



Stonham Ward

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Green light to transform Stowmarket Middle School into much-needed homes

Planning permission has been granted to transform the former Stowmarket Middle School site into 38 much-needed affordable homes for the town. At a meeting of Mid Suffolk's Development Control Committee on 18 September, councillors voted to grant permission for the redevelopment of the site in Walnut Tree Walk, which has been redundant since the closure of the school in summer 2015. Read more in our full [press release](#).

Official opening for expanded Botesdale Health Centre

An official opening event took place on Monday 9 September of a new two-storey extension at the Botesdale Health Centre, funded in part by money raised by Mid Suffolk's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The expansion, which provides two new GP and two new health care assistant consulting rooms, a triage room and a training-meeting room, will enable the practice to better meet the demand for primary care services in the area. Read more on our [website](#).

Joint Local Plan consultation closes.

Thank you to all our Town and Parish Councils, and to all residents, who took part in our Joint Local Plan consultation. This has now ended, with the deadline for responses arriving yesterday (30 October). Our Strategic Planning Team will now be going through all of the comments received and considering how to amend the draft plan accordingly. We will of course keep you up to date with next steps going forward, and you can find all the information on our Joint Local Plan on our [website](#).

Residents invited to tour Suffolk's Energy from Waste facility

Did you know Suffolk's general waste helps to power the equivalent of 30,000 homes? You can encourage residents in your ward to head to a Suffolk Energy from Waste facility tour to find out how. All they need to do is [book a space via their website here](#).



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Recycling information at your finger tips

June's parish briefing included information about the renovation of the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Gt Blakenham as well as helpful online links to find up to date information on recycling in Suffolk.

With recycling high on the agenda for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee this month, and in line with our 2030 carbon reduction and greenest county ambitions, we've highlighted below the key online resources available to our parishes and residents 24/7 when navigating the dos and don'ts of recycling.

You can find the key links below:

- [What can go in recycling bins](#) – includes the changes which saw Tetra Pak drinks cartons and metal pots, pans and trays no longer being accepted in curb side recycling bins, but still accepted at [11 of Suffolk's Recycling Centres](#)
- [Recycling leaflet](#) – available for parishes to print if they wish to choose a paper copy
- [Where to recycle glass bottles](#)
- [Recycling centres in Suffolk](#)
- [Home composting](#)
- [A-Z of recycling](#)

Please do share this information with your parish newsletter editors to encourage the use of the online resources available to residents.

Meetings

- 2 October – Development Control Committee B
- 4 October – Licensing and Regulatory Committee
- 7 October – Cabinet
- 16 October – Development Control Committee A
- 21 October – Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 24 October – Full Council
- 30 October – Development Control Committee B

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