, BDC will be distributing Suffolk Says Thanks badges over the coming months. If you know of anyone in your community who you think deserves a badge please email communities@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk BDC who will arrange for this to be sent out. Parish Councils are often in a good position to know who these people are.

Developing a “joined-up” strategy in our District

This week Babergh and Midsuffolk Cabinets approved work starting in the formulation of a parking strategy in both districts including everything from on-street and off-street parking through to the economic, environmental and community impacts to ensure that shoppers, tourists, visitors, residents, workers and commuters have access to sufficient good quality, safe and welcoming parking opportunities. The Parking Strategy due to be approved by September 2022 will look at our district over the next five to ten years. Recognising that in our three villages we have specific needs in relation to widespread indiscriminate parking especially on grass verges and near the shore. The fact that the public appear disinclined to pay for parking e.g Alton Water, presents us with the challenge of influencing motorist’s behaviour and has been raised by me in various public meetings. There will be widespread consultation with Parish councils and a range of organisations.



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2021 Annual Canvas now underway

I must apologise for the confusion caused by the request for information regarding details on the electoral register. This is to ensure that residents do not lose their right to vote. This annual survey is to be continued electronically so residents can be re-assured this is not a scam email. Residents who are not connected digitally will be contacted by letter.

Local council housing officers recognised nationally as “community heroes”

Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils housing officers are in the running for a prestigious national award for their work in keeping vulnerable residents off the streets during the COVID-19 Pandemic. I want to add my own recognition of their work, all undertaken from home and always ready to respond a crisis as one or two of our residents have experienced.

Local Energy Showcase will champion green businesses

I circulated details earlier to councillors the details of Suffolk’s Showcase event at Wherstead Park celebrating sustainability and green energy. 21 & 22 October 2021 – Tickets available now

Committing to a Healthy Future for Residents.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk have refreshed their Leisure, Sport and Physical Strategy and it has been approved for them to go ahead – enabling communities to be more active and improve their health and wellbeing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Babergh District Council is committed to ensuring that its residents lead safe and happy lives. ASB is a broad term to describe day to day incidents of crime, nuisance, intimidation and disorder. It includes littering, vandalism, public drunkenness and noisy and abusive neighbours.

Any resident experiencing the above can report it via the Councils on-line service. ASB reports can be made quickly and easily 24/7. See the website for details. Prompt reporting to the council or the police may prevent vulnerable and less able residents being seriously hurt or continuously affected by similar incidents.

A multi-agency approach operates across Suffolk as ASB is often more complex than is apparent initially

I wish all Holbrook Parish Councillors a very happy holiday period over the next few weeks.

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