

Mid Suffolk District Council Report - Onehouse Ward June 2026

Joint Local Plan Scoping	The District Council will be asking the public for views on what's important to them as our districts grow and develop and how best we can include them in the process.
Construction of £18m Stowmarket Innovation Gateway complete	<p>Construction of a 'transformational' £18 million, state-of-the-art skills and innovation centre in Stowmarket has been completed – and is ready to open next month. The Innovation Gateway will offer a range of office spaces for high growth start-ups, collaboration and innovation areas, meeting rooms and high-quality training spaces.</p> <p>The project, led by Mid Suffolk District Council, was made possible thanks to a Freeport East agreement to provide £16.66m for its construction, with the remaining costs provided by the council.</p>
Stowmarket to host Suffolk's Armed Forces Day celebrations	<p>Stowmarket will play host to Suffolk's 2026 Armed Forces Day celebrations, with military fanfare and a full day of family fun to recognise and celebrate the contribution of the armed forces community.</p> <p>The free event, organised by Mid Suffolk District Council in partnership with Stowmarket Town Council, will take place at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 27 June and brings together service personnel, veterans, families and the wider community for a day of both fun and reflection.</p>
CIL allocation for local communities	Developers building homes within the districts are charged a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which the councils then reinvest in neighbourhoods via their towns and parish councils. In this latest round of funding, 29 town and parish councils in Mid Suffolk will receive a share of £553k.
Mid Suffolk Youth Council	Announced last year by MSDC, the Youth Council is designed to give young people a chance to have their voice heard and get involved in local politics. The initiative was driven by research showing the disconnect between young people and politics, with almost three quarters of those asked believing that politics should be taught more in schools or colleges. Each school can elect three students aged between 11 and 19 to serve a two-year term.
Better recycling	<p>This is expected to take 2 cycles, ie 6 weeks, to settle down but progress so far is reasonable. Please email recycling@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk with the full address and postcode regarding any issues.</p> <p>https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/future-changes-to-bin-collections</p>
Riverside land purchased for nature recovery	<p>A riverside site will be protected from development and enhanced as a wildlife haven after Mid Suffolk District Council purchased the land and teamed up with the River Waveney Trust. The land is by the River Waveney in Palgrave, and is mostly covered in trees and scrub, alongside some more open areas.</p> <p>Mid Suffolk has now agreed a plan with the River Waveney Trust (RWT), which will take over the management and restoration of the site.</p>
Mid Suffolk Council Funding for Citizens Advice	Citizens Advice services in Babergh and Mid Suffolk have received significant financial backing as part of the latest round of community funding from the district councils, with Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice has received £129,265. These local Citizens Advice branches are recognised as key strategic partners of the councils and, by receiving these crucial funds, they can continue to provide residents with free and essential guidance on everything from housing and debt to benefits and wellbeing support.
Food Museum award	The Food Museum's exhibition featuring "all the things that you will love, and love to hate" when it comes to school dinners has won a national award. The museum was awarded Best Temporary or Touring Exhibition of the Year at the Museum and Heritage Awards.