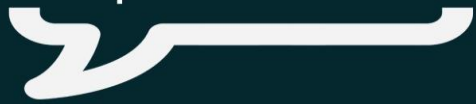


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Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

Suffolk councils launch reorganisation website; A new website providing trusted information on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Suffolk has been launched by the county's 6 councils.

Work on highly anticipated £18m Stowmarket Innovation Gateway complete; Construction work on a 'transformational' state-of-the-art skills and innovation centre at Gateway 14 in Stowmarket is complete – and it is ready to open its doors this summer.

Stowmarket to host Suffolk's Armed Forces Day celebrations ; Stowmarket will play host to Suffolk's 2026 Armed Forces Day celebrations, with military fanfare and a full day of family fun to recognise and celebrate the contribution of the armed forces community.

The free event, organised by Mid Suffolk District Council in partnership with Stowmarket Town Council, will take place at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 27 June and brings together service personnel, veterans, families and the wider community for a day of both fun and reflection.

If you would like to help us promote the event, you can find all of our resources by [accessing our Google Drive toolkit](#).

Riverside nature site to be protected and enhanced for the community; A riverside site will be protected from development and enhanced as a wildlife haven after Mid Suffolk District Council purchased the land and teamed up with the River Waveney Trust.

Councils' solar partnership brings boost for first businesses in Eye; A pioneering partnership is already turning solar energy into savings following the district's first Solar for Business scheme installation in Eye.

Mid Suffolk youngsters given voice for change; The Mid Suffolk Youth Council is taking shape following the election of its first members. Students at Debenham High School took part in a mock election to elect three of their peers.

Vital support for Citizens Advice part of £810k grant awards; Citizens Advice services in Babergh and Mid Suffolk have received significant financial backing as part of the latest round of community funding from the district councils.

Council Chair presents thousands to Stowmarket Charity ; Last year's Mid Suffolk District Council Chair, Cllr Keith Scarff, presented a cheque for £3677 to Stowmarket Relief Trust.

Chinese takeaway fined for food hygiene breaches; A Chinese takeaway found to be defrosting chicken in a sink and storing food at room temperature in buckets on the floor has been ordered to pay a total of more than £7,500 for food hygiene offences.

Tye Lane Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund ; The Tye Lane Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund opens for applications on 1 June. It's available to support capital or revenue projects from VCFSE organisations in Bramford, Somersham, Little Blakenham, Nettlehead, Flowton, Burstall and Sroughton with up to £2,000 per project.

Pride in Your Place : Applications for Mid Suffolk District Council's Pride in Your Place grant have reopened, offering funding to projects that bolster community pride and celebrate the heritage of towns and villages across the district.

Cash boost for Babergh and Mid Suffolk communities ; More than £680k is being distributed to towns and parishes across Babergh and Mid Suffolk to help local community infrastructure keep pace with housing growth.

Councils help bring careers to life thanks to college link up; Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have linked up with Eastern Education Group to create a series of immersive experiences for young people to help inspire their future careers.