

## For Decision – Pride of Place funding

Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) has launched a new grant scheme called 'Pride in Your Place', specifically to fund further work in communities to clean up neighbourhoods and build local pride. For example, the money can be used for initiatives like litter picking, sign cleaning, graffiti removal, the maintenance/enhancement of open public spaces and more.

Under the scheme, parishes with a population over 1,500 are eligible to apply for up to £400 in funding. Those with a population below 1,500, can apply for up to £250.

Applications can also be made by voluntary, community and social enterprises with the support of the relevant town or parish council. All applications must be received by the council by **31 October 2023** and awards and payments will be made within 21 days of receipt of an eligible application.

Funding must then be spent by 31 March 2024. Evidence of expenditure, such as project receipts and invoices are to be submitted once the project has completed, along with a case study if applicable.

The recommendation that the parish council applies for a grant sufficient to install a large litter bin and a sign at the impromptu layby where the B1078 joins the A140. If there is capacity within the grant allocation, the parish council should also apply for another bin to be erected alongside the Norwich Road at the junction to the footpath via Shrubland to Coddendam village. Its implementation should coincide with a Norwich Road litter pick, which will need to be carefully managed due to the road being 'National Speed Limit' which is oft exceeded. Both bins will need to be emptied by MSDC.

Cllr Mills

27th August 2023