



## Stonham Ward

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### **Home, But Not Alone Phonenumber goes live again**

The Home, But Not Alone free phonenumber, which supports vulnerable people in our communities who may be struggling with the impact of Coronavirus, is up and running again in light of this week's lockdown announcement.

The phonenumber helped thousands of people and families across Suffolk, who often didn't have a network of family or friends to call upon, to access emergency support such as food and medicine deliveries and befriending schemes during lockdown earlier this year.

The telephone number is freephone **0800 876 6926** and will be staffed from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

The Home, But Not Alone phonenumber complements The Suffolk Advice and Support Service phonenumber (0800 068 3131) which helps those with debt, benefits employment or housing worries.

[Read the full story](#)

### **Self-isolation support payments for low-income earners in Babergh and Mid Suffolk**

Residents on low-incomes and unable to work because they have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, can now claim a £500 payment to compensate for loss of earnings.

[Read the full story](#)

### **Councillors approve foundation for future growth**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils this week finalised their Joint Local Plan – paving the way for sustainable housing growth, employment opportunities, and thriving communities with bright and healthy futures.

[Read the full post](#)

### **Councils to consult on CIL charging rates**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are seeking views on revised Community Infrastructure Levy charges for developers – helping to provide communities with the facilities they need to keep pace with growth.

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### **Green light for councils' biodiversity vision**

Councillors at Babergh and Mid Suffolk have approved their first Biodiversity Action Plan to protect and strengthen biodiversity – supporting the councils' carbon neutral aims.

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### **Councils demonstrate they can meet future housing requirement**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils recently published their Five-Year Housing Land Supply position statement, evidencing that Government housing requirements can be met by the districts until 2025 and beyond.

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### **Visitors can scrap the paper with new digital parking**

Motorists parking in Babergh and Mid Suffolk can now scrap their paper ticket and go digital – to help protect their health and the environment.

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### **Cross-party councillors in agreement on response to planning system overhaul**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councillors are united in their response to the Government's Planning for the Future consultation – insisting that proposals must not be at the detriment of local communities and should not lose focus on the challenges facing rural districts.

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### **Elmswell homes pave way for community benefits**

Mid Suffolk District Council recently agreed outline plans for 65 homes in Elmswell – providing new footpaths and public open space for the village, and funding for local schools.

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