

July 2026 District Councillor Report: Onehouse Ward

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 waste across both districts which was a 6% increase on the previous week. The Waste team are now continuing to improve on • New bins to communal bins stores and properties, completed last week. • New food collection drivers and loaders productivity and quality • Pushing up the food waste daily completion rates • Further reducing the causes which are driving the high volumes of calls and e-mails (mainly missing or missed bins)
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.
Scoping Consultation for the Joint Local Plan	Parishes should have received this now. 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 27th June 2026	Hundreds of people gathered in Stowmarket 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 current ones as well as veterans.
Gateway 14 news	A £45M manufacturing facility opened at Gateway 14. It is Assan Panels first manufacturing operation in the UK. It has the capacity to produce up to 4.5 million square metres of insulated wall and roof panels each year.
Locality budget	The 2026-27 Locality budgets have now been launched so I would love to receive applications for funding from any community group in the ward. Details can be found on the website https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards . It is usually a good idea to contact me to discuss your application before submission.
Street trading licensing scheme	MSDC will designate all public streets and roads across the district as 'Consent Streets' – each application for a licence would be considered on its merits, with elements of control and regulation (such as Food Hygiene and Insurance requirements) and a cost-recovery-only fee.
Cabinet Agenda this week	They will be considering : Proposed Food and Drink action plan to tackle food security and build resilience by sustainably producing more locally, reducing environmental impact and adapting to the challenges of a warming climate. Town Centre Gateway Fund awards to: • Redevelop former fire station for voluntary sector • Conversion of part of Fox Yard for arts and design • Support for proposed hospitality businesses
Council Motion re Potholes	Leader to write to the new Leader of SCC to request changes to the intervention thresholds for potholes and pavement repairs to maximise pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular safety on Mid Suffolk's roads, and address the many loose and rocking paving slabs that plague our vital high streets.