

District Councillor Report: Elmswell Parish Council

July 2026

Waste collections	We have now completed 6 weeks of the new bin collection schedule. The service has now moved from implementation to normal operations. The implementation phase was challenging and not helped by the very hot weather. There will still be some missed collections but the crews will continue to be the occasional Saturday collections for missed bins. There will also still be some households without all their new bins. There was over 150 tonnes of food waste collected across both districts last week – which will no longer be going to landfill.
Scoping Consultations for the Joint Local Plan	Residents, businesses, community groups and stakeholders are being invited to help shape the future of Babergh and Mid Suffolk as the councils launch the first stage of consultation on their new Joint Local Plan. The Consultation opened on 5th June and will run until 31st July. Details of the consultation can be found here https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/joint-local-plan-scoping-consultation
Armed Forces Day held in Stowmarket 27th June 2026	Hundreds of people gathered in Stowmarket on Saturday 28th June to celebrate Suffolk Armed Forces Day. The free event was put on by Mid Suffolk District Council in partnership with Stowmarket Town Council. The day began with a parade, and this was followed by musical performances as well as the opportunity to take part in a variety of family friendly activities. It was a great event and enabled people to celebrate and support all members of our Armed Forces – both currently ones as well as veterans.
Gateway 14 news	A £45M manufacturing facility opens at Gateway 14. Assan Panels opened their first manufacturing facility in the UK. The new facility has the capacity to produce up to 4.5 million square metres of insulated wall and roof panels each year, enough to supply around 450 large warehouses, factories and distribution centres annually. The official opening was attended by representative from about 250 local businesses and community representatives.
Pride in your place grants	Applications for Mid Suffolk District Council's Pride in Your Place grant have reopened, offering funding to projects that bolster community pride and celebrate the heritage of towns and villages across the district.
Locality budget	The 2026-27 Locality budgets have now been launched so we would love to receive applications for funding from any community group in Woolpit and Elmswell. Details can be found on the website https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards. It is usually a good idea to contact one of us to discuss your application before submitting in.
Councillor drop-in sessions	Jen and Sarah are regularly available for residents to come to meet for a chat. Next sessions are as follows. • Thursday 13th August 10:00 – 12:00 at Green Wolf Café, Woolpit • Tuesday 29th September 10:00 – 12:00 Wesley Café, Elmswell.

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