

## **MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT TO CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2022**

**Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine and pledge support for refugees.** Councillors from across the political divide stood united across both Mid Suffolk and Babergh this month, voting unanimously in favour of motions condemning the war in Ukraine.

**Councils mark progress against climate change and biodiversity ambitions.**

This month, we published our first climate change and biodiversity annual reports for both councils. Further details on the Mid Suffolk and Babergh websites.

**Mid Suffolk and Babergh on the road to sustainable travel.** Pedestrian and pedal-power gears up this month, as councillors consider plans to improve the walking and cycling network across Babergh and Mid Suffolk in a bid to tackle climate change.

**200 new trees planted thanks to Forestry Commission funding.**

More than 200 new trees were planted by Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils last month, thanks to a previously successful Suffolk bid to the Forestry Commission's Local Authority Treescapes Fund.

**Residents, tenants and landlords urged to lower energy bills.** Residents, tenants and landlords across Mid Suffolk and Babergh are being offered help to reduce the environmental impact of their homes, improve energy efficiency, and lower their energy use with a range of council support. See the Councils' websites for further information.

**Community improvements funded by local development.** Community Infrastructure Levy bids of more than £175,000 to help improve local facilities and play areas across Mid Suffolk received the go-ahead this month.

**New cases of bird flu (Avian Influenza) found in Mid Suffolk.** Unfortunately further cases of Avian Influenza (bird flu) were confirmed in the district this month, affecting more than 50,000 birds since the start of the year. This month saw an outbreak at a property near Stowmarket, as well as at properties near Redgrave and Market Weston.

**The Women's Tour returns to Mid Suffolk and Babergh and this summer.** The Women's Tour, Britain's biggest and longest running international women's cycling stage race, will return to Mid Suffolk and Babergh this summer. Further details available on the Councils' websites.

**Campaigns urge households to recycle glass properly.**

Residents across Suffolk are being encouraged to get behind a campaign calling for people to recycle glass properly.

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