



November 2022

Residents urged to have their say over whether council tax bills should be reduced by up to 100% for those on low incomes

A public consultation is underway over a plan to cut council tax for the poorest households in Babergh and Mid Suffolk. The consultation, which runs to November 24, asks for views on how the councils should run their Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2023/24, and whether bills should be reduced by up to 100% for working age adults with the lowest incomes. [More information](#)

Winter warmth funding for community causes

Thousands of pounds were made available to grassroots groups last month to keep the doors of their activities open for longer this winter. The [Winter Warmth Support Grant](#), offered groups and non-profit organisations between £250 to £5,000 to cover the rising costs of energy, rent and food, and to keep operating without passing on increased costs to residents across Babergh and Mid Suffolk. [More information](#)

Winners announced for the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Innovation Awards 2022

The winners of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council Innovations Awards have been revealed. [More information](#)

New Innovate to Elevate programme launches for businesses

Businesses in Babergh & Mid Suffolk are set to receive an innovation boost as a new 12-month partnership between the University of Essex and the District Councils launches in the region. [More information](#)

Councils' commercial property arm continues to generate income for districts

Babergh and Mid Suffolk's commercial property company CIFCO made a £6.7m profit last year and generated £3.7m in net income for the councils to plough back into services, councillors heard during October. [More information](#)

Residents to help name Babergh and Mid Suffolk's new bin lorries

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have launched a competition to help them name their new environmentally-friendly bin lorries – in the biggest upgrade to their fleet in almost 10 years.

Residents across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are being invited to submit names for 22 brand-new bin lorries at www.babergh.gov.uk/binlorrycompetition. The competition

closes at midnight on Sunday 13 November, with winners contacted later in the year. [More information](#)

Bird flu outbreak

Information on the recent bird flu outbreak in Suffolk. [More information](#)

First stage of Women's Tour brings more than a million reasons to celebrate

The Women's Tour 2022 has revealed the fantastic impact of the first stage of the UK's biggest women's cycling event, with more than £1m of net economic benefit poured into the regional economy. [More information](#)

Anyone can become homeless

In recognition of World Homelessness Day, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils encouraged residents to challenge their view of what homelessness looks like. [More information](#)

Campaign launched to improve metal packaging recycling rates across Suffolk

A new initiative encouraging households to recycle food and drink cans, aluminium foil and trays, empty aerosols and metal screw caps has been rolled out by the Suffolk Waste Partnership, which includes Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. [More information](#)

Three finalists for Babergh and Mid Suffolk at Building Excellence Awards

The councils' Building Control Team has won three regional awards in the annual Local Authority Building Control (LABC) Building Excellence Awards for Angel Court, Hadleigh (Best Small Social Housing Development), The Regal, Stowmarket (Best Non-Residential Extension or Alteration) and Low Street, Glemsford (Best Small New Housing Development). They now move onto the national final in London in January 2023. [More information](#)

Global bank to give students unique careers advice in jobs clinic

Young people looking for help, advice or an insight into a new career were able to take part in a careers session last month, with advice from global employer and high street bank HSBC as part of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk's Careeriosity programme. [More information](#)

October half-term fun to keep the kids active

Dozens of council-funded activities took place across Babergh and Mid Suffolk during October half term, keeping children and families, happy, healthy and active. [More information](#)

Gipping Construction appointed to deliver new homes at Corks Lane, Hadleigh

Babergh District councillors joined directors from Babergh Growth and project leaders from Gipping Construction to review progress of the development of new homes at Corks Lane, Hadleigh. [More information](#)

Babergh Chairman tours new Breast Care Centre

Babergh Chairman Cllr Kathryn Grandon recently took a tour around the new Breast Care Centre being built at Ipswich Hospital, with Sandra Gosney - community fundraising manager and Emily Marsh - senior project manager.

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