

District Council Report for Battisford and Ringshall Ward

Including Barking, Battisford, Great Bricett, Ringshall, Offton and Willisham

November 2024

Mid Suffolk Taxi Bus Launch

The Mid Suffolk Taxi Bus is a new transport service launched on the 29th October and will be run by the Stowmarket based Swift Taxi Cabs. Two routes will run from the 1st November, including the Stowmarket Circular via Bacton and Thurston. Within the next year we will introduce the Stowmarket Circular via Wattisham route which will also serve stops at Barking Tye, Willisham, Offton, Great Bricett, Ringshall and Battisford. Passengers will be able to book a seat in advance or board a bus at bus stops on the route. Fares will start at a simple £6 flat rate for a single journey. More information can be found at the Swift Cabs website: <https://www.suffolktaxibus.com/stowmarket-circular-via-wattisham>

Students to debate climate change issues

The District Council will host 90 students from 10 schools across Babergh and Mid Suffolk at a COP-style Climate Summit. Students will be debating real-world climate change challenges and emulating negotiations as they would play out at the UN climate summit. The aim of the event is to engage children from a range of socio-economic backgrounds about climate change and its effects, and to explore career opportunities in net zero industries.

New Ipswich to Cambridge Community Rail Partnership

A new Community Rail Partnership has been set up to promote rail services, support small-scale station improvements and secure third-party funding for other upgrades and enhancements on the rail corridor between Ipswich and Cambridge.

Stowmarket Town Centre revitalisation

Funding was agreed for a list of new measures to help revitalise Stowmarket's Town Centre, including a £400k grant scheme to improve the visible appearance of commercial properties, and a £16k grant for a demand and viability study to support the development of overnight accommodation in the town.

Cosy Homes Initiative

The energy efficiency initiative helps residents in the district to improve the energy efficiency of their homes to help residents save on energy usage and reduce their carbon footprint. See our website for information and eligibility criteria: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/mid-suffolk/w/mid-suffolk-cosy-homes>

Deadline extended for Solar Together Scheme

The Solar Together Scheme has been extended to the 15th November 2024. Over 3100 residents have signed up for a quote and registration to the scheme is free to all households. More information can be found on the website: <https://solartogether.co.uk/suffolk/landing>

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