

District Council Report for Battisford and Ringshall Ward

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

July 2026

Community Consultation on Joint Local Plan Scoping

Mid Suffolk District Council launched the scoping consultation for their new Joint Local Plan, inviting residents and businesses to shape future development, housing, and infrastructure policies. This initial stage focuses on key issues and opportunities rather than specific development sites. Background information and consultation is hosted on the council website and will run until 31st July 2026.

Suffolk's Armed Forces Day Hosted in Stowmarket

Mid Suffolk District Council and Stowmarket Town Council hosted Suffolk's Armed Forces Day event at King's Meadow Recreation Ground. The celebration brought the community together to honour service personnel and veterans with a cadet parade and a royal salute. Visitors enjoyed family activities, local stalls, a spectacular Apache helicopter flyover, and live music.

Cost of Living Help

MSDC has been contacting low-income residents who use heating oil to help them access a share of £50 million in government funding. Support is available locally through Suffolk County Council's Crisis and Resilience Fund webpage (or call 0345 606 6067) to help households struggling with rising fuel costs. Residents can check eligibility and apply via the Suffolk County Council website. Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice can provide help with the application (01449 676060). Further information on community oil buying schemes, interest-free loans, and energy advice is also available on the energy, fuel, and utilities pages of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council websites.

Environment Agency Tackle Pollution Incident

The source of a persistent sewage incident in Great Bricett was identified and stopped by the Environment Agency. This followed months of parish council and community action. Remedial works have been agreed and the EA will recuperate the costs of their investigation from the polluter. Water testing undertaken by the community was facilitated by the Woodbridge-based Deben Climate Centre.

Better Recycling

The new recycling regime came into effect in June 2026 for the whole of Suffolk. The changes are described here: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/future-changes-to-bin-collections>. If a resident has not yet received their new bins and caddy, please direct them to contact Waste Services by email - recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk providing their address. Residents awaiting the new bins can continue to place all recycling in the current recycling bin and food waste in the black refuse bin.

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