



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 commencing at 7pm held in Brantham Village Hall.

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mal Bridgeman (Chair), M, Chatfield, L Cherry, M Clark, C Donaldson, A Edevane, J Heywood, G Mettam, A McCraw and E Osben.

Also in attendance: S Keys (Clerk), Fiona Coley (Assistant Clerk), County Councillor Simon Harley and 6 members of the public.

**PC 09.25.01 - OPENING INCLUDING STATEMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 7pm and thanked all for attending.

A statement was then read out by the Chair indicating that, in accordance with legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting. A full transcript is on the Council's [website](#).

The Chair reminded the public that a Council meeting is not a public meeting, it is a meeting conducted in public. Members of the public, the press, and District, Borough or County Councilors are invited to attend our meetings and contribute during the public forum. Comments from the public during the remainder of the meeting should be by invitation from the Chair only.

**PC 09.25.02 - APOLOGIES**

- a) Council to receive apologies for absence – Cllr Chamberlain
- b) Council to consent to accept apologies received - **aif**

**PC 09.25.03- DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND LOCAL NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

- a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct – Cllr. Bridgeman declared a registrable interest for Agenda Item 10, Cllrs Edevane, Chatfield & Mettam declared a registrable interest for agenda items 12 and 17.
- b) To receive notifications of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50 – None
- c) To note the determination of requests for dispensations - None

**PC 09.25.04 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- a) To consider and approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 2nd July 2025 – **Proposed Cllr Osben, Cllr Heywood 2<sup>nd</sup> aif**

**PC 09.25.05 - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION - to receive written reports for information only:**

- a) County Councillor Simon Harley – the written report (APPENDIX C) was taken as read. There were no follow up questions asked.
- b) District Councillor Alastair McCraw – the written report (APPENDIX D) was taken as read. The following matters were brought to the meeting's attention:
  - LGR – proposals from the District Councils have been submitted. Cllr McCraw advised that further information on LGR is available on the BDC website.
  - Ladies Tour Bike Race passed through Suffolk today.
  - 12 new recycling bins for electricals.
  - Additional housing bought through the housing regime to address the emergency housing issue.

**PC 09.25.06- PUBLIC FORUM**

- a) To receive any questions or comments from members of the public – the following questions or comments were raised:



- Resident highlighted concerns about the plan to have padel board courts at Brantham Leisure Centre highlighting the increased noise and the lighting and what impact this would have on residents. The member of the public also was keen to know if a consultation with residents had been carried out. The Chair advised that this would be discussed in agenda item 12.
- Resident queried whether the Parish Council would be pursuing the possibility of adopting the public right of way on New Mill Lane. Council noted that this had previously been discussed and agreed that this would not be pursued. The resident highlighted that this was not reflected in the minutes of the meeting. The Clerk is going to check the minutes for May and see what has been documented. (*ACTION – Clerk*)

#### **PC 09.25.07 - CLERK'S REPORT (Paper 1) -**

- a) To review actions from the previous meeting
- Send details of the plans for the A137 crossing points to Cllr Harley – Completed.
  - Liaise with Pc Jarrett about ASB – FC advised that she is meeting with the Police and Babergh Communities team on Monday.
  - Establish the cost and location for advertising boards in the village – The Clerk is liaising with local contractor about having some noticeboards for outside of the bus shelters.
  - Liaise with SCC about the kissing gates at Sycamore Way – This is ongoing and it on the agenda to discuss further.
  - Establish if there is any funding for Bus shelters – This is ongoing.
  - Explore the option of having some walking groups in the village – Cllr Donaldson has a plan and will provide details of the Clerk.
  - Follow the same procedure for Firework display as last year – It was agreed to follow the same procedure as last year.
  - Arrange installation of 2 bollards at Cattawade Street – This has been agreed however the work has not started yet.
  - Purchase pigeon deterrent and arrange installation – Completed more were installed than initially planned for.
- b) To receive the reports of items actioned under delegated powers – The Clerk updated on work undertaken during the month including:
- Meeting held with affordable housing provider
  - Attended briefing re: A Greater Ipswich Proposals
  - Tree watering calendar set up
- c) To receive items of correspondence for noting only
- Item one: Enquiry Regarding Brantham Regeneration and Bypass Plans – Clerk has sent a response.
  - Item two: Village car parking – This has been put on the agenda
- d) To receive items of correspondence for consideration of next steps - None

