

Broadland District Councillor Report for Brundall Parish Council Meeting – 27 January 2026

The SNC and BDC Handy Person Scheme was named Handyperson of the Year in Manchester at the National Healthy Housing Awards 2025. This recognition celebrates the impact the scheme has in improving residents' safety, comfort, and wellbeing at home. For more information about the Handy Person Scheme go to: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/housing/housing-advice-support/handyperson>

The Draft Greater Norwich Joint Five-year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2026 to 2031 and the Annual Growth Programme 2026-2027 is coming to BDC for approval. It is drawn up by the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB) and provides an evidence base for the allocation of funding from the Infrastructure Investment Fund which is pooled from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) provided from new development. It will come back to the GNGB for final agreement on 12 March. A total amount of £3,021,733.25 has been allocated to 6 projects.

The projects included in Broadland are:
The Blofield Park Community Centre £500,000
The Nest Padel courts project £150,000

Norfolk Environmental Credits (NEC) is a not-for-profit venture between 5 Norfolk Councils developed in 2023 to address the housing backlog caused by Nutrient Neutrality. By November 2025 it has unlocked the development of 2400 homes. Norfolk is expected to see a growth of 11% in population over the next 20 years. <https://www.norfolkinsight.org.uk/jsna/population/>
For more information on NEC see: <https://hive.greenfinanceinstitute.com/gfihive/toolkit/developing-a-business-case-and-financial-model/norfolk-environmental-credits/>

BDC Cabinet has approved an updated Safeguarding Policy for BDC. This follows a full review of the current safeguarding arrangement and an update in procedures.

BDC Cabinet has approved a new policy for Waste Services. This reflects current and upcoming legislation in relation to the government's waste and recycling reforms and sets clear service standards for the district. Councils need to consider the introduction of Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility payments and Simpler Recycling measures.

The Norfolk Warm Homes Team and BDC Communities Team will be at the Coffee Morning at Brundall Memorial Hall on Wednesday 28 January from 9.30 am to 12 noon. The BDC Community Engagement Vehicle will also be in the car park which can give interested residents information on support provided by Broadland District Council. For more information see the attached links:

Community Engagement Van - [Help Hub Van | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)
Community Capacity - [Support for community groups | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)
General Help Hub - [Getting help | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)
The Warm Homes Team ([Norfolk Warm Homes](#)) will have leaflets, and application related materials for the current Warm Homes Government funding. They will also

have a Thermal Imaging Camera to share and display how heat losses occur on buildings.

The Cantley and District Women's Institute has been awarded a Keep it Going grant. The funds of £300 will go towards venue hire costs and speakers. Congratulations!

The Broads Authority is currently running a consultation on a Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document. One of the areas covered by this is the Yare Valley with sections in the parishes of Brundall Ward. The draft document can be viewed here, and the consultation closes on 9 February 2026. We have submitted comments

<https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/about-us/how-we-work/transparency/consultations>

BDC received 15 applications for funding through the Future for Nature Fund (FFMF) and 11 schemes will be awarded funding via this route. Another 3 will be funded through another route, so 14 schemes have been approved in total.

The Broadland Biodiversity Strategy for 2025-2030 is now on the BDC website. The link to the Strategy is here:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/environment/trees-biodiversity/south-norfolk-council-and-broadland-district-council-biodiversity-strategies-2025-30>

The BDC Customer Experience Project continues to progress, and an update was provided to the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 20 January. The project aims to improve customer service, modernise service delivery and reduce operational costs through a new digital platform. The procurement exercise has been completed and the new services is being delivered. It is expected the service will be in use by the end of March 2026.

The finalists for the 2026 Broadland and South Norfolk Business Awards have been announced. The winners will be revealed at an awards evening on the 18 March. The categories include: Business Growth, Business Innovation, Employer of the Year, Environmental Impact, Food and Drink producer of the Year, Insurance Financial or Professional Services, Manufacturing and Engineering Business of the Year, New Business, Small Business, Tourism, Pub of the Year, Retailer of the Year, and Business Builder exemplar. For more information see:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/news/finalists-announced-for-the-2026-broadland-and-south-norfolk-business-awards>

The next Community Links Network session will be covering the practicalities of running events, with information provided from the BDC Licensing team. There will also be time for networking with refreshments. The session will be held on Tuesday 3 February from 4.30 – 6.30 pm at the Horizon Centre. It is free to attend. To book click on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-links-networking-session-february-2026-tickets-1651574577019?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information generally on the Community Links Network go to: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/community-safety/help-hub/support-community-groups>

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