

## **Broadland District Councillors Report for Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood Parish Council Meeting –17 July 2025**

The Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) has been named Local Plan of the Year at the 2025 Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) East of England Awards. The South Norfolk and Broadland Planning Team were also Highly Commended.

Following publication of the Examiner's Report, the Postwick with Witton Neighbourhood Plan is now proceeding to a referendum. To view the documents go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/planning/future-development/local-plans/neighbourhood-plans/emerging-neighbourhood-plans-broadland/postwick-witton-neighbourhood-plan>

Strumpshaw Parish Council and Brundall Parish Councils are both conducting Neighbourhood Plan reviews. For more information go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/planning/future-development/local-plans/neighbourhood-plans/emerging-neighbourhood-plans-broadland>

Cllr Laming attended the BDC flag raising for Armed Forces Day at the Horizon Centre on 23 June.

1<sup>st</sup> Brundall Guides have been awarded a BDC Keep it Going Grant of £273.60 towards hall hire costs, and Brundall Memorial Hall has been awarded a Keep it Going Grant of £295 towards consumable costs and room hire fees at the community café.

The BDC Business Builder support programme is open to applications for 2025/2026. A second round is opening to expression of interests on 23 July. Funding is available to support business start-ups and existing businesses to invest and grow. There are also Capital grants available of up to £20,000 per case for businesses in rural areas for plans to increase productivity, measures to significantly reduce the carbon footprint and diversifying into new income streams.

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/business/broadland-business-builder-programme>

BDC is conducting a survey of businesses to look at the challenges in adopting solar technologies. To take part go to: <https://us18.list-manage.com/survey?u=09ca61a33fa8fe7ea5a4ce134&id=05a5e9ba04&attribution=false&e=8b9cca724c>

Under Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), significant changes are coming to how council services are run in Norfolk. There are different views on how LGR should look like and Broadland District Council, along with 5 other Norfolk district councils, are running a consultation on their preferred three unitary council option which they believe would best serve the people of Norfolk. The consultation is open now at Future Norfolk: <https://www.futurenorfolk.com/>

BDC is reviewing its Statement of Licensing Policy which must be published every 5 years and covers the following licensable activities: retail alcohol sales, the supply of

alcohol by or on behalf of a club, provision of regulated entertainment and provision of late-night refreshment. A 6-week public consultation for the revised document will commence in July 2025.

BDC is planning to run free Climate Change and Sustainability workshops from September 2025 for Parish and Town Councils and their communities. These would cover a range of topics on taking meaningful climate action and providing access to support and potential grant opportunities. If you have thoughts and ideas on this, please complete this survey by 31 July.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ikQbvZ9SBEqklb1K4febsJsLhb8nFJfJlyZo2SsePehUQUIGUTBRMURZVDY1NEZWUllaUDc2Q1Q5Sy4u&route=shorturl>

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BDC will be hosting the Marriott's Way 10km run this year on Sunday 21 September. The run starts in Aylsham and follows the old railway line to finish in the marketplace at Reepham. Individuals or teams can participate. Local businesses can put teams of 4 forward for the Corporate Challenge. To sign up, visit the website:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/leisure/marriotts-way-10k>

BDC and SNC have received Gold Accreditation from the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) for their exceptional work to support survivors of domestic abuse. The network, with a multi-service approach, is making a difference to vulnerable individuals and families across Norfolk.

The link to the website for advice and information on domestic abuse is here:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/domestic-abuse/what-is-domestic-abuse>

BDC is developing a Biodiversity Strategy 2025-2030 which will build on the Climate Change, Environment and Biodiversity Delivery Plan 2025-2028, to outline how it will achieve its core biodiversity objectives. There are 3 key priorities: Enhancing biodiversity on the land managed by BDC, Supporting biodiversity beyond BDC boundaries, and Inspiring and Influencing wider action.

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 15/07/25)