



Stonham Ward

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An update on Covid-19 in Suffolk

Thank you to everyone who has helped to support the Covid-19 response last month, which has seen the Government revert to Plan B and our NHS colleagues ramping up the vaccination rollout in a race against time to combat the spread of the Omicron variant.

We continue to use our social media channels to keep everyone informed and to share messages from our NHS and public sector partners – including information on vaccinations and boosters, FAQs and eligibility and advice for residents on protecting themselves and others.

We await further information from the Government regarding the further financial support for businesses announced this week, so we can distribute funds to those eligible across our districts as soon as possible.

We also continue to provide regular bulletins giving a snapshot of the current Covid-19 situation in Suffolk - along with case numbers and updates on the work being carried out as part of Suffolk's Local Outbreak Control Plan. You can find the bulletins [via the Suffolk County Council website](#).

Free bus and taxi services across Suffolk for all those travelling for a vaccination

People in Suffolk can today take advantage of free bus and taxi rides to get to their vaccination appointment or to a vaccine drop-in clinic. [Read the full story](#)

Blueprint for districts' future development to progress

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have welcomed a decision by Planning Inspectors to allow work on their Joint Local Plan to continue – meaning the councils can ensure the right developments happen in the right places at the right time. [Read the full story](#)

Work begins on carbon-cutting solar carport schemes

Works have begun on installing solar carports which will help power and slash the carbon emissions of two council-owned leisure centres - as part of council plans to tackle climate change. [Read the full story](#)

Freeport East passes major milestone

Mid Suffolk District Council has welcomed news that Gateway 14, near Stowmarket, has officially been designated as a tax site as part of [Freeport East](#). [Read the full story](#)

Scheme to support new small businesses marks successful six months

A pilot scheme to support small businesses in Babergh and Mid Suffolk has been hailed a success as it reaches its six-month milestone. [Read the full story](#)



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Councils urge National Highways to 'unblock Copdock'

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have submitted a joint response to [a consultation by National Highways on proposed improvements to the Copdock Interchange](#) – urging the creation of a new link road to keep business traffic flowing freely. [Read the full story](#)

Council secures new conviction for food hygiene breaches at McCarthy's

A company selling baked goods at various Suffolk markets, has been ordered to pay almost £4k for food hygiene offences. [Read the full story](#)

Eight new affordable homes in Needham Market

Eight new homes in Needham Market can now open their doors to families as the Chambers Green development continues to expand. [Read the full story](#)