



## Stonham Ward

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### **Mid Suffolk councillors consider budget for 2020/21**

The first draft of Mid Suffolk District Council's budget for 2020/21 is set to be considered by councillors later this month, including a 1.66% increase in its share of council tax, adding £2.76 a year to the bill of a Band D Property.

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### **Councils to consider move to clamp down on Council Tax fraud – while helping those in need**

Penalties may be introduced in Babergh and Mid Suffolk to tackle council tax fraud, alongside a new Citizens Advice council tax protocol to help those in genuine need, following cabinet discussions this month.

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### **Needham Lake Visitor Centre**

Next phase in development of Needham Lake visitor centre and café agreed  
Plans for a £600,000 visitor centre/café at Needham Lake have been approved and a local operator selected to run it – supporting local youth work and boosting tourism to the town.

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### **1000 Endangered Animals**

Over Christmas the Suffolk Waste Partnership's celebration of recycling took on a theme of endangered animals.

The artwork created by schools across Suffolk will be on display at Ipswich Town Hall café Gallery until 11 Jan, and The Apex , Bury St Edmunds until March 2020.

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### **More than £791k funding boost for communities**

Communities across Babergh and Mid Suffolk received a funding boost totalling £791,000, for local projects including a new car park and bus shelter.

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### **New recycling wrap up**

The festive and New Year period are always a great time to encourage residents to think about [reducing waste](#) and improving their recycling knowledge and this year Suffolk Recycling launched a new [Christmas Wrap Up](#).

The guide has tips on how to reduce waste and improve recycling habits over Christmas, all in one place - including information on what to do with old fairy lights, wrapping paper, baubles, trees, food, metals and more. [You can find the full guide on our website](#).

Suffolk's Recycling Centres also offer free 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle - not a Waste of time!' sessions to interested parties to learn more about ways to reduce waste and recycling. Providing an alternative way to access information about recycling which is also available on the [Suffolk Recycling website](#).

To book a visit from their Information and Education Manager any interested parties can email [Sharon Lockhart](#)

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