

**District Councillor Report: Debenham Ward – April 2026**  
**Serving Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Aspall, Bedingfield, Debenham, Kenton & Winston**  
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<p><b>Community Information:</b></p>	<p>I am sorry to have not been able to meet with people in March at my usual drop in surgeries. I was unfortunately I was taken into hospital on the last weekend of February and had emergency surgery, twice, it has taken a while to recover. I am now back though so do keep in touch if you have any concerns or queries you might have and if I have not yet replied please do give me a nudge as I might not have got to all my messages. We have now entered a '<b>pre-election period</b>' which used to be called 'purdah', starting on <b>27<sup>th</sup> March and lasting until 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>. All Councillors and Council meetings have rules to abide by during this period and local authorities should not publish any publicity on controversial issues or report views or proposals in such a way that identifies them with any individual members or groups of members. Councillors will need to ensure that they do not use any council resources to support election campaigning and that they do not use any council meetings or events as a platform for campaigning. Interested in reading more? I would recommend reading the guidance published by the LGA (Local Government Authority) if you want more detail on how all Councillors should behave during this time, <a href="https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/guidance-and-resources/pre-election-period">https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/guidance-and-resources/pre-election-period</a></p> <p><b>Oil Prices</b> and the continued <b>Cost of Living pressures</b>. Whilst the world changes we continue to try to maintain our own standard of living and wellbeing and living rurally can be more difficult. Mid Suffolk District Council have provided a dedicated webpage for links to both grants and advice. I wanted to highlight to you that <b>Mid Suffolk District Council</b> also has offices you can <b>visit in Stowmarket</b> to talk about things, open every day during the week as well as a drop in <b>every Friday in Eye Library</b> from 9:15am-12:30pm. You can also contact our team on the telephone 0300 1234 000 pressing option 7 or email them <a href="mailto:Costofliving@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk">Costofliving@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk</a>. The Citizens Advice Bureau (<b>CAB</b>), based in Stowmarket, is also a trusted and qualified service, just telephone 01449 676060. Or just type, <b>Mid Suffolk Supporting Financial Wellbeing</b> in your search engine (like google) to get instant links from the Web, including our District Council one. I hope everyone has received their <b>new waste bins</b>, if not let me know. It will be good to have a weekly food bin collection, less smell and according to the BBC, one food caddy of waste produces enough electricity to power an LED light bulb for 24hrs, with one lorry full powering 1,300 showers. Whilst it's better to not have waste at least we know that collecting it is not going to waste! It is a national change, so do get in touch with me if you have any worries on waste.</p>
<p><b>More to come Drop In/Cabinet and Council Dates:</b></p>	<p><b><u>Mid Suffolk in April</u></b>          Reminder that my drop in surgeries will be on Monday <b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b> 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 <b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>. It is lovely to have the chance to speak to people and help with any issue. There are no formal meetings in April, the next full council meeting is set for <b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b> as well as the next Cabinet set to be on <b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>. Do let me know if you have a question or concern you want to put to the council or cabinet. 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>