

Parish Report – February 2024

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Draft Budget

Tackling climate change and ensuring social justice are at the heart of Mid Suffolk's District Council's budget proposals - while limiting council tax increases for residents, the council's leader has pledged. A proposed council tax rise of 2% in district's share of bill would mean an extra 7p a week for residents.

£18M Skills and Innovation Centre

Mid Suffolk District Council's plan for an £18m Skills and Innovation Centre in Stowmarket has passed a major milestone – with hopes it will be “transformative” for local business, training and jobs.

Flood-threatened communities get emergency plan support

Communities at risk of flooding are being helped by Mid Suffolk District Council to better prepare for the future.

Funding available for community action on climate change

Applications are being invited for The Suffolk Climate Action Community Match Funder. It is available to charities, community interest companies, parish councils, voluntary groups and other not-for-profit organisations, whose projects contribute to Suffolk's Climate Emergency Plan.

£230,000 awarded to community projects across the districts

Projects across Mid Suffolk and Babergh have received a share of £230,000 in grants and funding as part of the councils' commitment to residents' wellbeing and ensuring communities have access to local community facilities.

Councils award funding to provide warm spaces this winter

More than 30 community projects in Mid Suffolk and Babergh have each received a share of more than £36,000 to keep residents warm and connected this winter.

New electric bikes arrive at Needham Lake

Two new electric bikes can now be hired from Needham Lake, helping to encourage sustainable travel

More Brits overseas can now vote

British citizens living abroad are now eligible to register to vote in UK general elections, regardless of how long they've been living outside the UK.

Highways England

Penny and I have asked Jo Churchill to press Highways England for funding and support to make good the damage experienced by our parishes as a result of the A14 upgrade.

Without dedicated funding we fear that Suffolk will be left with the bill for making good the excessive additional wear resulting in the destruction of verges and country roads.