

District Councillor Report: Debenham Ward – October 2024
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Our Community	Come meet me, starting from Monday 21st October I will be holding a monthly surgery at The Debenham Shed for any queries, concerns or suggestions. If anyone has another venue that might be available free of charge for a different couple of hours each month please let me know as I would be happy to visit others parts of my ward. A brand new service, Taxi Bus, is coming this October. Funded by Mid Suffolk it is a unique service designed to have physical bus stops as well as the ability to divert from the route to collect people along the way – you can also book online or by phone. Among the routes there will be a service going to Stowmarket via Debenham and also a route going to Eye from Debenham. This service is designed for anyone, with a view to run all the time to take people to work, shopping, evening journeys, days out, school or college. Initially it will run for 3 days a week all day 7am-7pm and if popular we will be able to expand and grow. Look out for the formal launch, taster days and the free first ride. The ‘First Time Fix’ project is being implemented over the coming months by our Housing Team. Its aim is to: • increase first time fix rates • enable appointment booking at the first point of contact • ensure that customer commitments are fulfilled • reduce the need for customers to chase repairs • improve customer satisfaction Feedback from our tenants about their experiences of our repairs service has been used to improve our processes to make them more effective. So I would be interested to hear about anyone’s experiences in the last month or so. Our call to Businesses for their input went out last month, if you are not on our mailing list please sign up. We are holding face to face sessions to understand how we can help business over the next 5yrs. One of these sessions is being held at The Mix on 7th October in the morning. Please get in touch with me directly if you wish to attend, or email BMSDCEconomicdevelopment@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk As some of you might be aware the government is trying to ensure all those who are eligible for Pension credit are applying if they have not before. If you are having difficulty finding the right information please do give me a call or contact our Citizens Advice Bureau who are also a very good source of information on 01449 676060.
Local Planning & Flooding	Firstly, thank you to everyone who has given me their contact details and information on the hot spots in our rivers and brooks. I am already compiling this information and I am liaising with the Environment Agency and other bodies to get these sorted out. You might have seen the Environment Agency is already working along the banks behind Water Lane and will be fitting 18meters of new bank boards. Following the S.19 report published by our Flood Lead, Suffolk County Council, I will be liaising with Cllr Baldwin of our Parish Council to support them if needed in the next steps. Thank you again to all our volunteers, I will be in touch with you directly, it was wonderful to get so much input.
MSDC Council Meetings	During Septembers Cabinet and Council meeting you will note that we have looked at the transition to National Governments ‘Simpler Recycling’, if anyone would like to speak to me about the upcoming changes on 31st March 2026 please do just ask. October’s Cabinet meeting will take place on 8th October, our Full Council meeting will take place on 31st October.

