

**Report from Babergh District Councillor Derek Davis  
December 2021**

You may be aware from various reports that I have been on site, along with a senior Babergh planning officers to meet with the developers of the former HMS Ganges and it has been encouraging to see them aim to bring forward the existing permissions.

I am sure all of you, not just in Shotley & Erwarnton, but the whole peninsula, are like me and can't wait to see them get started, and eventually finished. This will include the mast being restored and many other community aspects benefitting our villages.

It was good to see the developers withdraw their application to demolish the swimming pool building after an intervention by Historic England, which I supported. Sadly, that doesn't mean the pool will be saved but when one door closes, another often opens and the space could be ideal for other activities that you the community could benefit from.

Erwarnton

I was at the Erwarnton parish meeting where the Queens Head was discussed and I understand there will be some good news about that which I can share shortly.

Wrangling over the application to build homes in the yard next to Erwarnton Hall continue as it is such a sensitive site.

### **Changes to waste over Christmas**

Between Monday 27 December 2021 and Saturday 22 January 2022, refuse (general rubbish) and recycling collections will be amended, due to the public holidays. There will also be no garden waste collections during this time.

As always, residents can [find our Christmas bin collection calendars on our website](#) to check which day their bin will be collected during the festive season, along with our [annual collection calendars for 2022](#).

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### **Women's Tour inspires youngsters**

To celebrate The AJ Bell Women's Tour completing its final stage in Suffolk this summer, Active Suffolk

partnered with a range of organisations, including Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, to get local primary schoolchildren on their bikes.

Schools along the route were invited to take part in a week-long challenge where pupils were tasked with clocking up time spent on their bikes and scooters, equating to that of the women racing in the final stage of the tour.

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In addition to the positive impact this challenge had on the physical activity levels of pupils during this time, all participating schools were also entered into a prize draw, with St Gregory Primary, Sudbury, amongst those randomly selected to win a day of cycle coaching for their school with former BMX nation champion, John Stockwell.

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Please keep an eye on our social media channels to be immediately notified when the protocol is activated, and please share the information within your own networks, towns and parishes.

If you or your constituents are aware of a rough sleeper, please contact one of our housing team advisors by calling on 0300 1234 000 or report it via [StreetLink\\*](#) with as much detail as possible to help our officers find them quickly and offer them the support they need.

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