

District Councillors Report March 2026 for Shipdham with Scarning, inc. Cranworth.

County Council Elections May 7th 2026 – it's not too late to get onto the Electoral Roll. Further details at elections@breckland.gov.uk

Cllr Phillip Duigan (Dereham South) is caretaking Shipdham and Cranworth as CC contact until the elections in May.

Mayoral Elections 2028– for Norfolk and Suffolk Strategic Authority.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.

Decision from Minister with decision about 1/2/3 unitary authorities expected in March 2026.

Elections for “new” councils in 2027, then “new” councillors will operate in shadow form for a year before taking control fully in 2028 when the new Unitary Councils go “live”

Food Waste Collection – is a **statutory** service from April 2026 – watch for full details on Breckland website, social media, and possible flyers on your bins.

Otterwood Kennels – although not in Shipdham parish, update might be of interest. Appeal still under way, so enforcement proceedings have been extended to 30th April 2026. This is because enforcement action cannot be undertaken whilst there is a “live” planning application.

Local plan update – please see www.breckland.gov.uk/local-plan-2025 which includes results of local consultations.

Community Assets Transfer. Agreed at Cabinet that after detailed consultation with parishes, Breckland owned community assets be offered to parishes at an under value, where the attributed value was less than £10,000 and where there is a clear social, economic or community benefit.

A full report of Breckland Council's activities and successes will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting and placed on parish websites (as quite lengthy!).

Always happy to help.

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