

Broadland District Councillor Report for Brundall Parish Council Meeting - 27 April 2026

The Greater Norwich Growth Board (BDC is in the GNGB partnership) has published its third annual update on the Physical Activity and Sport Strategy projects it is supporting. The update for 2025 outlines the work done to tackle inactivity and reduce inequalities through upgrades to community facilities such as the Aylsham Gym and Fitness Hub in Broadland. For more information go to:
<https://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/article/67058/Physical-Activity-and-Sport-Strategy>

Broadland District Council (BDC) has handed over the management of Broadland Country Park to Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) after successfully establishing the park's infrastructure BDC will remain a key stakeholder while NWT will bring its extensive experience in managing land to benefit both nature and local communities. The partners are significantly expanding Broadland Country Park by purchasing Drayton Drewray. This will add an additional 114 acres of land to the south of the site, effectively doubling the size of Broadland Country Park. New paths will be created for walkers and cyclists, alongside conservation work designed to increase biodiversity across the landscape. Habitats such as native broadleaf woodland and heathland will be restored and expanded.

At BDC Main Council on 26 March 2026 the following were approved:

The acceleration of the Council's organisational net zero target from 2030 to 2028 was approved. This is backed up by evidence in the most recent carbon-footprint report. The Climate Change, Environment and Biodiversity Plan will be updated accordingly. The Council's total carbon footprint is 425 tons of CO₂e which is at present the lowest of any local authority in Norfolk.

The report can be viewed here:

<https://democracy.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=142&MId=1067&Ver=4>

The Draft Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure Strategy Supplementary Planning Document was formally adopted. It is to be used by developers when designing and proposing new developments and will be a material consideration when assessing planning applications. The focus headings are: Healthier happier and more active people, Nature rich places, Climate resilient places and Prosperous communities. The recent 6-week consultation has resulted in an improved introduction and some comments made by responders will be passed on to the Greater Norwich Growth Board.

The Draft Sustainable Communities (GNLP Policy 2) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted.

This expands on the existing Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) policy to give additional guidance. Developers will need to prepare a Sustainability Statement and Delivery Statement for relevant applications. SPD 's are material considerations in the determination of planning applications. Following the recent 6-week consultation some details required for matters such as water efficiency are clearer, and improvements have been made to the document's resources list.

The Broadland Health and Wellbeing Partnership (HWP) Strategy for 2026-2029 was adopted. A complete review of the previous strategy was done using new data to guide future plans and assist with external funding bids. Broadland HWP brings over 25 organisations together and has an Annual public health grant of £100,000. It aims to improve health and reduce inequalities and has managed a range of projects including Stroke Reach, Community Engagement Van, Social Prescribing in Secondary Care, Help through Crisis, World Café Events, Active NoW expansion, Mindful Towns and Villages and a Diet and Nutrition project.

The BDC Programme of Meetings for May 2026 to May 2027 was approved and this can be viewed on the website here under agenda item 10

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The Pay Policy Statement for 2026/27 was approved. It is published on the Council's website.

Broadland District Council opened applications for its 2026 Community Grant Scheme (CGS) on 1 April, with £50,000 available to support local community led projects. The scheme provides grants of £1,000 to £15,000 to help deliver substantial initiatives that enhance local facilities or improve residents' quality of life. The deadline for applications is 7 June 2026. All applications will be reviewed by the CGS Panel, which will meet on 8 July 2026 to allocate funding. There will also be a further opportunity for groups to apply to the scheme later in the year.

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

General information on Waste and Recycling

A new and improved waste and recycling app replaced the old bin collection app a few months ago. As well as helpful reminders on upcoming bin collections and details of what you can and can't recycle, the new app allows you to;

Report missed bins

Report fly tipping

Book a bulky waste collection

Stay informed about any collection changes or disruptions through push notifications

To download the new app go

to: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/bdcbinapp>

Broadland District Council's 'Where's the Fly Tip' campaign allows you to report fly-tipping online. They will investigate and take enforcement action where possible to remove the waste. Follow the link provided to report any incidents of fly-tipping.

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/wheres-the-fly-tip>

Dog Waste: BDC kindly reminds residents to pick up dog waste.

Failing to do so is a criminal offence under the Broadland District Council Public Spaces Protection Order No. 3 (2022), made under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. For more information and to make a report go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/environment/complaints/dog-fouling>

Local Government Reorganisation Update

In March 2026 the government decided to move ahead with a proposal for 3 new unitary authorities in Norfolk. A map of the boundaries can be viewed here:

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-10608/>

A Structural Change Order (SCO) is to be laid in Spring 2026 to dissolve the existing councils, set out the new warding arrangements for the new unitary councils, the number of councillors and the implementation structure.

The SCO is expected to be approved by the government in Autumn 2026. All of the Norfolk authorities are now working together to prepare.

Once the new legislation has been passed, Joint Committees will be set up which will operate until the elections to the Shadow Authorities have taken place in May 2027. The Shadow Authorities will then make decisions relating to the governance of the new unitaries. 1 April 2028 will be the vesting day for the new unitary authorities after which the current councils will no longer exist.

Throughout this period the aim is to continue to provide services as normal.

BDC does not currently have a 5-year housing land supply. The process to create the next Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP 2045) has been commenced on the advice of the government. It is recognised that the process will have to evolve to account for the new unitary boundaries.

The government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund made financial provision for improvement of youth services. Rackheath Parish Council (PC) received £30,000 and engaged the YMCA to set up a youth club in September 2025 which has been a success. Costessey PC also received £30,000 and committed to improve and expand existing youth provision for another 4 years. Funding is now limited but BDC parishes are also invited to contact the Communities Team if thinking of expanding or growing their youth provision. For more information contact: communities.team@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

The next Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team meeting for the Acle area will be held on 18 June 2026 at 6.00 pm with the venue to be announced nearer the time.

BDC is now accepting nominations for the 2026 Broadland Community Awards. Nominations will close on 28 August 2026. These awards recognise individuals, schools, community organisations and businesses who commit themselves to helping their local community and making a difference to people's lives and the awards event will be held this year at the Royal Norwich Golf Club on 15 October.

The categories are as follows:

- **Young Achiever Award** - A young person (aged 18 and under) who has made an exceptional contribution to their community.
- **Community Organisation of the Year** - A community organisation who has made a significant impact to the community.
- **Business in the Community Award** - A local business or commercial organisation that has gone above and beyond to support the local community.
- **Volunteer of the Year** - An individual who selflessly devotes their time and energy to the community.

- **Environmental Champion Award** - An individual, school or community organisation who has made an extra effort to have a positive impact on the environment.
- **Connecting Communities Award** - An individual, school or community organisation that has gone out of their way to encourage communities to come together and promote inclusivity.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** - A person who has dedicated over 20 years of their life to the community, volunteering for the benefit of others and deserves special recognition for their efforts and commitment.
- **Healthy and Active Award** - An individual, school or community organisation that has gone above and beyond in facilitating healthy and active lifestyles.
- **Rising Star Award** - An individual or newly formed community organisation that has recently begun their volunteering journey.

For more information go to:

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

Contact: Email communities@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or call 01603 430611.

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 23/4/26)