#### **PC 09.25.08- STATUTORY INFORMATION**

- a) To consider the following matters relating to Proper Practices Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2025 as per the paper circulated to the Finance Committee (PAPER 2) - Assertion 10 has now been added to clarify data compliance (previously covered under Assertion 3)
- b) To note the actions that need to have been taken in order to warrant a positive response - Noted
- c) To note/approve the proposal from the Finance Committee to adopt an IT Policy as required by Assertion 10 – **Cllr Osben proposed that the Council approve and adopt the IT Policy, this was seconded by Cllr Clark, aif.**
- d) To confirm that the Parish Council meets the requirements outlined - Noted

#### **PC 09.25.09 - FINANCE REPORT**

- a) To review the minutes of the Finance Committee and note any decisions made - Cllr Osben reviewed the minutes of the meeting and highlighted the approval of a grant for Brantham WI for commemorative tote bags.
- b) To consider/review any proposal received from the Finance Committee to provide (noted in the minutes) - none.



- c) To approve the accounts awaiting payment including those coming forth, the accounts paid since the last meeting and the receipts allocated since the last meeting – **Councillor Cherry proposed that the Accounts paid and the receipts allocated should be approved by the Council, this was seconded by Cllr Heywood, aif.**
- d) To note and approve the balance of accounts and Bank Reconciliation as at 31 August 2025 - all noted the confirmed bank balances of £186,315.97 across all accounts held in the name of the Parish Council at the end of August 2025. **The Chair proposed that these figures should be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Osben, aif.**
- e) To receive the external audit completion letter following the annual review of the council's accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025 – all noted the conclusion of the audit and that there were no matters which gave cause for concern or required remedial actions. It was noted that the external auditors had raised no queries and submitted no requests for further information. Council noted that the official process had been complied with and that in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Clerk had advertised the conclusion of the audit on the Council operated website and noticeboards.

#### **PC 09.25.10 - PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) To consider and approve response to the following planning matters to Brantham –  
DC/25/03441  
Brookland Farm, Brantham Hill, Brantham, CO11 1ST Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for conversion. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Conversion of 1no agricultural barn into 1no 3 bedroom dwelling with associated parking and amenity space.  
**THE COUNCIL AGREED IT HAD NOT COMMENT TO NOTE**
- b) To note the following planning decisions relating to Brantham:  
DC/25/02972  
2 Cedar Close, Brantham, Manningtree, Suffolk CO11 1TQ Change of use garage of existing garage for dog grooming. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED Application for Non Material Amendment relating to DC/24/03035 for a minor revision to the wording on Condition 11 (Residential Development: Building Regulations Class M4(2) Land South Of, Brooklands Road, Brantham, Suffolk AMENDMENT DETAILS APPROVED

#### **PC 09.25.11 – BRANTHAM 2034**

- a) To receive any updates from Skate Park Working Group and consider/agree any next steps as necessary – Cllr Edevane noted that a crowd funding page will be set up once the outcome of a CIL bid to BDC is known. Future fundraising efforts include a cake sale and the Haywain is holding a quiz.
- b) To review the first draft of Skate Park BDC CIL funding application and agree next steps (to be circulated by email) – Council noted the bid prepared and circulated by the Clerk. **Cllr Cherry proposed that the bid be approved and submitted to Babergh District Council, this was seconded by Cllr Clark, aif.**
- c) To receive correspondence from local resident ref. local interest in Allotments and consider/agree next steps) – the Council noted the email from a local resident and the outcome of the FB poll that had been created. A local landowner had been approached to see if there was any land available to purchase or lease – this request had not been successful. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would approach BDC for further advice and Cllr McCraw agreed to provide support where necessary.
- d) To note the Council's duties under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 to provide allotments to local people if sufficient interest is demonstrated – Cllr Clark noted that the Council had a duty to provide allotments should sufficient demand be identified.
- e) To receive an update on Affordable Housing Project and agree any next steps as appropriate – Cllr Osben provided an update and explained that CAS would be going through the results of the housing needs survey on the 18 September 2025.
- f) To receive an update on A137 crossing points proposals and agree any next steps – Cllr Osben provided an overview of what is being proposed. He explained that a proposal will be sent to SCC with a suggestion of 4 crossings on the A137.

