

## District Councillor Report – Palgrave Parish Council, July 2026

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| <b>Waste collections</b>                                                       | <p>Mid Suffolk have now completed 5 weeks of the new waste and recycling collection schedule. It has been challenging for established and new crews to collect during the heat wave, but last week they collected 162 tonnes of food waste across both districts representing a 6% increase on the previous week. The Waste team are now continuing to improve on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivering the final new bins and food waste caddies.</li> <li>• Rolling out new bins to communal bins stores and properties (now completed).</li> <li>• New food collection drivers and loaders productivity and quality.</li> <li>• Pushing up the food waste daily completion rates (avoiding the need to mop up and roads the following morning).</li> <li>• Further reducing the causes driving high call and email volumes (mainly regarding missing or missed bins).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Scoping Consultations for the Joint Local Plan</b>                          | <p>Residents, businesses, community groups and stakeholders are being invited to help shape the future of Babergh and Mid Suffolk as the councils launch the first stage of consultation on their new Joint Local Plan. The Consultation opened on 5<sup>th</sup> June and will run until 31<sup>st</sup> July. Details of the consultation can be found here <a href="https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/joint-local-plan-scoping-consultation">https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/joint-local-plan-scoping-consultation</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Armed Forces Day held in Stowmarket</b><br><b>27<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b> | <p>Hundreds of people gathered in Stowmarket to celebrate Suffolk Armed Forces Day. The free event was hosted by Mid Suffolk District Council in partnership with Stowmarket Town Council. The day began with a parade, followed by musical performances as well as the opportunity to take part in a variety of family friendly activities. It was a great event and enabled people to celebrate and support all members of our Armed Forces – both in active service and veterans.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Gateway 14 news</b>                                                         | <p>A £45M manufacturing facility opens at Gateway 14. Assan Panels opened their first manufacturing facility in the UK. The new plant has the capacity to produce up to 4.5 million square metres of insulated wall and roof panels each year, enough to supply around 450 large warehouses, factories and distribution centres annually. The official opening was attended by representatives from about 250 local businesses and community representatives.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Pride in Your Place grants</b>                                              | <p>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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Locality budget</b>                                                         | <p>The 2026-27 Locality budgets have now been launched so I'd welcome receipt of applications for funding from any community group in the Palgrave ward.</p> <p>Details can be found on the website <a href="https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards">https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards</a>. It is a good idea to contact me to discuss your application before submitting to me for approval.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |