

To Chairman & Councillors Holbrook Parish Council  
From Councillor Mary McLaren – Stour Ward  
17 October 2022 – Councillor Report



## The Death of Her Majesty the Queen

Thank you to our Parishes who helped residents pay tribute to Her Majesty the Queen and send condolences to the Royal Family.  
We recognise the effort behind the scenes in supporting our communities in organising many church services and Books of Condolence and our Parish Council Chairs who staged very public Proclamations of the Reign of King Charles III.

## Babergh District Council sets out the Parking Strategy for the next 20 Years

The council's first parking strategy includes prioritised recommendations to improve all types of parking from council owned car parks to on-street parking. These include updating signage and markings, increasing safety provisions, providing more EV charging and cycling facilities, and introducing resident permits and schemes to allow overnight parking.

It has been created based on feedback from resident's, town and parish councils as well as other community groups and partners.

Over the course of two consultation periods more than 3,000 people responded to on-line surveys sharing their parking experiences and commenting on the recommendations, ahead of the strategy which this week was given Cabinet approval on 3 October. 175 people also attended in-person road show events in June giving everyone an opportunity to have their say.

The Strategy seeks to find the balance between supporting local trade across the district and achieving climate change and sustainable travel goals reflecting the councils recently approved Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

To implement the plan we will be working other partners such as the Suffolk County Council to enable them to start putting the recommendations in place. Funding will be through council budgets, CIL monies or external grants.

## Bird Flu Outbreak

The Animal Plant and Health Agency has detected a number of cases of bird flu (avian influenza) in poultry and wild and captive birds across the east of England including Babergh.

In response the Agency has declared a regional Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) in Norfolk, Suffolk and parts of Essex.

In Nedging Suffolk, Avian Influenza (HN51) was detected in commercial premises and over 140 turkeys, chickens and geese were humanely culled. There is a 3km zone around the site.

More information about Avian Influenza and the outbreaks across the country can be found on the Governments Website.

Residents should be advised to report dead wild birds to the DEFRA helpline (03459 33 55 77) if they find:-

- One or more dead bird of prey or owl
- 3 or more dead gulls or wild waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks)
- 5 or more dead birds of any species.



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## **Hundreds urged to get Food Savvy and plan ahead to save money and avoid waste**

The cost of living crisis is already impacting our residents whether they live alone or are in family groups.

BACK TO SAVVY is a Suffolk Waste Partnership which includes Babergh District Council and advises people on how to reduce food waste through planning out meals and storing them effectively. The campaign will advise on planning meals and batch cooking so they are ready for work/school and left-overs can be re-purposed into new meals.

In Norfolk and Suffolk, households waste 118,000 tonnes of edible food annually which in real money means the average family could save more than £730 per year if they were able to reduce their avoidable food waste.

**For more details go to the Food Savvy Website.**

## **Housing Tenants Surveys**

For all residents who are also tenants, Housing Services will be carrying out several new surveys to gather information about our service provision.

Monthly telephone and online surveys will be carried out with tenants on three of our key services:

- Repairs Service
- The experience of moving into one of our homes
- How your anti-social complaint has been dealt with.

There are routine surveys undertaken on a 3 monthly basis to understand satisfaction of tenants and in order to make a return to the Housing Services Regulator.

The new Tenant Satisfaction Measure requirements come into force from 1 April 2023

## **Suffolk Retrofit Conference - 13 October 2022 – On-Line**

Interested in the environment and how we can upgrade our houses to be more efficient in heating and insulation. Aimed at architects, engineers, contractors, consultants, surveyors and landlords

Register Free: [lowcarbonhomes.uk](http://lowcarbonhomes.uk)

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