Dear Parish Clerk,

We have been asked to email you on behalf of our Chief Executive, Charlie Adan, to see whether you would like to participate in the project below. If you’re interested in marking the occasion please feel free to visit the web link below to register your interest. This invitation is not obligatory and for your information only.

LIGHTS OUT

At 11pm on 4 August 1914 Britain declared war on Germany, ushering in one of the darkest periods in our history.

As the moment approached, the British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey made the famous remark: “The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our life-time”.

In a dramatic UK-wide event LIGHTS OUT is an invitation to everyone to turn off their lights from 10pm to 11pm on 4th August, leaving on a single light or candle for this shared moment of reflection.

Mid Suffolk & Babergh Councils are inviting all Parish Councils, Venues and Businesses to participate in this project if they would like to. The project is being managed by 14-18 NOW, and for more information, please visit www.1418now.org.uk/lights-out-community-engagement/, including ideas on how you can participate and how to register your involvement.

LIGHTS OUT, working closely with the Royal British Legion, will be one of the largest participatory events of its kind ever seen in the UK, and will complement the candlelit vigil held at Westminster Abbey on 4th August.

LIGHTS OUT is commissioned by 14-18 NOW, WW1 Centenary Art Commissions, supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England and the Heritage Lottery Fund

Yours sincerely,

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