

Breckland District Councillors Report for September 2026- Shipdham

Food Waste Households should have received their two blue food waste bins. Collections will start on either week beginning 7th or 21st September, please check the website for your individual weekly collection days (which will be with either green or black bin) Any queries contact Breckland or Lynda

Planning delegation From 31st October planning delegation will change. The government have decided that all planning applications will be graded within Schedule 1 or Schedule 2. All schedule 1 applications will be decided by officers, and schedule 2 applications may go to planning committee if they pass certain criteria. There will no longer be member call ins – though if members have information or concerns about an application they can submit this to officers. This is to apparently speed up processes and limit planning committee time and involvement.

Summer activities These were a great success across the five market towns From Wednesday 30th September there is a free 30 week indoor bowling programme at Watton Sports centre funded by Sport England. All you need to bring are clean flat-soled trainers or shoes.

Grants Delighted that a new tranche of funding up to £5000 is available for local groups to apply for, this time with no match funding criteria.

Breckland Business Awards 13 Local businesses won awards – as part of the awards legacy, category winners were asked to share the skills, knowledge and experience behind their success by supporting at least one person aged 16-24 through mentoring, work experience, skills development of an apprenticeship or employment opportunity.

Headstones: The headstones that were removed from the Old School Playing Field, and safely stored in Thetford, will be returned to safe storage in Shipdham.

Town and Parish Forum Monday 21st September at 5.30 pm at Great Dunham Village Hall, and Wednesday 30th September at 5.30pm at Little Ellingham Old School Hall.. Market stands on range of departments at Breckland, and at 6.30 on both days the Leader and Chief Executive will take questions.

LGR Please see separate statement from Paul and Lynda – other than to say Breckland lives on.

Always happy to help

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