



490 football pitches, the 30,000 plus square metres of shrubs get a trim on average six times a year and the nearly 1.5 miles of hedges in the town are tidied up twice a year! For further information: www.babergh.gov.uk/babergh/parks - details of all the parks in Babergh

Unique woodland retreat - in the centre of Sudbury

A groundbreaking project to create a woodland oasis in the centre of a Babergh town – used as a retreat for people affected by cancer – is still looking for volunteers and fundraisers.

Eden-Rose Coppice, below, situated between the Quay Theatre and Waitrose in Sudbury, is the first project of its kind in the country where woodlands will be used as a relaxing and quiet place for people living with cancer, or with terminal illnesses, and their families to visit.

As well as offering privacy in stressful times, the Eden-Rose Coppice Trust is aiming to develop a safe, natural, creative retreat within managed woodlands for patients who have experienced cancer and other life-changing illness.

It also aims to promote and encourage wildlife, develop educational opportunities and further woodland conservation within residential areas.

Babergh District Council has been involved with the project from its initial concept and safeguarded the future use of the two-and-a-half acre site from developer Taylor Wimpey through planning obligations.

And Eden-Rose is so unique in its vision that national cancer charity Macmillan Cancer Support is working in partnership to promote its use. The 'Eden-Rose' concept is being suggested as a blueprint for other local authorities across the country in a bid to roll out this idea nationwide.

Rob Brooks, found of Eden-Rose Coppice Trust, said: "We are delighted that our project in Sudbury will be seen as a marker by which a national concept will be launched."

Cllr Jennie Jenkins, Chairman of Babergh District Council, said: "Eden-Rose Coppice is a unique and special project of which I am delighted Babergh is a part".

Donations can be made online at www.withnature.org. For more information on how volunteers can help, please email info@withnature.org, phone (01787) 225524 or 0781111788 (Mob) or write to Eden-Rose Coppice Trust, The Riverbank, Ballingdon Grove, Middleton Road, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 7LJ.

SUDBURY: it's even better!

As the largest town in the district, Sudbury is an important part of the Babergh family. *Babergh Matters!* looks at some recent news about, and initiatives from, the District Council to make life in the town even better!

Top ten TIC!

Babergh-run Sudbury Tourist Information Centre (TIC), based in the Town Hall, is a top ten operation! Late last year, staff from VisitBritain carried their annual inspection of all 223 TICs in England by email, telephone and in person. Levels of customer service, information and satisfaction were monitored. The Sudbury offices finished tenth overall and first in the personal visit category. Not content with beating off competition across the country, they were also the highest-scoring TIC in the East of England!

A road by any other name

In response to requests from local residents, Babergh District Council has designed a scheme to provide additional much-needed parking spaces for local people.

For a number of years, residents living on Tudor Road near to Sudbury Upper School have had to cope with high volumes of parked cars during the school runs. Now thanks to an investment of £28,000 from Babergh, later in the summer a patch of Council-owned ground will be converted into parking bays - providing more spaces for everyone.

Cuts, cuts and more cuts!

In the last year, Babergh's contractors have been doing a lot of cutting in Sudbury: the nearly 300,000 square metres of Council-owned open spaces have been cut 14 times – the equivalent of

