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RAIN DIDN'T DAMPEN SPIRITS AT STOWMARKET FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL





On Sunday 6th July, thousands gathered in Stowmarket for the Food & Drink Festival, proving that downpours and a little rain won't stop our community coming together. Over 70 stalls offered delicious local and regional treats from Korean corndogs to homemade fudge, while live music kept spirits high, moving indoors when showers arrived.

Families enjoyed fun activities at the Food Museum, and local shops welcomed a steady flow of visitors throughout the day. Emily Clarke, Community Engagement Officer at Stowmarket Town Council, said, "It was brilliant to see so many people enjoying the festival despite the weather - showing true community spirit and pride in our town."

Rain or shine, Stowmarket once again showed what makes it such a welcoming and vibrant place to be.

STOWMARKET CARNIVAL 2025: A FANTASTIC COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!



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From 18th to 20th July, Stowmarket came together for the annual Stowmarket Carnival, a beloved tradition going back over 80 years! The weekend was packed with colourful parades, live music, family fun, and delicious food.

It's always a joy to see the town unite, celebrate, and make great memories together. Thanks to all the organisers and volunteers who made this year's carnival such a success — we can't wait for next July!

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TOUR OF BRITAIN COMING TO STOWMARKET – 3RD SEPTEMBER

Stowmarket will host both the start and finish of Stage 2 of the Tour of Britain men's cycle race on Wednesday 3rd September, bringing elite cyclists and national attention to the town.

Spectators can enjoy the action from key locations in Stowmarket, with more details to be announced soon.

The event is a fantastic boost for local shops, and cafés, with increased footfall and media coverage providing great exposure for the town. Businesses are encouraged to join in with cycling themed displays and special offers.

It's a proud moment for Stowmarket - be sure to save the date, line the streets, and enjoy a celebration of sport and community spirit!











ANNUAL GRANTS SCHEME

Stowmarket Communities Grants Scheme opens on Monday 1st September 2025, and provides small grants of up to £500 for a range of community activities and events in the Stowmarket area, that will be of benefit to local residents.

Email communities@stowmarket.org for more information. closing date: Friday 19th October 2025.

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: GO GREEN GO WILD RETURNS THIS AUTUMN!

After the fantastic turnout in 2023, Go Green Go Wild is back this autumn half term - and it's one you won't want to miss! Mark your calendars for Wednesday 29th October when the Milton House Grounds and Scout Centre will once again come alive with nature-themed fun, sustainability stalls, and hands-on activities for the whole family.

This biannual event brings together local organisations, adorable animals, eco-crafts, and interactive experiences that inspire all ages to care for our planet - and the best part? It's completely FREE!

So, as you enjoy the sunshine this summer, don't forget to pop this exciting autumn date in your diary.

Full event details will be announced soon - keep an eye on the Town Council website and social media!

OVER 100 FREE WILDLIFE HABITATS TO GIVE AWAY!







SUFFOLK BIG WEEKEND™

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October 2025

Look out for the Suffolk Big Weekend. The free prize draw goes live on the 1st September and anyone with a Suffolk postcode can enter to win prizes which include hotel overnight stays, free meals for two, family days out, cinema tickets, karting, cycling and much, much more.

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WHATS ON THIS SUMMER

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Summer is shaping up to be a season full of entertainment in Stowmarket! With live music, theatre, family fun days, and more, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to mark your calendars for these exciting free or low cost activities!

Stowmarket Library - Summer Reading Quest	**SIGN UP NOW**
Volleyball - The Recreation Ground	**27TH JULY, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH AUGUST**
Mid Suffolk District Council Community Fun Day - The Recreation Ground	**28TH JULY**
The Mix Digital Sports Day	**WEEK COMMENCING 28TH JULY**
The Mix Laser Tag	**WEEK COMMENCING 4TH AUGUST**
Food Museum Forest School	**8TH , 15TH, 22ND , 29TH AUGUST**
The Mix Crazy Golf	**WEEK COMMENCING 18TH AUGUST**
The Mix VR Art	**WEEK COMMENCING 26TH AUGUST**
Stowmarket Library Lets Get Crafty - Anchors Away!	**14TH AUGUST**
Family Friendly Market - Stowmarket Town Centre	**16TH AUGUST**
High School Football Event - Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre Astroturf	**21ST AUGUST**
Stowmarket Skate Jam - Skate Park	**23RD AUGUST**
Traditional Music Day - Stowmarket Town Centre	**27TH SEPTEMBER**