

District Councillor Report: Debenham Ward – Aug & Sept 2026
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Community Information:	<u>Housing:</u> Sometime last year it came to our attention that applications for grants to improve the accessibility in a persons home was taking quite a while to process. This was investigated and our housing team have now expanded their team in relation to Aids and Adaptation in the home and we expect, along with access to an occupational therapist, this will give us less reliance on the county council and cut time in processing applications. These grants are available all year round and you can find out details on this link https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/housing-support-and-financial-assistance In addition, details to apply for the crisis and resilience fund are now available and you can find details on this link https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/crisis-and-resilience-fund We also have a paper coming to cabinet in Aug/Sept considering the meaning of local connection in housing with a way to improve the priority process. <u>Resilience of Place:</u> Our Nature Recovery and Resilience grants are open and I wanted to bring this to your attention, especially our local groups. The Community Nature Recovery Grant provides up to £50,000 to projects and our Catchment and Landscape Nature Recovery Grant provides up to £200,000 to be applied for. I am hopeful that we will see some positive outcomes for the River Deben emerging soon along with any other natural flood management projects in our area. Details of the grants can be found by scrolling down on this link https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/community-funding <u>Sustainable Travel:</u> We have recently expanded our team in sustainable transport to meet the demand for cycling and walking path improvement and creation. It is good to see public rights of way being upgraded and so far we have funded the county council on 12 routes, including 2 in this ward. <u>Summer Exploring:</u> You may have seen in the press our region has some vineyards that you may want to visit. The Suffolk wine tour includes vineyards in Mid Suffolk, one of which you could visit when trying some Eezybikes electric bikes situated at the Stowmarket Leisure Centre – not far from Battisford at all. Full details of the trail can be found on this link https://heartofsuffolk.co.uk/explore/wine-in-suffolk/ Our Treasury Management Report will be coming to Full Council in Sept, this details how council money is to be managed and how well it was managed last year.
Drop In, Cabinet and Council Dates:	<u>Mid Suffolk in August & Sept</u> I won't be having any drop in surgeries over August but will be back in Sept on Monday 14th Sept from 9:00am-11:00am at The Coffee House on the High Street in Debenham and at the Debenham Leisure Centre from 9am-11:00am on Monday 21st Sept. It is always good to speak to people and help with any issue. The next full council meeting is set for 24th Sept as well as the next Cabinet meetings on 11th August & 8th Sept. 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 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.