

# District Councillor Report:

June 2026

**Badley, Baylham, Creeting St Mary, Creeting St Peter, Darmsden, Needham Market Town**

<b>Local elections 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Following the recent County Council elections we now have a Reform administration at SCC.
<b>Better Recycling – new bin collections</b>	Every household across the district should have received correspondence from the Suffolk Waste Partnership explaining how to use the new bins. The letter included a detailed bin collection calendar for each area. Next week (w.c 1 <sup>st</sup> June) the new blue bin will be collected – and we can now recycle tetrapaks, polythene bags as well as plastic bottles and cans and glass bottles and jars in the blue bin. The food waste bin will be collected every week.
<b>Local Government Reorganisation</b>	A new website has very recently gone live, called <i>Future Suffolk</i> . This has been jointly created by Suffolk's county, district and borough councils and provides clear information and updates about LGR in Suffolk - <a href="http://www.suffolklgrhub.gov.uk">www.suffolklgrhub.gov.uk</a> . Content includes an interactive map of provisional ward boundaries, timeline, and details about the 2027 shadow authority elections. This is a temporary website that aims to communicate the changes ahead in a clear and transparent way. It provides a single point of contact for residents to submit questions and comments via completion of the Contact Us form - <a href="#">Contact - Future Suffolk</a> . All the districts and boroughs have now agreed to form voluntary joint committees who will work together preparing for the new unitary authorities. The new Reform County Council are fighting the Government decision to go ahead with the reorganisation via Judicial Review, but officers continue working towards LGR until we hear otherwise.
<b>Joint Local Plan</b>	Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk have approved that formal notice to commence preparation of a new joint local plan. This will be published before the end of May and will include a timetable, and that the statutory Scoping Consultation will commence in June 2026 and run for a period of 8 weeks.
<b>Locality budget</b>	The 2026-27 Locality budgets have now been launched so we would love to receive applications for funding from any community group in Woolpit and Elmswell. Details can be found on the website <a href="https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards">https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards</a> . It is usually a good idea to contact one of us to discuss your application before submitting in.

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