

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

It's good to see the village gates as you enter and leave Tattingstone on the A137, they are certainly eye catching for drivers and along with the SID and active community speed watch teams will, we hope, make a difference to speeding through the village.

**Fuel update**

The message from all Suffolk Resilience Forum members at present is that our service supplies remain stable. We have shared social media messages urging residents to be mindful of others when considering whether it is necessary to refuel their vehicles, however, we are now avoiding further proactive communication in an attempt to reduce attention and allay public concern. The resilience forum continues to monitor the situation carefully and will keep everyone informed should there be any need for further action over coming days.

**An update on Covid-19 in Suffolk**

The regular Suffolk Coronawatch bulletin continues to give an up-to-date snapshot of case numbers across the county and shows how Babergh compares to our neighbouring districts and borough. An update on the vaccine rollout can be found on the SNEE NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service website. In the meantime, we continue to play our part in response to the pandemic alongside public sector colleagues within the Suffolk Resilience Forum, supporting in the event of local outbreaks as well as continuing to offer support to our communities and businesses as they recover from the impact of the pandemic.

**Waste vehicles switch to HVO Fuel**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk are the first rural UK councils to switch their fleet to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO), slashing carbon emissions by up to 90% and supporting the councils' carbon neutral aims. Its 35 waste lorries are the first to transfer and will be followed by its smaller public realm and housing services vehicles. The fuel will also support a circular economy, as the certified sustainable HVO fuel is solely produced from waste cooking oil.

**Wellbeing Strategy**

Councillors gave the go-ahead to a new Wellbeing Strategy, building upon the councils' continued commitment to helping its residents live happy, healthy and

