

District Councillor's Report: Gislingham Ward
Mellis, Gislingham, Thornham, `Wortham & Burgate, Wickham Skeith Parish Councils
June 2024

General Election	<p>On Thursday, 4 July, hundreds of Babergh and Mid Suffolk staff helped make democracy happen by manning polling stations, counting ballot papers overnight and everything in between. The results for the three constituencies counted by the councils are now available on the councils' websites.</p> <p>Huggins, Scott Francis Reform UK 7779 Padda, Gurpreet Labour Party 4621 Ramsay, Adrian Philip The Green Party 20467 (E) Rout, Richard Raydon The Conservative Party Candidate 14873 Severyn, Maya Kosinska Social Democratic Party 118 Shreeve, John Richard Liberal Democrats 1214</p> <p>MP for the Waveney Valley Constituency: Adrian Ramsey</p> <p>First surgeries Monday 15th July Halesworth and Stowupland for an appointment telephone adrian@waveneyvalley.greenparty.org.uk or telephone +44(0) 7534933356</p>
Economic Lands needs assessment report	<p>Babergh and Mid Suffolk have now published an Economic Land Needs Assessment document, In doing this it determines the future employment land requirements in the Districts to support the identified growth for 2023 to 2037, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance. The document can be viewed at babergh-and-mid-suffolk-economic-land-needs-assessment-report-june-2024.</p>
Stowmarket Town Gateway Fund	<p>£1.5million fund to enhance Stowmarket town centre The Stowmarket Town Centre Gateway Fund would be made possible thanks to the council's income from its investment in the Gateway 14 business park on the edge of the town.</p>
Gateway 14	<p>Funding of £18.8m has been agreed to create a Skills & Innovation Centre at Gateway 14 in Stowmarket – the latest development there to support business, create jobs, and boost the local economy.</p>
Crucial Crew	<p>Pupils from both Woolpit and Elmswell primary schools attended the Crucial Crew sessions held at The Mix in Stowmarket in June to learn about keeping safe. The programme of interactive sessions includes fire safety, internet safety and road safety give children useful advice.</p>
Council meeting	<p>The scheduled Council meeting on 27th June was cancelled due to the forthcoming election and has been re-scheduled for 25th July.</p>
Annual Council meeting	<p>The Annual Council meeting was held on 22nd May. The new Chair is Cllr Dan Pratt and his chosen charity for the forthcoming year will be The Food Museum in Stowmarket. Cllr Keith Scarff was appointed as Vice Chair. There were very few other changes to committees.</p>
Norwich to Tilbury (Pylons) update	<p>Draft response from MSDC will be discussed in cabinet Monday 15th July and will come before council 25th July</p>

	<p>A forensic analysis of the impact of the proposed online route with a recommendation for more funding to mitigate the social, economic and environmental impacts.</p> <p>It has been distributed to PC's for comment.</p>
Community Infrastructure Levy payout	<p>The Neighbourhood CIL payout of over £500k was distributed last month. The Neighbourhood CIL funds are for parishes to spend on infrastructure within their parishes, but they are still able to apply for further funds from the developer contribution. The next bid round for applications to the district for CIL funds opened on 31st May. The decisions will be taken to the Cabinet meeting in the autumn.</p>
Swimming pool improvements	<p>Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded funding to improve the carbon footprint of the swimming pools. Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre received £180k to fund pool covers, and micro filtration units</p>
Food Waste collections from 2026	<p>Funding to begin food waste collections in Babergh and Mid Suffolk has been agreed. The service will launch in 2026 as part of a national requirement from central government. There is approximately £250k shortfall in the funding allocated from central government.</p> <p>The plan will be for every household to receive a new 23-litre food waste bin, as well as a smaller 5-litre caddy for use in the kitchen. The food waste will be collected on a weekly basis.</p>
Community Fun Days An invitation to 'fun days' across the districts	<p>Community Fun Days are coming to Babergh and Mid Suffolk this summer, giving people the opportunity to come together and have fun during the school holidays.</p> <p>Mid Suffolk events (from 10am to 2pm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Friday, 26th July at Stradbroke Playing Field & Community Centre, Wilby Road, Eye IP21 5JN · Monday, 29th July at Stowmarket Recreation Ground, Recreation Road , Stowmarket, IP14 1JT · Monday, 12th August at New Green Community Centre, New Green Avenue, Thurston, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 3TG UK

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