



Stonham Ward

Budget approval

On Thursday 27 February Mid Suffolk District Council approved its budget for 2020/21, including an increase in council tax that will see £2.76 a year added to the bill of a Band D property.

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Planning for the future – councils receive national recognition

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Planning officers are in the running for a national award. The Development Management team, looks after planning matters for both councils, and have been shortlisted in the Best Use of Digital and Technology category at the annual iESE – Public Sector Transformation Awards 2020 for their innovative introduction of the use of digital tools and technology to improve services for residents.

[For more information](#)

Needham Market on track for bright future

Needham Market railway station is set to receive £380,000 in government funding to improve accessibility.

The funding from the Department of Transport, new Access for All programme will benefit Needham Market, giving it a further boost to the council's plans to regenerate Needham Market station and improve access to the station's Ipswich-bound platform.

[For more information](#)

Helping ratepayers high on the agenda

The introduction of a local discretionary discount for pubs, to update the current retail discount policy and to extend the local newspaper discount was agreed at Mid Suffolk's cabinet meeting last month, and will be implemented when the Government provides more details of the schemes to support ratepayers across both districts.

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Ipswich Town Football Club teams up with Active Schools

Ipswich Town Football Club has joined the drive to get more youngsters active, The Club has become the first ambassador of the £80,000 three-year Active Schools project which aims to increase the number of people taking part in sport and physical activity.

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Services provided at leisure centre are named as some of the country's best

Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stradbroke Swim and Fitness Centre have recently been named as some of the country's best following a national industry assessment. Following their GP exercise referral scheme assessed by Quest both schemes were awarded the status of 'excellent'.

The assessment looked at all aspects of performance, and the final Quest report praised the high level of coordination and effort that goes into the exercise referral schemes at both centres.

[For more information](#)

Refilling

Refilling your weekly shop without unnecessary plastic is getting easier in Suffolk

A number of shops in Suffolk are offering refills for a host of household items in a bid to cut down on the amount of plastic and packaging we use.

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