

District Cllr Report Battsford and Ringshall Ward

Barking, Battsford, Great Bricett, Offton, Ringshall, Willisham

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Recycling Awareness Campaign

Each year more than 10,000 tonnes of recycling from Suffolk is rejected each year due to residents placing the wrong items in their recycling bins. A new awareness campaign to get Suffolk's recycling right has been launched. A leaflet which explains which types of materials can and cannot be recycled will be delivered to all homes, and this will be followed up with social media and press articles.

Garden Waste

Brown bin collections have been temporarily paused during lockdown to ensure that the Council delivers more critical services.

Strategic Asset Management Plan

MSDC has approved and adopted a Strategic Asset Management Plan for 2020-2025. This is a document outlining how the Council uses and manages all the land and buildings in order to support the strategic priorities. The main objectives include generation of income, asset management and development of long term housing procurement. This plan covers the Council assets, not CIFCO's.

Covid Vaccination Programme

A Suffolk wide webinar was held with officials from Health services for Councillors across the county to ask questions about the vaccination programme. Information is also available for members of the public. More information can be found at <https://sneevaccine.org.uk/>

Covid-19 Support for Businesses and Individuals

Self-Isolation Support Payment - Mid Suffolk is administering the Self-Isolation Support Payment. This is a £500 compensation payment for those who have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace and meet the eligibility criteria.

National Lockdown Support Grants for Businesses - Government support grants available for businesses in Babergh and Mid Suffolk including the Closed Business Lockdown Payment and addition Local Restrictions Support Grants. For more information, visit: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/business/business-rates/grant-funding-schemes/>

Suffolk Support and Advice Service - This helpline provides information and support relating to debt, benefits, housing and employment. The service is open between 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday: **0800 068 3131**

Home, But Not Alone Helpline - The helpline is in place to support clinically extremely vulnerable people who may need additional information or support. The service will be staffed from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday: **0800 876 6926**

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