



Mid Suffolk District Council

Report for The Stonhams Ward – April 2017

We are unable to report in full on our achievements over the last year, as the moratorium is in place due to the Elections taking place. Our Year End Report will be published after the General Election. As an interim measure we have compiled this list of 10 Achievements, with the figures explaining each

- Recycling **UP: 20 tonnes** of glass being collected and recycled a month, with **6.5% increase** in our business waste service customer base.
- □ New Council Homes UP: we are building 65 new council homes across the districts, with 14 already in the hands of their new occupants.
- □ Funding for Community-led-Housing UP: £430,000 of DCLG grant secured to promote community led housing and kick start the delivery of new affordable homes.
- □ Green Energy income UP: £460,000 of income generated this year by solar panels installed by our Solar PV project, up by almost 70% on last year. The project has now reduced CO2 emissions by 3.7 million tonnes since June 2014.
- Opportunities for businesses UP: established enterprise parks at Stowmarket and Sproughton which could attract up to 293 new businesses and 2,400 new jobs.
- □ Number of empty homes DOWN: we brought 97 empty homes back into use, generating £130,000 of income to the local economy this year.
- □ Avoidable Evictions DOWN: Financial Inclusion Project has taken over 150 referrals, helped tenants claim £33,106 more in benefits they are entitled to and averted 13 evictions.
- □ We've empowered communities to bring forward neighbourhood plans across the districts with the first 3 now adopted in Lavenham, East Bergholt and Mendlesham and 14 further communities have started the formal process.
- □ Following our Annual Electoral Canvas 97% of those surveyed feel well informed about electoral matters.
- □ The Councils provided over £725,000 in grants to community groups, comprising £492,184 in revenue funding and £233,526 capital funding. The capital funding represented 12% of over £2million total project costs