



Stonham Ward

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An update on Covid-19 in Suffolk

Regular bulletins are being produced to give a snapshot of the current Covid-19 situation in Suffolk - along with updates on the work being carried out as part of Suffolk's Local Outbreak Control Plan. You can find the bulletins through existing fortnightly updates for councillors, or [via the Suffolk County Council website](#).

New Covid-19 support grants launched

Businesses in Mid Suffolk who have had to close their doors to customers as part of the current national lockdown may be eligible for a second wave of grant funding through the Government's Covid-19 support packages.

[Read the full story about the Local Restrictions Support Grant](#)

[Read the full story about the Additional Restrictions Grant](#)

Green light for councils' biodiversity vision

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

[Read the full story](#)

Councillors approve foundation for future growth

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

[Read the full story](#)

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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2020 Innovation Award winners announced

The winners of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council Innovations Awards were announced at a virtual ceremony.

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CIFCO acquires further properties to generate income for local councils

Property investment company CIFCO Capital Ltd purchased three further properties this month totalling almost £10.5m, to bring in future income for councils to invest back into local communities.

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Hate Crime

With recorded hate crime on the increase nationally, we must be aware of the danger of cases within our district. Please share [this video](#) to help raise awareness of what constitutes Hate Crime, and how this can be reported.