

**News and information from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor,
to the Parish Councils and residents in Orwell Ward
June 2022**

Ward news

I hope all your Platinum Jubilee village events went well and that not too many were rained off; it wasn't possible for me to attend all of them but the feedback I have had has all been really positive so well done to all involved, there is a lot of hard work required for times such as these but it is all worth it when we see how communities pull together. As I write this newsletter we are just days away from world class-riders racing through Suffolk as part of the first stage of the Women's Tour on 6 June and I hope I'm in time for many of you to read about it because some of the locations the riders will race through are in Orwell Ward, they include: ***Cattawade, Brantham, Holbrook/Stutton, Wherstead/Tattingstone, Capel St Mary/Bentley, Raydon/Upper Layham, Hadleigh, Bildeston (x2), Stowmarket, Needham Market, Monks Eleigh/Brent Eleigh, Lavenham and Cockfield.*** Cllr Mary McLaren, cabinet member for communities at Babergh District Council, has also welcomed the news that all four of the endurance sections for the race, made up of both sprints and climbs, will take place in Babergh this year. Coverage of the race will feature in ITV4's evening highlights and organisers Sweetspot are also trying to finalise live worldwide coverage via Eurosport Player and GCN + (Global Cycling Network) subscription services.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Residents Survey 2022

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' new annual residents survey opens this month and will run until August 2022. The councils have commissioned this survey to help us understand more about residents' personal and community resilience, about how our councils are performing, and how we can improve our customer experience. It will also help us understand more about their views of their local areas, and improve how we work with residents to make Babergh and Mid Suffolk even better places.

Opinion Research Services (ORS) is carrying out the survey on our behalf. 8,000 residents in each district, randomly selected addresses from every ward, will receive a letter with a code to complete the survey online. They will also receive an information leaflet giving instructions on how to go online. The invitations have a unique code which the resident is required to enter when completing the survey, which means ORS can identify non-responding households and automatically send out hardcopy postal questionnaires that can be returned using freepost. This will ensure that no one is excluded. By completing the survey residents are eligible to enter the free prize draw where they could win one of ten £100 high street vouchers.

Please encourage residents to take part if their household receives an invitation and be reassured that this is a genuine communication on behalf of the council and not a scam. We also will be offering the same reassurance to residents via our website and social media channels.

Newly elected Chairs

Cllr Kathryn Grandon was elected as the 2022-23 Chairman of Babergh District Council at the Annual Council meeting on Wednesday 25 May and one of our own peninsula councillors, Derek Davis was elected as the council's 2022-23 Vice Chairman. It gave me great pleasure to second Derek's nomination. Former Babergh District Council chairman Cllr Adrian Osborne handed over a cheque for more than £3,000 to the Sudbury-based Kernos Centre, thanks to fundraising during his 2021-22 term of office, well done to Adrian for all of his hard work.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any issues that you think I can help with and all the very best to you all.

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