

**COMMUNITY
ACTION
SUFFOLK**



Funding Summit for Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprises 2026: Babergh



5th
OCT



9 - 2.30
AM PM

Light lunch provided



Lavenham

Partners include



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Fully Funded for Babergh and Mid Suffolk VCFSE.
Booking essential.

Places are limited | Pre-booking is essential
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Programme: 5th October @ Lavenham Village Hall

9am	Arrival		
9.30am	Welcome from Community Action Suffolk, <i>Jacqui Wilkinson</i> , Safeguarding and Quality Assurance, Event Host		
9.35am	Opening address: <i>Cllr Laura Smith</i> , Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities, Babergh		
9.40am	A Local Success Story: A funding Journey <i>Jess Prosser</i> , Suffolk Community Foundation in conversation with <i>Shirley Moore</i> from The Befriending Scheme		
9.55am	Skills Workshops ⚠ Pre-book one option from the workshops below.		
	Workshop 1 Measuring What Matters – impact and monitoring <i>Jen Milner</i> Impact & Social Value Officer Community Action Suffolk	Workshop 2 Built With, Not For – Community Consultation <i>Phil Martin</i> Organisation Development Officer: Start Up Community Action Suffolk	
11.05am	Refreshments and Networking		
11.35am	Learning Exchange Tables: Small-group discussions (max. 9 participants per table) Led by funders and topic experts. These facilitated sessions provide an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and explore topics in more depth. They are not one to one surgeries. ⚠ Participants will pre-book up to three opportunities on the day. What's Available? Discover Suffolk Community Foundation's Funding Opportunities Table host: <i>Tracey Fuller</i>, Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF) Reaching Communities/ Awards for All Table host: <i>Avril McCann</i>, National Lottery Top Tips: Project Development and funding updates Table host: <i>Jim Brown</i>, Suffolk County Council, Funding Team From AI to Impact: Introducing 'Plinth' & SCF's New Impact Indicators Table host: <i>Nicki Bray</i>, Suffolk Community Foundation Helping communities deliver local priorities Table hosts: <i>Sarah-Jane Hatt</i>, and <i>Joshua Holmes</i>, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – Working Together Beyond the Bid: Strengthening Your Organisation for a Sustainable Future: Resilience, governance, partnerships and policies Table hosts: <i>Horia Azizi</i> and <i>Phil Martin</i>, Community Action Suffolk Stronger Suffolk: Free Support to Strengthen Your Organisation Table hosts – <i>Jen Milner</i>, Community Action Suffolk and <i>Jess Prosser</i>, SCF Meet the Funder: National Grid Community Funding Opportunities Table host: <i>Eleanor Patey</i>, National Grid		
12.55pm	Key Takeaways and Closing Reflections – Impact in Action <i>Jen Milner</i> and <i>Jacqui Wilkinson</i> , Community Action Suffolk		
1.10pm 2.30pm	Lunch and Networking The event ends at 2.30pm		