

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS MIKE NORRIS & STEVE PHILLIPS REPORT
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Needham Lake Visitor Centre.

Development of the plans for a visitor centre/café at Needham Lake are progressing well. The final version of the building design, incorporating the feedback from the public engagement event on Thursday 10th October, was submitted as a planning application on Monday 4th November. Subject to planning approval, the next steps will be to appoint a preferred contractor for the construction phase, and then a preferred operator to manage and run the facility. If all goes according to plan it is hoped that the visitor centre will be operating during the latter part of the summer season next year.

More free swimming for youngsters.

Following a successful summer take up, Mid Suffolk District Council has extended its free swims offer and will also be running the initiative over the Christmas holidays too from 20 December 2019 to 5 January 2020 inclusive at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stradbroke Swimming Pool, which aims to help promote healthier and active lifestyles in the district.

Fly-tipper billed more than £1,500 for dumping waste in Stowupland.

An offender dumped 12 sacks of household waste in November 2018 in Stonebridge Lane, Stowupland. Sgt Brian Calver from the Suffolk's Rural Policing team found the sacks during a routine patrol and the offender was traced. Following a guilty plea, the court fined the offender £1,000, along with costs of £477.41 and a victim surcharge of £100. The Suffolk Waste Partnership, which consists of all the Suffolk councils including the County and partners, is also hoping to launch a campaign over the winter aimed at reducing fly tipping in Suffolk.

Free recycling talks for residents.

Suffolk's Recycling Centres offer free 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle - not a Waste of time!' sessions to interested parties to learn more about ways to reduce waste and recycling. Neighbours, parish or community groups are invited to set up a session, offering an ideal additional or alternative way to access information about recycling which is also available on the 'Suffolk Recycling' website. To book a visit from their Information and Education Manager any interested parties can email Sharon.Lockhart@fccenvironment.co.uk

Closing date for Mid Suffolk District Council Locality Awards.

Awards are available to properly constituted local groups and organisations with their own bank account and a treasurer, and ideally should be for specific projects, but can cover such costs as training for officers and volunteers within those organisations. They are not available to individuals and cannot be made retrospectively, i.e. for items already purchased or ordered, and the minimum award is £250.00 per application.

The current scheme will close for applications on 31st December 2019. If any groups are interested in making an application please contact your local District Councillors, Mike Norris or Steve Phillips for an application form (contact details below).

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