

District Councillor Mrs Kathie Guthrie's up date to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021

#### Compost give away events

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September Needham Lake – Drive through event two bags per car.

#### Joint local Plan

Councils' joint local plan examination stage 1 now scheduled for September originally for June and July but to be covid compliant it is now concentrated in September with Stage 2 hearing sessions later in the autumn.

#### Biodiversity

Next steps for Councils' biodiversity and climate change plans agreed and given the go ahead for £97k for projects aimed at boosting biodiversity and tackling climate change across their districts

#### Covid updates

Regular bulletins continue to be produced to give a snapshot of the current covid 19 situation in Suffolk along with updates on the work being carried out as part of Suffolk's Local Outbreak Control Plan. These can be found via the SCC website as can updates on the vaccine roll out.

#### Local Council housing officers recognised nationally as 'community heroes'

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' housing officers are in the running for a prestigious national award for their work in keeping vulnerable residents off the street during the Covid 19 pandemic.

#### Annual Canvass underway

MSDC are asking residents to check their details on the electoral register are up to date so they do not lose their right to vote.

#### Wheels in motion for cycle race

The full route of the Women's Tour has been revealed and will pass through Haverhill, Sudbury Wattisham, Stowmarket Needham Market and on to Felixstowe. Not quite so close to us here but we can all go and support.

#### Local Energy Show case

Businesses and community organisations are being urged to tackle climate change by joining Suffolk's first ever showcase event celebrating sustainability and green energy. Tickets are now available for the two day event at Wherstead Park on 21 and 22 October. The event is open to all businesses with an interest in finding out more about local energy solutions and as well as community groups and Parishes who would like to understand and explore the benefits of using local energy solutions.

#### Holiday activities

Minister Vicky Ford and Jo Churchill joined MSDC councillors to observe the activities and events at the Mix in Stowmarket. Other activities in Mid Suffolk include sports in Stowupland, outdoor cookery at the Museum of East Anglian Life, rock music sessions at the John Peel Centre and free swims at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre so do take a look at what is on.

