

# Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

## Summer fun returns with free community days out

Families across Babergh and Mid Suffolk can enjoy two free community fun days this summer, with a packed programme of activities on offer for all ages.

## Steps taken to manage meadow land and reduce fire risk during hot weather

Residents are being reassured over action being taken by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils to manage its meadow areas – reducing fire risk during hot, dry weather while also protecting wildlife.

## Latest community investments are child's play

Playgrounds, a leisure centre upgrade and a children's library are amongst the community projects set to receive a share of more than £745k from Babergh District Council this month.

## Constable Country protected as conservation area expanded

The historic area in and around East Bergholt made famous by the work of John Constable has been given enhanced protection after Babergh District Council approved the expansion of the existing conservation area.

## 'Unconventional Constable' at the artist's East Bergholt birthplace

Visitors to East Bergholt next month can turn back the clock and step into the world of landscape painter John Constable – using mixed-reality headsets. Delivered by immersive technology specialists Xibitr in partnership with Babergh District Council and Colchester + Ipswich Museums, the pop-up exhibition at Constable Memorial Hall, is free to attend, and will be open from 10am to 3pm daily from 17–23 August 2026.