#### **PC 09.25.12 - BRANTHAM LEISURE CENTRE PADEL CLUB**



- a) To review the email received ref. proposals for a Padel Club at Brantham Leisure Centre – Cllrs noted the request submitted by Brantham Leisure Centre management team. Cllrs noted their support for projects to improve provision at Brantham Leisure Centre but noted concerns about the proposals related to; noise, lighting and the impact of the proposals on the residents around the centre. Following discussion Cllr Donaldson agreed to work with the Leisure Centre management team to find a way forward that enables the club to develop whilst respecting the neighbours.
- b) To consider/agree next steps as appropriate – Following discussion **the Chair proposed that Cllr Donaldson should work with the Leisure Centre and return to the November Parish Council meeting with proposals to take the project forward, this was seconded by Cllr Osben, aif.**

**PC 09.25.13 - CAR PARKING ISSUES IN BRANTHAM**

- a) To review email from local resident re parking issues in Brantham and possible solutions – The Chair invited a member of the public to address the meeting. The resident reviewed the concerns outlined in their email to the Council along with proposals for mitigation. The Chair noted that issues relating to parking were the responsibility of the tenants of the Leisure Centre to resolve. Lou Madley confirmed that the club is trying to help with these issues and have taken steps to address the issues which include; Marshalls for large events, signage and promoting the use of public transport. The Chair noted that funding from Babergh District Council's CIL Funding may be able to help with resurfacing of the Leisure Centre car park.
- b) To consider/agree next steps as appropriate – The Clerk is going to remind BATS about parking and put this on the next VHMC agenda. *(ACTION – Clerk)*

**PC 09.25.14 - KISSING GATES AT SYCAMORE WAY**

- a) To review the email received from Suffolk County Council ref. proposed changes to the Kissing Gates at Sycamore Way/Kettles Way – this was discussed by the Council and Cllr McCraw suggested that a local solution using a contractor could be sought.
- b) To consider/agree next steps as appropriate – following discussion **Cllr McCraw proposed that he worked with the BPC contractor to find a solution, this was seconded by Cllr Heywood, aif. (ACTION – CLLR MCCRAW)**

**PC 09.25.15 - REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS – (PAPER 10)**

- a) To receive a report from the Parish Chairman and agree any actions as necessary – The Chair provided an update on LGR. MB also advised that an invitation will be sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner to come and speak to the public.
- b) To receive any other points to note from committees, sub-committees & working groups
- c) To consider/approve any proposals or next steps as appropriate – Arrange a public meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner, **MB propose, 2<sup>nd</sup> EO, aif**

**PC 09.25.16 - DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

- a) Finance Committee meeting, Wednesday 24 September 2025, 7pm
- b) Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 01 October 2025, 7pm

**PC 09.25.17 - IN CAMERA ITEM**

- a) To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed – **Cllr McCraw proposed that the meeting be closed to the public, this was seconded by Cllr Clark, aif.**  
**At 8.31pm Cllr Edevane left the meeting.**
- b) Review legal work and recommendations received ref. lease with BMCIC – MB provided an overview of the purposes of the in camera item - The Chair provided an overview of the work undertaken during the month including an online meeting with Birketts solicitors. As a result of recommendations from the solicitors the Chair informed the Council that a dilapidations survey of the Leisure Centre had been arranged.  
**At 8.40pm Cllrs Mettam and Chatfield left the meeting.**  
Councillors were invited to ask questions and the Chair outline next steps going forward.



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**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.48pm**

SIGNED.....DATED.....



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**ACTIONS**

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>
<b>PC 09.25.06</b>	To check May minutes to see what was decided, about Mill Road.	Clerk
<b>PC 09.25.07</b>	Cllr Donaldson to provide her ideas for a walking group in the village.	CD
<b>PC 09.25.11c</b>	Contact BDC about allotments.	Clerk
<b>PC 09.25.13b</b>	Put parking at New Village on the VHMC agenda.	Clerk
<b>PC 07.25.14b</b>	Find a solution to the Kissing Gates at Sycamore Way.	AM



## APPENDIX A

### *Accounts submitted for payment – 03 September 2025*

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
Dave Childs	Grounds Maintenance (inv. )	BACS	120.00		120.00
Babergh District Council	Dog and Litter bin emptying	BACS	3403.00	680.60	4083.60
Brantham Village Hall	Hall Hire (inv. 1180)	BACS	24.00		24.00
Brantham WI	Donation as per FC 08.25.04	BACS	500.00		500.00

