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| **Waste collections** | We have now completed 4 weeks of the new bin collection schedule. It has been challenging for the new crews to get all the bins collected during the heat wave, but last week they collected 162 tonnes of food waster across both districts which was a 6% increase on the previous week. The Waste team are now continuing to improve on<br>• Delivering the final new bins and food waste caddies.<br>• Rolling out new bins to communal bins stores and properties , completed by close of play today.<br>• New food collection drivers and loaders productivity and quality<br>• Pushing up the food waste daily completion rates (avoiding the need to mop up and roads the following morning)<br>• Further reducing the causes which are driving the high volumes of calls and e-mails (mainly missing or missed bins) |
| **Scoping Consultations for the Joint Local Plan** | Residents, businesses, community groups and stakeholders are being invited to help shape the future of Babergh and Mid Suffolk as the councils launch the first stage of consultation on their new Joint Local Plan. The Consultation opened on 5th June and will run until 31st July Details of the consultation can be found here https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/joint-local-plan-scoping-consultation |
| **Armed Forces Day held in Stowmarket**<br>**27th June 2026** | Hundreds of people gathered in Stowmarket last Saturday to celebrate Suffolk Armed Forces Day. The free event was put on by Mid Suffolk District Council in partnership with Stowmarket Town Council. The day began with a parade, and this was followed by musical performances as well as the opportunity to take part in a variety of family friendly activities. It was a great event and enabled people to celebrate and support all members of our Armed Forces – both currently ones as well as veterans. |
| **Gateway 14 news** | A £45M manufacturing facility opens at Gateway 14. Assan Panels opened their first manufacturing facility in the UK. The new facility has the capacity to produce up to 4.5 million square metres of insulated wall and roof panels each year, enough to supply around 450 large warehouses, factories and distribution centres annually. The official opening was attended by representative from about 250 local businesses and community representatives. |
| **Suffolk Wine trail** | Mid Suffolk District Council, together with Babergh and West Suffolk Councils, has created a new Suffolk Wine Trail, hosted on the Visit Suffolk website, to help boost wine tourism and the new generation of vineyards in Suffolk. |
| **Pride in your place grants** | Applications for Mid Suffolk District Council's Pride in Your Place grant have reopened, offering funding to projects that bolster community pride and celebrate the heritage of towns and villages across the district. |
| **Locality budget** | The 2026-27 Locality budgets have now been launched. If you have a project for improvements in Framsden please get in touch with me.<br>Details can be found on the website https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards .<br>. |

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| | Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are working with Citizens Advice to reach residents who may be missing out on help with heating oil costs. In March, the Government confirmed more than £50 million in funding for low-income households who use heating oil, recognising the recent sharp increases in fuel prices.<br><br>The campaign builds on the work by the councils' Cost of Living team, which helps residents understand what help is available and assists with applications. Over the past year, the team has contacted more than 650 households about benefits or support they may have been missing out on. This work has generated almost £100,000 in additional income for local households. |

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