

District Councillor Report: Debenham Ward – January 2025
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<p>Community Information:</p>	<p>Further to my report for Dec/Jan. The government has also offered the option for Councils undergoing reorganisation to further delay local elections i.e. the County Council election currently planned for May 2026. There is a County Council vote on this on January 12th.</p> <p>The Government are now proposing new mandatory housing targets for each local authority area. It is now highly likely that there will need to be a process to revisit the current housing numbers for each town / village in the district. Further information to follow soon.</p> <p>Pride in Place Grant, which was first launched last year, is open for town councils, parish councils and local voluntary, community, faith and social enterprises (VCFSE) organisations to apply for.</p> <p>Grants of between £250 and £5,000 may be applied for, allowing for more significant projects to take place across the district.</p> <p>Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting • The development of local history, heritage culture • The purchasing of village signs • The purchasing of seating and benches for community spaces • Maintenance or enhancement of open public spaces • The purchase of equipment to enable the maintenance of open public spaces, including community litter picks <p>The grant window will remain open for applications until the annual £50,000 budget is fully allocated across the district.</p> <p>New Jobs in the Area, there are quite a few new jobs being created in the Stowmarket area.</p> <p>Bauder LTD, which makes sustainable roofing, is building a warehouse on Stowmarket's Gateway 14 business development, creating 20 jobs.</p> <p>Assan Panel, which makes building materials, is opening a £45m plant, also at the Gateway 14 site, and will be looking to fill 100 "highly-skilled" jobs.</p> <p>Retailer The Range has already announced it is looking for 1,000 employees for its warehousing operation, also based at Gateway 14 on the outskirts of the town.</p> <p>In 2025 sessions were held for over 1700 children and staff at primary schools in Mid Suffolk to provide education about what happens to our waste. Debenham Green Team will be holding their hard to recycle stall as normal on the 1st Saturday of each month, the 7th March will also have the theme and be able to answer any questions on the upcoming waste collection changes happening in June this year, with officers from Mid Suffolk attending.</p>
<p>More to come Drop In/Cabinet and Council Dates:</p>	<p><u>Mid Suffolk in January</u></p> <p>Reminder that my drop in surgeries will be on 12th Jan from 9:00am-11:00am at The Coffee House on the High Street and at the Debenham Leisure Centre from 9am-11:00am on Monday 19th Jan. The next full council meeting will be on 22nd Jan. 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 www.midsuffolk.gov.uk.</p>

