

District Council Report for Battisford and Ringshall Ward

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

June 2026

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@babberghmidsuffolk.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.

Suffolk's Armed Forces Day to be Hosted in Stowmarket

On Saturday 27th June, Stowmarket is hosting the 2026 Suffolk's Armed Forces Day to celebrate the contribution of the Armed Forces community. The event starts at 11 am and will feature military presence and displays, live entertainment and performances and a wide mix of stalls and children's activities. The free event organised by Mid Suffolk District Council in partnership with Stowmarket Town Council.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allocation

Developers building homes within the districts are charged a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which the councils then reinvest in neighbourhoods. Battisford Village Hall received nearly £14,000 in addition to a £5,000 community grant towards the installation of a solar PV panel and battery storage scheme.

Funding for Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Service

Citizens Advice has received £129,265 through the council's Community Development Fund. The CAB is a strategic partner of the council, providing residents with free and essential guidance on issues ranging from housing to debt management and wellbeing support.

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.

Takeaway Fined for Food Hygiene Breaches

The Mandarin, a Chinese takeaway on Stowmarket Road in Old Newton has been fined more than £7,500 for a long list of food hygiene failures, including a lack of adequate handwashing facilities, storing food at room temperature in buckets on the floor and defrosting chicken in a sink.

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