

Broadland District Councillors Report for Brundall Parish Council Meeting – 16 December 2024

The BDC Electoral Arrangements committee have noted the new County Divisions in use for the Norfolk County Council elections due on 1 May 2025. The new Blofield and Brundall County Division includes the parishes of Brundall, Postwick, Strumphaw, Blofield, Hemblington and South Walsham.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England will be undertaking an Electoral Review of Broadland District Council. This will consider the electoral arrangements for the district including the number of councillors, the number of wards, the boundaries between wards, the names of each ward and the number of councillors elected to each ward. The process involves extensive consultation, and the final report will be published in June 2026.

We have completed the following recent surveys: Norfolk County Council (NCC) Short Journey Travel Habits Survey, NCC Budget Consultation and Street Light Consultation, Norfolk Police Budget Consultation, NCC Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025 Public Questionnaire.

13 new projects in Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk are being put forward for funding from the Greater Norwich Growth Board via pooled Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts. The project in Brundall Ward is for improvements to Buckenham Ancient Woodland. For more detail see:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/news/projects-across-greater-norwich-are-set-to-share-more-than-4-million-in-funding>

The GNGB has also agreed to recommend putting £1.5m from the Infrastructure Investment Fund towards the delivery of a new School of Oral Health at the University of East Anglia. Yare Valley Churches in Brundall have been awarded a Winter Pressures Grant of £350 towards providing free hot drinks and a Warm Space at their community café and toddler café.

Businesses in Broadland have donated toys, gifts and vouchers to the BDC Help Hub for families who are experiencing hardship.

Tots 2 Teens are running activities over the Winter Holidays including Artzone sessions on 27 December and 30 December at Margaret Harker Hall in Biofield. For more details see:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/t2t>

BDC is undertaking work to address Health Inequalities across the district, particularly in relation to residents' living and working conditions. This ties in with the recent publication of the Health Inequality Framework for Action by the Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board

<https://improvinglivesnw.org.uk/norfolk-and-waveney-5-year-joint-forward-plan/strategic-frameworks/>

At the BDC Cabinet meeting on 10/11/24 it was agreed to:

Recommend to Council to adopt a new Permanent Pavement Licensing Regime with new fees and charges and policy documentation

Recommend to Council to adopt a revised Unreasonably Persistent Complainants Policy

Adopt a revised Whistleblowing Policy

BDC is proposing to make some changes to the Council Tax Assistance Scheme (CTA) for 2025/26 to improve fairness and improve the way CTA is assessed. The CTA is a scheme which reduces Council Tax bills to a more affordable level for low-income households.

The Rechargeable Repairs Policy for BDC housing is being reviewed to ensure that residents understand what they are responsible for, and to ensure that BDC properties are decent places to live, with any repairs or maintenance required being carried out and charged for accordingly.

A draft Supplementary Planning Document for Custom and Self Build Housing has been prepared. It is likely to go for public consultation for 4 weeks in mid-January 2025.

The next Community Links Network meeting will feature a session from [Creativity Unbound](#) covering marketing, fundraising and community outreach. There will also be a chance to hear the latest updates from the Communities Team and network with other local community groups. The session is on 28 January 2025 from 4.30-6.30 pm at the Horizon Centre. To book use this link: <https://orlo.uk/e7X61>

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 13/12/24)