



Stonham Ward

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Suffolk's resilience partners urge people to queue responsibly outside bars and pubs

Those looking to enjoy a drink with their friends are being urged to remember Coronavirus is still a very real threat to everyone's health.

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Babergh and Mid Suffolk receive Government funding to install solar carports

Environmentally-friendly initiatives across Babergh and Mid Suffolk, including electricity micro-generation and solar storage carports, received a major boost last month, with government matched funding of up to £800,000.

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Shopping local could provide lasting impact on the high street

High Streets across Babergh and Mid Suffolk could benefit from almost £19m of additional income over the next 6 months, if all adults spent an extra £5 by shopping local every week.

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Council homes for Eye get go-ahead

The long-awaited redevelopment of a former care home in Eye took a major step forward last month, with planning permission granted for 16 'affordable homes' to be built on the site.

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Great days out at Needham Lake

The summer holidays are almost over, but visitors to Needham Lake can still enjoy a day out complete with an ice cream from the new converted trailer being run by the team from Cabbages and Kings.

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New look for Regal Theatre revealed

Councillors were able to get their first glimpse of the new look Regal Theatre last month, as the cafe and entrance starts to take shape.

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Council committee gives go-ahead for Stowupland homes

Mid Suffolk District Council recently approved outline planning permission for 80 houses in Stowupland, provided that the scheme delivers "affordable homes" for low income house-hunters, a pedestrian crossing at a traffic blackspot in the village, and brings an important local green space into community control.

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Suffolk Winners Announced for Food Savvy's Delicious Drawings Competition

Two children from Ipswich will have their 'Delicious Drawings' on display from 17 August in their local East of England Coop stores after winning #FoodSavvy's 'Delicious Drawings' Competition.

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New leisure facilities for Stradbroke

The first step in Mid Suffolk District Council's plans to upgrade leisure provision in the district is now complete, following the refurbishment of facilities at Stradbroke Pool and Fitness Centre.

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Green light for 300 homes enables new village school

Detailed plans for 300 new homes at Woolpit recently received the go ahead – securing "affordable homes" for low income house-hunters, highways improvements and a new primary school for the village.

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£2.2m leisure upgrades in Stowmarket get underway

A new £2.2m upgrade and extension to Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre in Stowmarket, including a new gym, poolside features and changing rooms, is now underway.

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Business innovation to be celebrated at new awards event

Forward thinking businesses, large and small, are being invited to enter the inaugural Innovation Awards 2020, being run by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

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Approval for plans to transform school into 'affordable homes' for Stowmarket

Plans by Mid Suffolk District Council to regenerate the former Stowmarket Middle School site into 38 homes to help lower-income househunters received the formal go-ahead this week.

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Littering resources for community groups and parishes

The UK has seen an increasing trend of litter being left behind in parks and open spaces following the continued easing of lockdown. You may wish to share [Keep Britain Tidy's #LoveParks campaign resources](#) and [DEFRA's 'respecting the outdoors' campaign graphics](#) to encourage our communities and visitors to put their litter in the bin or if full to take it home with them.

2020 Annual Canvass text messages

The Annual Canvass process is now well underway, with the initial letters going out earlier this month. To help streamline the process we are encouraging an electronic process. Electoral services will be trialling the free gov.uk notify service - sending text message reminders to electors that have notified us they are new to a property, but are still required to complete the registration process, to ensure that they are able to register to vote.