

Broadland District Councillors Report for Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood Parish Council Meeting – 16 October 2025

On 9 September Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Laming met some of the children, with their parents and carers, who had completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Brundall Library, to hand out their certificates and medals. Congratulations to all of those who completed the challenge.

Cllr Davis still has £1,000 in his ward grant to fund small community projects. If you know of schemes that can benefit from funding, please get in contact.

Cllr Laming attended the Neighbourhood Policing Meeting on Wednesday 17 September which covered a range of areas east of Norwich including the Acle Team area which covers Brundall Ward. The priority for the next couple of months will be Road Safety. A Neighbourhood policing survey will be launched soon to help gather data to assist with decision making. This should be easy to complete and will be launched via a range of channels. The importance of Community Speedwatch, Neighbourhood Watch and reporting any incidents online was mentioned. The next meeting will be on 9 December 2025.

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/area/your-area/norfolk/broadland/acle/meetings-and-events/top-reported-crimes-in-this-area>

Cllr Laming attended Blofield Courthouse on 19 September to meet some of the Wellbeing Champions who have completed their training on Mental Health Awareness as part of the Mindful Communities programme.

At Overview and Scrutiny on 23 September a report was given on the progress of the new customer experience project. The project aims to improve service delivery and customer satisfaction through using a new digital platform. This will provide an additional means of liaising with BDC in addition to the existing channels. A contract has been awarded to provide the service.

Household food waste collections are available for residents across the entire district. The most recent participation rate is 78%, which is high compared with other local authorities.

Training courses are coming up in October 2025 at Carrowbreck House on Health and Safety in the Workplace (Level 3) and Marketing with Social Media. For more information go to

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/business/training-courses>

The October Half Term Tots 2 Teens activity bookings are now open. For information and to book go to

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/community-safety/community/tots-2-teens>

The current Greater Norwich Local Plan was adopted in March 2024. The process to create the next Local Plan will begin soon. The government has changed the calculation for local housing need and new National Development Management Policies (NDMPs) are due to come in. A team to lead the process will be

appointed, baseline data will be calculated for the Greater Norwich area and a call for sites to look at land availability is likely to go out in early 2026. The last local plan took 7 years to create. The timeline for the new plan is likely to be 3-4 years, even with plans for Local Government Organisation.

Cantley Sugar factory is working closely with National Highways to minimise disruption to local traffic routes during the sugar beet campaign. The diversion route takes traffic on the B1140 when driving to and from the factory from the A47 and there is now additional signage in place to stop lorries using Beighton Road. Do report any incidences of traffic to/from the site not following the recommended diversion. A photo of the vehicle, or a note of the registration plate, will help to identify it as quickly as possible so action can be taken. Details can be sent to communications@britishsugar.com

The shortlisted nominees for the Broadland Community Awards have now been confirmed. To view them go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/broadland-community-awards>

Congratulations to all those who are in Brundall Ward! The awards will be presented on 16 October.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

The various proposals for unitary models have now been submitted from all of the councils in Norfolk. The government will consider whether they are compliant proposals, and those that are will then go out to consultation with the relevant statutory consultees. The government minister will then make a decision in the first quarter of 2026. A Structural Change Order will then be enacted, which will inform how the process progresses and is delivered.

Some questions have been raised about how to best serve the unparished areas. A neighbourhood governance model is being considered which should provide more guidance.

Elections to the Shadow Unitary/(ies) will be in May 2027 with vesting of the new authority (ies) in May 2028. The expectation is that the District Council Elections which would have been in May 2027 will not go ahead.

Once the Shadow Unitary/(ies) are set up, any big decisions eg major contracts will not be taken by the district councils but by the new shadow authority/(ies).

The aim is to ensure that the shadow unitary/(ies) will be ready so that after Vesting Day it/they will be ready to take safe and legal decisions.

Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk

Suffolk County Council has agreed to move ahead with the government programme, and Norfolk is soon to make its decision. If agreed, the process will then be enabled using a Structural Change Order and elections for the Mayor held in May 2026 at the same time as elections to Norfolk County Council.

A Town and Parish Council in person Summit will be held on 12 November from 10.00 to 2.00 pm at the Horizon Centre on Broadland Business Park. The agenda is being compiled. There will be lunch provided and a chance for networking.

Cllr Laming attended the Integrated Care System District Council meeting on 9 October. Reports were received on the large number of projects being carried out by the 8 Health and Wellbeing Boards. Broadland has a big focus on providing the Help Hub, Social Prescribing, the Community Engagement Van, the Social Moments Enterprise and Mindful Towns and Villages. For more information on the Help Hub see: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/community-safety/help-hub>

BDC is now offering Winter Pressure Grants for up to £500 for community organisations which put forward an initiative to help support residents who are struggling with the costs of living. There is limited funding so do apply as soon as possible. For more details and to apply go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/community-safety/community/funding/winter-pressure-grant>

Cllr Davis applied for a BDC Community Grant to fund refurbishment of the toilets at the Brundall Scout Hut. This was approved in full on 9 October, with the project being awarded the maximum possible amount of £15000.

Cllr Davis attended a successful recycling event for small electrical items and textiles on 10 October, to help residents to reduce waste and recycle more. The electrical items collected are sent to a contractor in Costessey. 75% of materials in old electrical items can be recycled and used in new equipment. Textiles can be reused or recycled and any that cannot be are shredded into fibres ready to make new fabric.

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 13/10/25)