

Appendix C – County Cllr. Penny Otton’s Report to Full Council –

- For information on local support during the Cost-of-Living Crisis, visit: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service/> Latest SCC COVID information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- For information on supporting Ukrainian refugees in Suffolk, email: refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk
- As Council was in recess for August the report focuses on updates for Thurston:
 - Police Crime and Commissioner Public Meetings – dates circulated
 - Electric Charging Points: new money from government to increase number of charging points across the county, especially for community organisations.
 - Highways: chased up local highways budget. Chased lack of hedge cutting on Norton road.
 - Advised resident about the replacement of lights at Old Norton Road.
 - Asked for sign at Meadow Lane to be reinstated with the 30mph sign.

Appendix D -

District Cllr. Harry Richardson’s Report to Full Council –

- How your council can help you with the cost of living - Support packages to combat the cost of living, energy bills and council tax are all available through Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, with residents urged to check they are receiving the support they are entitled to. [More information](#)
- Councils set to lead the way in transforming tree planting for generations - Tree coverage across Babergh and Mid Suffolk is set to increase to help tackle biodiversity loss and climate change, after a pioneering council-commissioned tree canopy survey identified key planting locations and significant benefits. [More information](#)
- New parents again invited to apply for a free tree - Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s popular Tree for Life scheme, which offers a free tree for new parents, is open once again for 2022 applications. [More information](#)
- Don’t lose your vote – residents across the districts urged to check their voter registration details - Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have started the Annual Canvass of Electors and are asking residents to check the electoral registration details for everyone eligible to vote at their address. [More information](#)
- Find out ‘What’s Next for Stowmarket’ at public exhibition - A new pop-up exhibition coming to Stowmarket from Thursday 22 September to Saturday 24 September at the town’s John Peel Centre will showcase a range of projects and proposals that will shape the future of the town. [More information](#)
- ...including Stowmarket wellbeing and leisure hub - Residents, community groups and sports clubs are being invited to have their say on the development of plans for new leisure, health and wellbeing facilities in Stowmarket. [More information](#)
- Switch onto the Digital Skills Programme for businesses - Business owners in Babergh and Mid Suffolk can take advantage of free workshops to help boost their confidence online by accessing the Councils’ Digital Skills Programme. [More information](#)
- Simple scheme to buy solar panels returns for Suffolk residents - Solar Together Suffolk, a group-buying scheme which has helped over 1,500 homes in Suffolk to install solar panels and batteries, is now open for new registrations. [More information](#)
- Suffolk Waste Partnership backs national campaign to raise awareness of safe battery disposal - Suffolk Waste Partnership is backing a nationwide campaign urging people to safely dispose of old batteries in a bid to avoid starting fires in refuse vehicles and waste processing facilities. [More information](#)
- Putting Suffolk on the big screen - Babergh and Mid Suffolk leaders have joined colleagues from across the county to agree steps to continue to attract filmmakers to the region – putting

Suffolk on the big screen and bringing in millions to the local economy. [More information](#)

- Councils awarded £60k for gum busting clean up - West Suffolk Council and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are among the first of 40 council areas to receive cash from chewing gum manufacturers to help remove gum from the street. [More information](#)
- Event to explore NHS career opportunities - A careers event in Stowmarket last month helped showcase the vast range of career paths available within the NHS for local youngsters. [More information](#)

District Cllr. Austin Davies' Report to Full Council –

- There was no MSDC Meeting in August - Our innovations awards competition entries closing date has been extended to the 14th September.
- Planning - Continuing to push for enforcement clarification on Barrell Road development. Participated in the DC/22/ 00398 discussions and confirmed the need to have this application called – in. Follow up meeting on the 16th September.
- Electoral services - Residents across the districts urged to check their voter registration details. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have started the Annual Canvass of Electors and are asking residents to check the electoral registration details for everyone eligible to vote at their address.
- Our Mid Suffolk Electoral Officer has started to investigate how to move the Thurston Parish boundary to include the proposed new recreational area. Attended the 33 acres community consultation day. Identified the s106 monies which are available for Suffolk County Council to improve the linkage to cycle route 51
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