

To Chairman and Parish Councillors Holbrook Parish Council
From Councillor Mary McLaren – Stour Ward
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Anti-social behaviour awareness month.

Our community safety team have been out and about in our market towns in early July working alongside partners in tenancy management, environmental health and officers from Suffolk Police. They had successful days engaging with residents and listening to their concerns.

ASB is very rare in our parishes, however it can very easily occur and unexpectedly.

Ring BDC Customer Services direct or go online – Complete the questionnaire. This will be passed to the Safety Team if a general complaint or if the alleged perpetrator is a council tenant, then it will be referred to a Housing Officer for investigation. However, if the actions are illegal or violent then ring the police. (It is not illegal to smoke Cannabis in your own home) What is the most essential aspect is evidence, so diaries of events must be kept over a period of time. Not providing well documented evidence does not help your concern or help officers to action the problem. In some instances, the police/housing/community will carry out a “street a week” exercise engaging with residents to listen to their complaints before taking action if necessary. It would be helpful to keep me informed.

Summer Holidays

Our holidays and food programme (HAF), provided for children who have been receiving free school meals or are in special situations, will be in place during the summer holidays. Parents or carers of children who are eligible must apply to the school for the vouchers as it is the school that notifies SCC of eligible children. The holidays activities are open to other children who for a small fee can join in the fun and activity. **To book a place** contact the provider of the activities. For our area contact Brantham Leisure Centre for activities for 5-12 years. For dates visit Anglia Sports Management’s website. Residents can always access Hadleigh Leisure Centre or The Kingfisher Leisure Centre for other activities related to water sports and there are many other activities including arts and crafts across the district. Visits Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme online.

Shotley free family fun day 10am to 2pm Thursday 27 July at Shotley Community Centre. Look out for further information on social media. Climbing walls to archery, face painting to sports.

Electric Vehicle Chargers

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are set to install 28 new electric vehicle chargers across their car parks next year to help tackle climate change. This has been possible thanks to a £300k grant from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). Sites chosen Lavenham, Hadleigh and two in Sudbury.

Districts welcome the Tour of Britain 2023

The UK’s biggest professional cycle race The Men’s Tour of Britain is heading to Suffolk on Thursday 7 September. Route details are not published yet but follow our council’s media page. Jerseys play a big part in local and international races and with 19 teams competing it is important we recognise the jerseys.

Are you a budding designer, are you creative and do you love cycling. Suffolk is running a competition to find the ultimate design for a special jersey that will be presented to the winner of each stage coming through Suffolk and finishing at Felixstowe. Please access the Cycle Jersey Website.

The Joint Local Plan examination

The Examination hearing for our Joint Local Plan took place last week. The virtual sessions can be viewed via the Joint Local Plan YouTube channel. Find out more about our Joint Local Plan online.



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National Grid pylons consultation

National Grid has launched its latest public consultation on plans for a new high voltage power line across East Anglia which of course includes Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Council areas.

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 event in our area is

Wednesday 19th July 2pm to 7pm Copdock Village Hall, Old London Road Copdock.

There are also consultation webinars on July 25th 7-8pm, 12 August and 17 August (both 10-11am)
For more details visit the National Grid website.

Chair's Charity

Babergh District Council Chair - Councillor Elisabeth Malvisi for her term has chosen for her personal charity - Long Melford's Men's Shed. They support men's mental wellbeing by providing a space which helps reduce isolation, develop new skills and encourage new connections and friendships.

Councillor Malvisi who experienced the loss of a son who struggled to face difficult circumstances wanted to take this opportunity to help men across the district to recognise their skills and help and support an organisation that offers hope to others.

Neighbourhood Planning referendum

Stutton is holding its Neighbourhood Planning referendum on the 19th July 2023.

Please remind electors that they will need to bring Photo ID when voting.

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?"

Well done to all our residents and community groups who over the past few weeks have arranged village fetes and fund-raising events. Thank you for all your efforts.

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