

District Councillor Report: Debenham Ward – June 2024
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<p>Out & About in the Ward:</p>	<p>As I write this on 20th May it is with the positivity that comes with the sun. Following on from my last report, Tansy Cooper, of our Debenham Green Team, gave an excellent report at the Debenham Annual Parish Meeting last week to advise that Helen Dangerfield of the Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust alongside many the other partners are working towards saving the River Deben – which includes working with landowners within the Deben clusters to prevent flooding and drought. You may have seen this in the newspaper.</p> <p>Our very own Hoppit Wood is also having a celebration to celebrate 20 years on 22nd June, look out for posters going up soon.</p> <p>I wanted to focus on Moving Well Debenham this month, a group that was created in March 2023 following a lot of hard work from it’s organisers. Moving Well Debenham is a not-for-profit community group. It has been holding group sessions of fitness & mindfulness with refreshments, discussions and conversation. All this takes place at the Debenham Community Centre on Tuesdays at 11:00am till 12:30pm. Its focus is for residents who are 65 to 84 years of age - which is nearing a quarter of people in the Debenham ward now. They use a qualified personal trainer for each session – so you are safe and secure. You don’t have to do all the exercises, just those you feel capable of doing whether that be standing up or sitting down, in fact a chair is one of the apparatus used. Each session seeks to have a positive impact in physical activity, movement, strength, balance, memory, cognition, general wellbeing, including nutrition and diet whilst also combatting loneliness and isolation. It’s amazing what moving well does for us. It is a very welcoming group and if you live in Debenham or the surrounding local villages please come along, a small session cost of £2.50 will cover instruction, food and drink. The warm welcome is free!</p> <p>Our Capital Grant application window is open for grants of up to £10,000 which is aimed at community groups for repairs and maintenance. The closing date is 14th July. If anyone would like to know more please do get in touch with our team on 0300 1234 000 asking for the Grants Team or by email on BMSDCGrants@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk</p> <p>You can always contact me directly if this is easier. My Locality award is also available for this year, so if you have an idea or project please do get in touch.</p> <p>Suffolk County Council have also launched a request form that people can use if they feel they need Electric Vehicle charging on their street and this is the link that is available Request an EV chargepoint in Suffolk Request an EV chargepoint in Suffolk Request an EV chargepoint in Suffolk Request an EV chargepoint in Suffolk</p>
<p>Cabinet/Council News</p>	<p><u>Mid Suffolk in June</u></p> <p>Currently we are looking at Mid Suffolks performance and how our services are progressing and can be improved for the better. We have had officers looking at how we can help those in most need in the economic climate we are in and also looking at improving our procurement processes. Discussion on the National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Pylon route will also take place to provide a consultation response. I would urge all residents to review the consultation online, if you can, to see what National Grid are proposing to do and leave your own comments as well.</p> <p>Our June Cabinet Meeting will be on 11th June and the Full Council meeting will be on 27th June.</p>