

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

Ward news

Have you ever thought that you might like to be a local councillor? With the May elections fast approaching, the democratic services team have been considering ways to help to reach a wider and more diverse pool of candidates to stand as councillor. Recognising the need of the councils to have a greater connection to our communities, the first “Become a Councillor” event will be held on Thursday 29 September at the councils’ Endeavour House office.



Parking strategy

The second phase of public consultation is now completed. The online survey which focused on the parking strategy’s recommendations, had over 2,000 responses, and we also spoke to residents during a series of roadshow drop-in events. Officers, working with 2020 consultancy are now creating the strategy ahead of cabinet meetings next month.

Simple scheme to buy solar panels returns for Suffolk residents

Solar Together Suffolk, a group-buying scheme which has helped over 1,500 homes in Suffolk to install solar panels and batteries, opened for new registrations on 22 August 2022. The scheme helps homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from pre-approved installers, whilst increasing their independence from the grid and reducing their carbon emissions. Solar Together Suffolk is supported by Suffolk County Council and all local borough

and district councils. From 22 August 2022, Suffolk residents can register for free with the group-buying scheme, with no obligation to go ahead with an installation.

Continuing to tackle fly tipping

Did you know, between March and June this year, our public realm team collected 136 fly tips with the top two items being bags of rubbish and furniture? The team, work as part of Suffolk Waste Partnership to tackle the issue across the county. Following the group's previous fly tipping campaign's success, another is set to run later this year focused around the Government's changes to the waste carrier licensing regime. In the meantime, we are exploring, with our partners, the cost-effectiveness of using CCTV to clamp down on fly tipping, as well as refreshing signage at key hotspots and continuing to support hundreds of litter picking groups across our patch. We also held a community clear up day at Rede Way, Great Cornard, last month, which saw staff and residents remove over four tonnes of weeds and rubbish, as well as larger bulky waste items. More are being planned for coming months. Look out for more details soon.

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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