

**District Councillor Report: Debenham Ward – Sept 2025**  
**Serving Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Aspall, Bedingfield, Debenham, Kenton & Winston**  
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| <p><b>Community Information:</b></p>             | <p>The Men's Cycling <b>Tour of Britain</b> comes to Debenham on <b>3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>. Starting from Stowmarket the race will enter Debenham at around 11:30am. You may have seen posters up for the event and hopefully you will be taking part in 'Decorate to Celebrate' and be able to have fun cheering them on and they whizz off to Kenton five minutes later! You can link up as a business if you are looking to advertise your wares, maybe a bike bun or just head to their website to sign up for regular updates <a href="https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/tourofbritain/men/stagetwo">https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/tourofbritain/men/stagetwo</a></p> <p><b>Local Government Reform</b> continues – You may have seen this in the press recently about the Unitary Councils that National Government have said we have to do. The Borough and District Councils have looked at the results of our previous survey to you and have taken this into account when producing a draft initial overview of what this could look like, here on this website <a href="https://threecouncilsforsuffolk.org/">https://threecouncilsforsuffolk.org/</a>. We continue to want to hear from you. One council for where you live, but how many people should it cover over which area and do you expect to be able to speak to the council and they understand about where you live? Use the link to find out more, asks questions and give your opinion. Ultimately this is a decision that will be taken by Government.</p> <p><b>Mid Suffolk Taxi Bus and Rural Connect</b> are here for you. The <b>Taxi Bus Service</b> is up and running on a Thursday to Stowmarket, your first trip is free. County Council's Travel Vouchers can be used on this service and I am eager to hear about your experience and if you will use it regularly. At £4 a journey it is £1 more than the bus and a direct route to Stowmarket. The timetable can be found by putting Mid Suffolk Taxibus into Google or call 01449 866 866.</p> <p><b>Rural Connect</b> is also a minibus service with no set routes aimed to take you to places such as Diss and Framlingham etc. This service pilot is bookable over the phone and will collect door to door, again the County Councils Travel Vouchers can be used. Call them on 01449 614271.</p> <p><b>New Electrical Recycling Banks</b> – In the run up to improved recycling and in the spirit of recycling more, we have installed 6 VERY pink small electrical recycling banks:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iliffe Way car park, Stowmarket</li> <li>• Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre, Stowmarket</li> <li>• Elmswell train station</li> <li>• New Green Community Centre, Thurston</li> <li>• Station Yard car park, Needham Market</li> <li>• Eye Community Centre</li> </ul> <p>So anything electrical and broken, around the size of a coffee machine or toaster, can be put in these bins.</p> |
| <p><b>Drop In/Cabinet and Council Dates:</b></p> | <p><b><u>Mid Suffolk in July</u></b></p> <p>My drop in surgeries will be Debenham Leisure Centre on Monday <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> from 9:30am-11:00am &amp; The Coffee House on the High Street from 9am-10:30am on Monday <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>. The next full council meeting will be on <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> and the Cabinet meeting will be on <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>. You can view them live. Do let me know if you have a question or concern you want to put to the council or cabinet.</p> <p>My contact details are above, please do use them and you can also keep up to date by signing up/linking to our social media, just go to <a href="http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk">www.midsuffolk.gov.uk</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

