

Breckland District Councillors report for October 2026 -Shipdham

Chairman's reception. A great evening was held at St Georges Distillery hosted by Nigel Wilkin, the current Chairman of the council, and over £400 was raised for Meeting Point Dereham.

Food Waste Collection. With one or two teething problems, this service is now well established, and over 49 tonnes of food waste has already been collected which will be turned into energy

Planning. The new regulations come into force at the end of this month, full details on the website. HMO planning rules, there will be tighter regulations for HMOs requiring more conversions to go through the formal planning process. The hearing for the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site on the Watton Road is on Tuesday 13th October, with recommendation from officers for refusal Cllr Hewett will be speaking as an objector.

Safer Communities investment. The Cabinet backed a £600,000 investment plan to increase Safer Street Wardens, expand CCTV and tackle antisocial behaviour across the five market towns.

Grants. There are a range of grants available to local communities, including up to £5000 which now does not need matched funding.

Winter preparation. Please be ready and look at the NCC Norfolk Resilience website for advice and support links.

Breckland Council and its parishes will be holding elections in May 2027, now that LGR has been paused.

Always happy to help: Paul and Lynda