

District Councillor Report: Debenham Ward – May 2025
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Community Information:	Firstly I hope everyone has been able to have a nice break over the Easter period. Coming up in May there is a survey that has been issued by our Planning Officers in respect of sending out letters to neighbours of planning applications. The Planning Officers are considering that letters should be stopped as they already advertise a notice in the vicinity of the planning application. For me this presents a real problem and I would prefer we keep notifying neighbours of planning applications by letter as not all people register with our planning portal to be notified online and I feel that most people might fail to see the formal notice or that the notice gets taken down. If you would like to let our Planning Officers know your preference (which might differ to mine altogether) please do complete the survey (it is quick) – this is the link https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/planning-consultations#community-involvement-consultation or contact me if you need a paper copy. The more people respond the better. As mentioned previously coming out this spring and summer following the £80m budget and capital ambition programme Mid Suffolk agreed in February:- Sports – up to £250,000 can be applied for by Parish Councils and Community groups to improve sports facilities in your area. Expression of interest forms are now available as of 28th April on this link https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/mid-suffolk-district-council-funding-1 Local Business – We have received national funding to help local business and details of funding will be coming out soon once they have been agreed with national government over May. Our Economic Action Plan is looking to be finalised ready for Cabinet in June. If you are a Community group, please do get in touch. My Locality Grant is now available for this financial year. It's a minimum of £250 and can help fund lots of different initiatives. Our Debenham Green Team have joined up with The Deben Climate Centre to put on some talks over May at the Debenham Leisure Centre. Different talks around themes on the River, improving water quality and flood resistance will take place on a Friday night starting on 16th May. I would recommend everyone to come to these. 3rd May is all about Hedgehogs in the run up to Hedgehog Awareness Week on the Debenham Green Team stall on Saturday.
Drop In/Cabinet and Council Dates:	<u>Mid Suffolk in May</u> My drop in surgery will not be going ahead in May as I will be volunteering at the school to help during their exam period. The next full council meeting will be on 15th May, which is the Annual Meeting and Cabinet will be on 6th May. You can view them live. Do let me know if you have a question or concern. 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 www.midsuffolk.gov.uk.