District Council Report for Battisford and Ringshall Ward

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Council Increases Pressure Against Fisons Site Owners

Mid Suffolk is calling on the owners of the Fisons factory site to resurrect redevelopment plans and put a stop to antisocial behaviour on the site. The site owners were served a legal notice (S215) to take steps to clear up and secure the site. These include demolition of specified buildings and removal building materials, removal of fly-tipped items and replacement of temporary with permanent fencing. The Fisons site has stood derelict since a fire destroyed the Victorian-era factory building in 2019.

Suffolk Food Summit to Celebrate Local Produce

The Suffolk Food Summit is returning to the Food Museum in Stowmarket this November to celebrate local food and drink production and its impact on the region's economy. The event has been organised by Mid Suffolk District Council and will bring together a range of people from across the food and drink sector for workshops and panel discussions.

E-bike Partnership Receives National Recognition

A partnership between MSDC and e-bike provider Eezybike has been shortlisted for two national awards, recognising the innovative work done in the districts to create active and sustainable travel options. The bikes can now be accessed at Needham Lakes and the Leisure Centre in Stowmarket.

New double Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in Stowmarket

Plans for a new multi-use games area at Stowmarket High School have been given the go-ahead after MSDC agreed to fund the stalled project. The MUGA will provide a space for sports including tennis, netball, basketball and football as part of wider efforts to improve access to sports facilities in the town.

Mid Suffolk Writes to Government Over Planning Reforms

Mid Suffolk councillors have criticised the Government planning reforms to remove the ability of district councillors to 'call-in' planning applications in their ward areas to be decided by planning committee. Councillors warn that this will leave communities with less say over new developments in their villages and towns. Concerns over funding cuts for neighbourhood plans

Mid Suffolk Magazine

This magazine highlights the work of the Council over the past few months and is posted to every householder. Hopefully you have now had this delivered

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