



Mid Suffolk District Council

Report for The Stonhams Ward – December 2018

Stars of Babergh and Mid Suffolk celebrated at Awards Ceremony

The winners of the Stars of Babergh and Mid Suffolk awards have been announced following a night of glamour and celebrations on Thursday 18 October. The finalists for the Stars of Babergh and Mid Suffolk awards gathered at St Mary's Church in Hadleigh for a star-studded event to celebrate their outstanding efforts in the community, hosted by BBC Radio Suffolk's Stephen Foster.

The awards received over 150 entries and the church was packed with businesses and individuals who have all played a vital role in making the districts what they are today. You can find the full results on our [website](#).

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the entries – every single one of you does amazing work that makes our district a better place!

Over £119k of CIL funding paid to Town and Parish Councils

The April to September 2018 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding has been calculated, with Mid Suffolk towns and parishes due to receive over £119k from CIL payments collected in their areas.

Town and Parish Councils receive 15% of all CIL funds collected, rising to 25% if they have a made Neighbourhood Development Plan. Find out more about CIL reporting [online](#).

Have Your Say on Homes Strategy & Homelessness Reduction Strategy

Residents are being invited to take part in consultations on our draft Homes Strategy and our draft Homelessness Reduction Strategy: the consultation runs to Friday 7 December and residents can take part [online](#).

The draft Homes Strategy covers the period 2019-24 and lays out how the councils aim to increase the number of new homes being delivered in their districts. This strategy also aims to increase housing options for older households and those requiring accessible homes and to ensure the existing housing stock is fit for 21st century living.

The councils have also worked together on a Homelessness Reduction Strategy, covering the same period, which aims to reduce homelessness in both districts and support the most vulnerable Babergh and Mid Suffolk residents in finding and sustaining a home.

Time to brush up on the NPPF ahead of Joint Local Plan Consultation



Plans to launch the second round of public consultation on our Joint Local Plan have been delayed by a few months as a consequence of the government's new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The NPPF, which sets out the government's planning policies for England and how local planning authorities are expected to apply these, was published in July 2018. The changes made to previous versions of the NPPF must be considered as part of all planning applications and all planning policies across England and Mid Suffolk planning officers are currently ensuring the draft Local Plan is in full compliance with the new national guidelines.

This delay gives residents the chance to familiarise themselves with the new NPPF as well: gaining an understanding of the NPPF will allow individuals to provide incisive feedback on our Joint Local Plan when the second round of public consultation opens in a few months.

English Oaks planted to commemorate fallen of First World War

At a ceremony in Debenham on Friday 2 November seven English Oak trees were planted to mark the centenary of the 1918 Armistice. The planting ceremony was hosted by Cllr David Burn, Mid Suffolk District Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, and attended by Eddy Alcock the chairman of the Debenham Branch Royal British Legion, local school children, representatives of the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk's 2018 Committee and county, district and parish councillors. Find the full press release on our [website](#), with photos available on the councils' [Flickr pages](#).

Mid Suffolk offers new arrivals a Tree for Life

New parents who live in Mid Suffolk are being invited to apply for one year pilot of a Tree for Life scheme, offering parents a chance to plant a tree in the district to mark the arrival of new family members. The scheme aims to encourage the planting of trees and promote the benefits which trees bring to communities and is open to all families celebrating a new arrival, including by adoption in the 2018 calendar year. Read the full details in our [press release](#).

New VIP Network to provide Visitor Information throughout district

We and our partners in Babergh have joined up with Suffolk Libraries and other businesses in the community to support a new Visitor Information Point (VIP) network, giving visitors to the area more choice about where and how they access visitor information across the districts.

Visitors will be able to use their own devices and self-service tablets, available at some sites in the coming months, to find attractions leisure facilities, accommodation, transport and more. Read our full press release [online](#).

Hot topics on social media

- Stars of Babergh and Mid Suffolk Awards



- Tree for Life Scheme
- Remembrance Day, inc. Debenham Memorial Oaks

Meetings

- 19 November – Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 19 November – Mid Suffolk Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 21 November – Development Control Committee A
- 22 November – Regulatory Sub-Committee
- 5 December – Mid Suffolk Development Control Committee B
- 7 December – Licensing and Regulatory Committee
- 10 December – Cabinet

For agendas and minutes, please visit the [Democratic Services homepage](#).