### *Accounts paid since 02 July 2025*

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
Parish Council staff	Salaries, Clerk & Assistant Clerk Office Allowance	BACS	3321.76		3321.76
BMCIC	Grounds Maintenance Payment – July & August 2025	BACS	80.00		80.00
Microsoft	Monthly Subscription Charges – July & August 2025	DD	41.20	8.24	49.44
Virtual Landline	Phone number for Parish Council – July & August 2025	Direct Debit	14.58	2.92	17.50
Smarty.co.uk	CCTV SIM Cards – July & August 2025	Direct Debit	54.00		54.00
Dave Childs	Grounds Maintenance (inv. 2295)	BACS	240.00		240.00
Business Services at CAS	Desktop Rebuild assessments for Village Hall and BLC	BACS	315.50		315.50
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit	BACS	420.00	84.00	504.00
Stour Wanderers	Donation (as per FC meeting July 2025)	BACS	500.00		500.00
Birketts	Legal Costs	BACS	1371.00	274.20	1645.20
Eric Osben	Village Fete purchases	BACS	117.46		117.46
Charlotte Leach	Skate Park branded T-Shirts	BACS	207.52		207.52
Gadd Brothers	Cherry Tree (inv. 3080)	BACS	465.00	93.00	558.00
VCS Websites Ltd	Design and Build of new Website (inv. 1446)	BACS	465.00		465.00
Babergh District Council	Trade bins for Village Fete	DC	125.00		125.00
Abigail Edevane	Skate Park items	BACS	8.61		8.61
Abigail Edevane	Skate Park items		28.96		28.96
Keeble Farm Ltd	GPL Annual Hire Charge	DD	10.00		10.00
Lloyds Bank Ltd	Service Charges – Salaries Account (July and August 2025)	BACS	8.50		8.50
Lloyds Bank Ltd	Service Charges – Current Account (July and August 2025)	BACS	8.50		8.50

### *Items paid following authorisation at meeting of 02 July 2025*

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
Dave Childs	Grounds Maintenance (inv. 2266)	BACS	395.00		395.00
Brantham Village Hall	Hall Hire (inv. TBC)	BACS	TBC		TBC
Parish Council staffing costs	Salaries, Clerk & Assistant Clerk Office Allowance, Pensions	BACS	3952.86		3952.86
HMRC	P30 Q1	BACS	2530.48		2530.48
Brantham Bowls Club	Donation as per FC 06.25.06	BACS	763.02		763.02



***Receipts allocated since 02 July 2025***

<b>Who</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	BACS	133.71
Holland Park School	Purchase of Colour Run Paint	BACS	46.50
Chamberlain Phillips	Village Fete Advertising boards	BACS	200.00
Stripe Payments	Skate Park T-Shirt purchases	BACS	60.09
Sumup Payments	Skate Park T-Shirts purchases	BACS	159.26
Braiswick Photographic	Private Road rent	BACS	150.00
Stour Wanderers	Deposit for hire of Lower Playing Field	BACS	50.00
Brantham Garage Sale	Donation for Brantham Skate Park	BACS	1010.00





**APPENDIX B – List of common abbreviations used.**

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
APCM	Annual Parish Council Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BDC	Babergh District Council
BLC	Brantham Leisure Centre
BMCIC	Brantham Management Community Interest Company
BOS	Brantham Open Spaces Group
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council
BPC	Brantham Parish Council
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
CAS	Community Action Suffolk
Chq	Cheque
Cllr	Councillor
Cttee	Committee
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
FC	Finance Committee
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	His Majesty's Revenue and Customs
LPA	Local Planning Authority
LPF	Lower Playing Field
LSC	Legal Sub Committee
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
RFO	Responsible Finance Officer
RFSC	Recreation, Footpaths and Services Committee
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SID	Speed Indicator Device
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SNT	Safer Neighbourhood Team
SO	Standing Order
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign
VCSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations
HMC	Village Hall Management Committee

# September 2025

## County Councillor's Parish Report

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### **Guidance and information on 20mph speed limits**

As you may remember from last month's report, my group tabled a motion at July's council meeting to make it easier for communities to obtain a 20mph limit where there is clear local support for it. We argued that the currently process with SCC Highways is lengthy and unnecessarily complex at a time when 20mph limits have increasing public support. This motion was rejected by the Conservative administration on the grounds that they were already planning a review of this process. 20's Plenty, a UK organisation that promotes lower speed limits, has some helpful guidance and a draft motion for parish and town councils who are considering a 20mph speed limit, with lots of supporting information including data from the 20mph trial in Wales which showed that lower speed limits significantly reduced accidents, deaths and serious injuries with no impact on journey times. Please see link below if this is something you may be interested in pursuing: [https://www.20splenty.org/parish\\_council\\_motion](https://www.20splenty.org/parish_council_motion)

### **Review of Suffolk Transport Infrastructure**

Following the passing of a motion at July's council meeting which acknowledged that intervention was necessary to reduce the reliance on the Orwell Bridge, the council's administration have announced a review of transport infrastructure for Suffolk and requested funding from the government to make improvements. The review will examine what is needed and where, examining areas such as the Orwell Bridge and the A14 corridor, Port of Felixstowe, the Sizewell power stations, and the need to upgrade the Ely/Haughley rail junction, which the government recently announced there would be no money for. The review will also take into account housing needs and the role of the future Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk, who will have responsibility for strategic transport. The council has sent an open letter to the Transport Secretary, Heidi Alexander MP, calling for talks about the need for strategic investment in Suffolk's transport infrastructure, which you can read here:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/SCC-response-to-Heidi-Alexander-MP-1.pdf>

