## Dementia Marketplace 2025

A free event on 25 June at Trinity Park, Ipswich, offering advice, support, and tech demos for those affected by dementia. Includes expert talks and the launch of a new VR app, Reverie.

## Suffolk Libraries Rebranded

From 1 June, Suffolk Libraries becomes Suffolk Community Libraries, now managed in-house. All 45 libraries remain open with expanded community roles.

## Brecks Outdoor Festival Returns

From 9–24 August, 55+ events celebrate the Brecks’ natural heritage, including walks, cycling, and creative activities. Full programme at www.brecks.org.

## Award for Suffolk Waste Partnership

Recognised at the Suffolk Show for its educational stand promoting recycling and waste reduction. Over 6,000 visitors attended.

## New Strategy to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls

Suffolk launches a county-wide strategy focused on prevention, survivor support, accountability, and community collaboration.

## Council Reorganisation Consultation

Residents are invited to share views on a proposed single-council model for Suffolk. Survey open until 4 August at www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution.

## Gull Wing Bridge Commended

Lowestoft’s Gull Wing bridge was ‘Highly Commended’ at the CIHT awards for its engineering excellence and impact on local connectivity.

## Planning Reform Challenge

At a national conference, Suffolk County Council opposed the removal of mandatory consultations for major infrastructure projects.

## Plug In Suffolk Car Clubs Launched

Electric vehicles now available in Sudbury, Hadleigh, and Needham Market. More locations to follow. Free membership and credit for Suffolk residents.

## £8M for Bus Service Improvements

New funding will enhance routes, upgrade infrastructure, and improve real-time passenger info systems.

## Carbon Charter Awards

Local businesses recognised for carbon reduction efforts at Home Farm Nacton. Over 500 businesses have now received awards.

## Flood Team Wins National Award

Suffolk’s Flood Investigations and Grants team won ‘Small Team of the Year’ for their response to Storm Babet.

## Illegal Tobacco Shop Closed

A Stowmarket shop was shut down for three months after repeated sales of illegal tobacco and vapes.

## Active Travel Improvements

Plans underway to improve walking and cycling in West Felixstowe and between Copdock and Capel St Mary, following public consultations.

## Firefighters’ Charity Car Wash

On 28 June, Suffolk fire stations will host car washes to raise funds for the Fire Fighters Charity.

## Armed Forces Week 2025

Celebrations include a major event on 28 June in Ipswich. Suffolk is home to 3,340 military personnel and 30,000 veterans.

## Suffolk’s Maritime Heritage Exhibition

Running 27 June–27 September at The Hold, Ipswich. Includes talks, workshops, and a travelling exhibit on the Scotch Girls.

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