

Broadland District Councillor Report for Brundall Parish Council Meeting – 28 April 2025

Broadland District Council is asking its residents and stakeholders to take part in a consultation on the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy for 2025-2030, titled "From Small Acts to Big Changes: Together we can stop homelessness." The strategy acknowledges the council's proven track record in homelessness prevention and addresses the current challenges of the cost of living and housing crises and increased housing costs. The consultation is now open and runs until 28 April 2025.

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/housing/i-worried-homelessness/homelessness-strategy-consultation>

If you know of people who need help with housing contact the Help Hub on 01603 430431 or email helphub@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

BDC is looking at renewing the existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog fouling and dog control for another 3 years from October 2025. A public consultation will be run to help identify if any amendments are needed. The PSPO applies to the whole of the district. It requires a person in control of a dog to clean up after it when it fouls in a public space and to dispose of the waste in a suitable waste disposal receptacle. There are exemptions for people who have some disabilities. The number of formal reports is low, but dog fouling continues to be an issue of public concern. Monitoring and enforcement of the PSPO is carried out by the Community Protection team.

BDC is considering adopting a framework for High Street Rental Auctions (HSRA). The aim of using HSRA Powers is to revitalise long-term vacant properties and bring them back into commercial use to support local economic growth. A 12-month pilot study is planned to assess the potential benefits.

BDC has also been running a Business Builder programme which provides grants to local businesses to encourage investment in commercial premises. It also sends out a regular Business Support E-Newsletter to over 3500 businesses which highlights vacant properties and commercial opportunities.

For more information, contact the Business Regulatory Support Hub:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/news/the-business-regulatory-support-hub-your-one-stop-solution-for-business-success>

The Chairman of BDC, Cllr Adrian Tipple hosted a Civic Reception in March at the Horizon building which raised £3156 for the Natasha Allergy Research Foundation, the UK's leading food allergy charity.

Residents from Broadlands Lodge Care Home in Postwick carried out a Big Broadland Litter Pick on 27 March to clean up the local environment. Many thanks to them for doing so. BDC is looking for more groups to take part in the Big Broadland Litter Pick. Contact Jan or Eleanor to be involved.

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. To sign up, visit the website:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/news/race-to-sign-up-for-marriotts-way-10k>

The Norfolk Net Zero Communities project is holding a Community Roundtable event on Community Energy on Wednesday 30 April from 1800-2000 at Brundall Memorial Hall. The session will ask how communities should be involved in conversations, decisions and action on local energy. Sessions are open to all and will be informal and interactive with no prior knowledge of community energy needed. To book on to the session use the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIFFIz3aRTzxs3Q5Wpa0g_eaW7sq5wumGM2eu7YpGbk9auKA/viewform

BDC is launching a public consultation in partnership with other district councils on Local Government Reorganisation.

A guide to Norfolk Devolution and local government reorganisation and the survey can be found here:

<https://www.future-east.co.uk/>

The BDC Members Ward grant scheme is open now for the new financial year from April 2025 to 2026. Each district councillor has an allocation of £1000 which can be spent on projects in their local ward. For more information contact your district councillor or go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/broadland-members-ward-funding>

BDC is required to formally review the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) every 5 years. The SCI sets out how the council involves people in planning decisions, such as the determination of planning applications and the preparation of the Local Plan documents. The document has been reviewed, and minor updates have been made.

BDC has delivered Carbon Literacy training so far to 22 Town and Parish Clerks. This comprehensive training covers crucial topics including carbon emissions, the impacts of climate change both nationally and locally, and actionable steps that local groups can take to make a difference.

BDC offer a range of courses at Carrowbreck House, 7 Carrowbreck Road, Norwich. Training on Canva is on offer on 7 May 2025

<https://bookwhen.com/carrowbreckhouse/e/ev-scm8-20250507093000>

Training on Excel is on offer on 13 May 2025

<https://bookwhen.com/carrowbreckhouse/e/ev-s1hy-20250513093000>

In 2024, Broadland residents collected 12,388 tonnes of garden waste, 3,833 tonnes of food waste, and more than 9,880 tonnes of dry recycling. This resulted in 5,182 tonnes of CO2e being saved, which is similar to taking 1,118 cars off the road for a year.

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 27/4/25)