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July 2026

Better recycling	57,000 bins and counting. There are still some households that have not received their full complement of bins yet. Please contact me, email below, if you have a missing bin. Households are asked to put their bins out the night before they are due to collect, to avoid the hotter parts of the day the crews are starting as early as possible. W/E 3rd July the new food service collected 180.83 tonnes of food waste across both districts, an 11.7% increase on last week.
Construction of £18m Stowmarket Innovation Gateway complete	Councillors will be touring the completed centre w/c 6th July. It will be fully open September 2026
Stowmarket hosted Suffolk's Armed Forces Day celebrations	Excellent weather and a helicopter fly past drew hundreds to celebrate this event and reflect on the role the armed services play both past and present.
Joint Local Plan	<u>Have your say: Residents invited to help shape future of Babergh and Mid Suffolk</u> 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.
Gateway 14	<u>£45 million manufacturing facility opens at Gateway 14</u> More than 250 local businesses, government officials, suppliers, partners and community representatives gathered today to celebrate the official opening of Assan Panel UK's new £45 million manufacturing facility at Gateway 14 in Suffolk
Mid Suffolk Disability Forum	<u>Mid Suffolk Disability Forum meeting: Wednesday 29 July, 10:30am via Zoom</u> The Mid Suffolk Disability Forum is a network of disabled people, families and organisations which works to improve the lives of disabled people living in the area. Supported by Mid Suffolk District Council, it creates a stronger, collective voice for positive change. Membership is free and meetings are open to all Mid Suffolk residents with any disability, as well as carers, local disability organisations, council and town/parish council representatives. To join, email <u>midsuffolkdisforum@btinternet.com</u> and they will be pleased to welcome you.
Health Start Support	<u>Families in Mid Suffolk urged to claim Healthy Start support</u> Families across Mid Suffolk are being encouraged to check if they are eligible for the

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	Healthy Start Scheme – with a recent increase in payment levels putting even more money into the hands of those who need it most. Healthy Start is a national programme which provides vital financial support to pregnant women and families with young children to help them access healthy food, milk and vitamins. Each eligible family can receive around £1,000 over the first four years of a child’s life, helping to cover the cost of essentials such as milk, fruit, vegetables, pulses and infant formula.
Heating	<u>Residents urged not to miss out on heating oil help</u> Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have joined forces with local Citizens Advice services to reach residents who may be missing out on financial help with heating oil – having already helped households unlock £100k in unclaimed benefits over the last year.
EcoPower Suffolk	Any concerns can be raised at the upcoming statutory consultation which will go to joint cabinet briefing for member review and amendments in June or July. The Statutory Consultation is anticipated to run from 8 June 2026 to 19 July 2026, although they note dates may still change.
Norwich to Tilbury (Pylons)	MSDC are engaging with National Grid on their proposals for enabling works for the Norwich to Tilbury project, to be carried out before the project is consented. Grid are intending to submit Town and Country Planning Act 1990 applications for planning permission (determined by BDC and MSDC respectively) for temporary construction compound and haul road works at Palgrave and Holton St. Mary. The applications are for construction compounds and haul roads, which will be reversed should consent not be obtained. Affected residents and landowners will be receiving letters early next week The expected timetable is: - Emails to parish councils Monday 15th June - Letters to residents and landowners to arrive Tuesday 16th June - Public comment period 26th June to 14th July - Applications for planning permission to be submitted July - Works to commence (if permission granted) Jan / Feb

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	- Planning decision on Norwich to tilbury expected Feb 2027 Babergh and Mid Suffolk NSIP drop in surgery with Bron Curtiss 9th July 11.00 – 12.00 Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 342 374 307 126 43 Passcode: fd3iJ2FW You can find more information on NSIPs in general and projects in Suffolk, including an interactive map, on the Suffolk County Council website. Consultation is now open on National Grid's Community Fund and runs until 10th August https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/norwich-to-tilbury/community-fund £30million fund available for local and strategic projects.
Grants	Pride in Your Place 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. I am also receiving applications to my Locality Budget.

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