

Nedging District Council Report

Firstly I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope that you had a good Christmas period.

I finally had a chance to pay a visit to the playground at the weekend and was pleased to see the new equipment in use. At the moment I do still have money available in my locality budget so if there is any groups in the village that need assistance, please let me know. I do have to get any requests in by the end of February though.

On the topic of funding the village currently has £16,374.24 neighbourhood CIL available to spend with an additional £4,093.56 to become available soon. This money can be spent on anything that the village needs, but if there is any major projects that would exceed this sum you can still top it up with a District CIL bid. The next bid round is in May so if there is anything that the village needs now is time to give it some thought.

Recently the council has received applications from 178 groups for grants to enable them to provide "Warm Spaces" within their parishes. Is this something the village would like to consider?

Councils' successful bid for housing fund pot

Babergh District Council was amongst a number of local authorities to win funding from the Local Government Association to commission a vital, county-wide housing strategy review. The £20,000 pot will kickstart a county-wide programme aiming to increase the number of genuinely affordable properties available to meet those in housing need.

Solar Panels

Babergh has finished building solar carports over 40 of their existing car parking spaces to help power the leisure centre in Sudbury, providing over 16% of the centre's annual electricity demand

The Council is among the UK's first rural local authorities to trial the technology, which will reduce the centres' reliance on the grid and cut carbon emissions.

Solar Farm appeal

The Enso Solar farm that is looking to be built between Elmsett and Flowton has submitted an appeal to the planning inspectorate due to non-determination by both councils. The site which is mostly within Babergh also spans part of Mid Suffolk. Both Councils will now have urgent planning committee meetings so that a decision can be made available for the inspector.

What's been done

Babergh has compiled a 23 page report detailing all the achievements that have been made since 2019. You can view the report online here -

<https://bmsdchosting.net/End-of-Term-Report/Babergh-District-Council-2019-2022/>