### **New Environmental Charity for Suffolk**

A new environmental charity jointly established by Sizewell C, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council has pledged to spend at least £78m on boosting biodiversity in Suffolk. The charity, named East Suffolk Trust (EaST), will distribute funds to local organizations through a grants scheme to improve biodiversity and protect natural landscapes. Governed by a Board of independent Trustees, the new charity could help to set out how future major infrastructure projects can help deliver local nature recovery across the country. Sizewell C has pledged at least £78m over the next 70 years, and in addition, the charity will seek funding from other local businesses and organisations to invest in nature. Trustees of the charity include Julian Roughton, former CEO of Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Heather Broughton MBE, former trustee of the National Lottery Heritage Fund and James Alexander MBE, former trustee of RSPB and former Chair of trustees at Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

## All Suffolk Food Waste to be Processed in the County

As part of the new 'Simpler Recycling' laws brought in by the previous Conservative government, councils will have to collect and deal with food waste from all Suffolk households from 2026. The council has set up a four-year contract with Bio Capital to process this food waste locally at a recently approved anaerobic digestion plant at the Adnams Distribution Centre in Reydon near Southwold. Around 31,000 tonnes of household food waste could be sent to the new facility each year, which will be processed to generate green fuel (biomethane), and turned into soil fertiliser, which means Suffolk's food waste will be put to good use.

## Awards for Suffolk's Junior Road Safety Officers

The council recently played host to pupils and school staff at the first in-person Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) Awards event since before the COVID-19 pandemic. The awards ceremony is to recognise the dedication and creativity shown by schools and pupils in promoting road safety and encouraging active travel within their communities. The Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme has been running for more than 20 years and gives pupils in Years 4 to 6 (ages 9–11) the opportunity to get involved in road safety work at their schools, delivering sessions to peers and taking on initiatives in their wider communities. The scheme is an excellent way to engage with children, parents and carers and expand the reach of the council's road safety education team, with 61 participating schools over the last 12 months.

For more information about the Junior Road Safety Officer scheme, see the Suffolk County Council website: <https://suffolkroadsafe.com/education-home/junior-road-safety-officer/>

## Update on Homes for Ukraine Scheme

As of 31 March 2025, Suffolk has welcomed 1,747 Ukrainian refugees under the government's Homes for Ukraine scheme, supported by a special team in the Public Health & Communities directorate. The government has introduced the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme (UPES), which allows people currently living in the UK under an existing Ukraine Visa scheme to apply to extend their stay in the UK for a further 18 months when their valid Ukrainian visa expires. There is guidance from the County Council and Government about how to do this.

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**Facebook** - [Suffolk GLI - Green, Liberal Democrat & Independent Group | Facebook](#)

**Website** - [Suffolk Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group – The GLI Group at Suffolk County Council \(suffolkgli.wordpress.com\)](#)

Cost of Living help and

advice: <https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6> Bene

fits advice and

support: <https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/adult.page?adultchannel=0>

Flood preparation advice: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/what-to-do-in-a-flood>

<https://suffolkprepared.co.uk/get-prepared/risk-advice/flooding/>

Flood recovery advice and support: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>

# Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

## **Three Councils For Suffolk: Big enough to deliver, local enough to care**

The five district and borough councils of Suffolk, Babergh, East Suffolk, Ipswich, Mid Suffolk, and West Suffolk, have launched their joint Three Unitary Councils for Suffolk proposal, a locally led plan to reshape local government and deliver stronger, more responsive services to communities across the county.

## **Suffolk routes revealed for opening stages of Lloyds Tour of Britain Men**

The two stage routes that will open this year's Lloyds Tour of Britain Men in East Suffolk and Mid Suffolk and Babergh, have been revealed, that will see the world's top cyclists pass through dozens of communities and cover more than 300 kilometres of Suffolk roads.

## **New emergency temporary accommodation for those most in need**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils are to invest in additional temporary accommodation – helping those at risk of homelessness.

## **Twelve new electrical recycling banks installed in Babergh and Mid Suffolk**

Residents can now recycle their broken electricals at one of 12 electrical recycling banks located in the districts.

## **Celebrate our local heroes – nominate now for the 2025 Move More Awards**

Public nominations are now officially open for the 2025 Move More Awards – an event that celebrates the people, groups and organisations who champion sport, physical activity, movement and social cohesion across our communities.