

Mid Suffolk District Council Report for Eye Ward (Eye, Occold, Redlingfield) – JUNE 2026

Start of new recycling scheme	The new recycling regime comes into force in June 2026. To check your bin collection day and week, report any missed collections, or request changes to your bins, see: https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling You can see the new waste collection schedule here: https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/documents/d/asset-library-54706/mid-suffolk-waste-collection-schedule-june-to-november-2026 There is further information on recycling here: www.suffolkrecycles.org.uk or on social media @suffolkrecycles
Construction of £18m Stowmarket Innovation Gateway complete	Construction of the £18 million, state-of-the-art skills and innovation centre in Stowmarket has been completed – and is ready to open this summer. The Innovation Gateway, located at Gateway 14, will offer a range of office spaces, meeting rooms and training spaces to support both local businesses and development of local skills. The project, led by Mid Suffolk District Council, was made possible thanks to a Freeport East agreement to provide £16.7m for its construction, with the remaining costs provided by the council.
Stowmarket to host Suffolk's Armed Forces Day celebrations	Stowmarket will host Suffolk's 2026 Armed Forces Day. The free event, organised by Mid Suffolk District Council in partnership with Stowmarket Town Council, will take place at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 27 June. The day will bring together service personnel, veterans, families and the wider community for a day of both fun and reflection, in order to recognise and celebrate the contribution of the armed forces community. All welcome.
CIL allocation for local communities	Developers building homes within the districts are charged a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which the councils then reinvest in neighbourhoods via their towns and parish councils. In this latest round of funding, 29 town and parish councils in Mid Suffolk will receive a share of a £553,000. The town and parish councils can decide how to spend this money to best support the development of their local area and meet the needs of the community.
Mid Suffolk Youth Council	Launched last year by Mid Suffolk District Council, the Youth Council is designed to give young people a chance to have their voice heard and to get involved in local democracy. The initiative was driven by research showing the disconnect between young people and politics, with almost three quarters of those asked believing that politics should be taught more in schools or colleges. The first schools are now electing youth council members, starting with Debenham High School and Stowupland High School. Claydon High School, Finborough School, Hartismere School and Thurston Community College are all also appointing up to three students aged between 11 and 19 to serve a two-year term.
Solar on rooftops: Eye businesses set for energy savings	A pair of businesses in Eye are the first to see energy savings thanks to a new council partnership. Wrightfield and Wrightform, based at Mid Suffolk Business Park in Eye, had 250 solar panels installed last month as part of the Solar for Business scheme. The cost of the panels is covered by the Council, and the business receives electricity at a lower rate. The panels are on track to save £10,000 in electricity bills during the first year as well as saving 25 tonnes of CO2.

Riverside land purchased to save it from development	A riverside site will be protected from development and enhanced as a wildlife haven after Mid Suffolk District Council purchased the land and teamed up with the River Waveney Trust. The land is by the River Waveney in Palgrave. It was put up for sale and marketed for its development potential – but Mid Suffolk stepped in to buy it, protecting it for the local community. Mid Suffolk has agreed a plan with the River Waveney Trust (RWT), which will take over the management and restoration of the site. It will form part of the RWT's 'River Access for All' project, connecting Waveney Valley communities to their rivers.
Mid Suffolk Council Funding for Citizens Advice - including Friday mornings in Eye Library	Citizens Advice services in Babergh and Mid Suffolk have received significant financial backing as part of the latest round of community funding from the district councils. Through the council's Community Development Fund, Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice has received £129,265. Citizens Advice is a key strategic partner of the council. By receiving these crucial funds, they can continue to provide residents with free and essential guidance on everything from housing and debt to benefits and wellbeing support.
New post office opens in Eye	Mid Suffolk District Council welcomes the opening of a new post office store in Eye, providing a full range of post office services.
EcoPower consultation to open in June	The statutory consultation period for the EcoPower solar project is expected to open on June 22nd (to be confirmed.) The project is a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP). EcoPower plan to hold a series of consultation events to share further details of their proposal. The project includes significant land parcels in both Occold and Eye parishes. Mid Suffolk District Council continues to offer monthly, online drop-in sessions where parish councillors and residents' groups can get advice from the council's in-house NSIP expert.
Locality Award reopens	The District Council's Locality Award grant - for smaller, community projects - has reopened for 2026/27. Further details and an application form can be found here: https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards Applications are welcome – please get in touch with Lucy for further information.

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Mid Suffolk District Council: phone 0300 123 4000, or drop in to see Council staff or Citizen's Advice at Eye Library, every Friday 9.30-12pm – no appointment is needed.