Broadland District Councillors Report for Postwick with Witton Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 12 May 2026

Broadland District Council opened applications for its 2026 Community Grant Scheme (CGS) on 1 April, with £50,000 available to support local community led projects. The scheme provides grants of £1,000 to £15,000 to help deliver substantial initiatives that enhance local facilities or improve residents' quality of life. The deadline for applications is 7 June 2026. All applications will be reviewed by the CGS Panel, which will meet on 8 July 2026 to allocate funding. There will also be a further opportunity for groups to apply to the scheme later in the year.
https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/community-safety/community/funding/community-grant-scheme

General information on Waste and Recycling

A new and improved waste and recycling app replaced the old bin collection app a few months ago. As well as helpful reminders on upcoming bin collections and details of what you can and can't recycle, the new app allows you to;
Report missed bins
Report fly tipping
Book a bulky waste collection
Stay informed about any collection changes or disruptions through push notifications
To download the new app go
to: https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/bdcbinapp

Broadland District Council's 'Where's the Fly Tip' campaign allows you to report fly-tipping online. They will investigate and take enforcement action where possible to remove the waste. Follow the link provided to report any incidents of fly-tipping.
https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/wheres-the-fly-tip

Dog Waste**:** BDC kindly reminds residents to pick up dog waste.
Failing to do so is a criminal offence under the Broadland District Council Public Spaces Protection Order No. 3 (2022), made under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. For more information and to make a report go to:
https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/environment/complaints/dog-fouling

Local Government Reorganisation Update

In March 2026 the government decided to move ahead with a proposal for 3 new unitary authorities in Norfolk. A map of the boundaries can be viewed here:
https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-10608/

A Structural Change Order (SCO) is to be laid in Spring 2026 to dissolve the existing councils, set out the new warding arrangements for the new unitary councils, the number of councillors and the implementation structure. The government has asked councils to submit proposals for new ward boundaries by 29 May 2026.
The SCO is expected to be approved by the government in Autumn 2026. All of the Norfolk authorities are now working together to prepare.

Once the new legislation has been passed, Joint Committees will be set up which will operate until the elections to the Shadow Authorities have taken place in May 2027. The Shadow Authorities will then make decisions relating to the governance of the new unitaries. 1 April 2028 will be the vesting day for the new unitary authorities after which the current councils will no longer exist.
Throughout this period the aim is to continue to provide services as normal.

BDC does not currently have a 5-year housing land supply. The process to create the next Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP 2045) has been commenced on the advice of the government. It is recognised that the process will have to evolve to account for the new unitary boundaries.

The government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund made financial provision for improvement of youth services. Rackheath Parish Council (PC) received £30,000 and engaged the YMCA to set up a youth club in September 2025 which has been a success. Costessey PC also received £30,000 and committed to improve and expand existing youth provision for another 4 years. Funding is now limited but BDC parishes are also invited to contact the Communities Team if thinking of expanding or growing their youth provision. For more information contact: communities.team@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

The next Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team meeting for the Acle area will be held on 18 June 2026 at 6.00 pm with the venue to be announced nearer the time.

BDC is now accepting nominations for the 2026 Broadland Community Awards. Nominations will close on 28 August 2026. These awards recognise individuals, schools, community organisations and businesses who commit themselves to helping their local community and making a difference to people's lives and the awards event will be held this year at the Royal Norwich Golf Club on 15 October.

The categories are as follows:

- **Young Achiever Award** - A young person (aged 18 and under) who has made an exceptional contribution to their community.
- **Community Organisation of the Year -** A community organisation who has made a significant impact to the community.
- **Business in the Community Award** - A local business or commercial organisation that has gone above and beyond to support the local community.
- **Volunteer of the Year** - An individual who selflessly devotes their time and energy to the community.
- **Environmental Champion Award** - An individual, school or community organisation who has made an extra effort to have a positive impact on the environment.
- **Connecting Communities Award** - An individual, school or community organisation that has gone out of their way to encourage communities to come together and promote inclusivity.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** - A person who has dedicated over 20 years of their life to the community, volunteering for the benefit of others and deserves special recognition for their efforts and commitment.

- **Healthy and Active Award** - An individual, school or community organisation that has gone above and beyond in facilitating healthy and active lifestyles.
- **Rising Star Award** - An individual or newly formed community organisation that has recently begun their volunteering journey.

For more information go to:
https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/broadland-community-awards
Contact: Email communities@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or call 01603 430611.

BDC will soon be launching a new online My Account platform. The platform will provide improved access and new features for managing residents' accounts online by giving:

- Access to services online at a time that suits the resident
- Completion and submission of online forms
- Monitoring the status of service requests
- Access to make changes to an account including updating personal information

The next Community Links Network Meeting will be held on Thursday 16 July from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm at the Walled Garden in Little Plumstead.
Click here to book a free ticket:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-links-networking-session-july-2026-tickets-1988024515843?aff=oddtdtcreator
Community Links sessions are to bring together people who are community minded to make connections and learn from others. For the quarterly updates see:
https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/community-safety/help-hub/support-community-groups/community-links-quarterly-updates
For more information email communities@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or call 01603 430431
A Toolkit for Community Groups can be downloaded here:
https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/community-safety/help-hub/support-community-groups/toolkit-for-community-groups

BDC is offering a range of activities for children during the May half term holiday from 23 – 26 May. The programme is open to young people aged 5-16. Activities can now be booked online at www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/t2t or by calling (01603) 430525. Further information and updates are available at www.facebook.com/bdctots2teens.

The results of the Norfolk County Council elections were announced on 8 May. Cllr Jan Davis has been duly elected as Norfolk County Councillor for the Blofield and Brundall Division.

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 10/5/25