

**Communities
Assistant Director**

**The Communities Service Area includes: Safe Communities (including community safety, anti-social behaviour, safeguarding and the Community Safety Partnership)
Strong Communities (including grants, external funding, community development, and community rights)
Healthy Communities and Policy (including health and wellbeing, health interventions and preventative activity)
Public Realm (including grounds maintenance, street cleansing, arboriculture and public conveniences)**

	April - June 2018	July - September 2018	October - December 2018	January - March 2019
Main Achievements	<p>The professional Women's Cycling tour of Britain, passed through Mid Suffolk district on 13th June.</p> <p>The Councils' Health and Wellbeing Team organised two community events, one at Bosmere Primary School, Needham Market and the other at Stradbroke Community Centre; these attracted around 160 visitors in total. Activities included cycle simulators and an open-air cinema screening. There was also a very good turnout of spectators along the route. In addition to these events, the Council supported a range of other community activities through a small grant fund. Many of these took place on the day, including a decorating bikes initiative at Wilby, a school colouring competition (5 primary schools took part) and a tea party held by Stowmarket Town Council to raise money for Stow Dementia Action Alliance and the Alzheimer's Society. Debenham Leisure Centre also hosted a fun packed activity morning for the children at the local primary school which included a 'bikeability' session.</p> <p>Mental Health work has included a successful Mental Health Awareness and Dementia Fortnight in the workplace with many activities in partnership with SCC and HR. 11 staff members now trained as Mental Health First Aiders.</p>			

Main Achievements continued	<p>The Communities team recently completed a full Section 11 Audit which required the Councils' to evidence how well we are meeting our statutory obligations in relation to safeguarding, duty of care, and promoting the welfare of Children and Vulnerable Adults. The audit takes account of the level of Corporate commitment toward safeguarding and how the Councils' ensure that safeguarding measures are implicit in our procurement processes and embedded into our policies. The Audit was validated by a Panel of members from the Local Safeguarding Children's Board. The Panel confirmed that Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils provided strong evidence of compliance and agreed we demonstrated a high standard of service.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Team have officially launched a new three-year joint project with Suffolk Sport.</p>			
Impact on communities / the way we work	<p>Active Wellbeing is a bespoke approach to help people living in rural communities who are physically inactive into more active lifestyles. The programme will also support the development of new activities, where they are needed, to help older people to become and stay active. Active Wellbeing will initially work with GP surgeries in Stradbroke and Fressingfield.</p>			
<p>Key for trend graph:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2015/16 ● 2016/17 ● 2017/18 ● 2018/19 — target <p>Key:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a not applicable n/av not available 				