

District Councillors Report May 2026 for Shipdham with Scarning, incl Cranworth

Lynda and Paul send their apologies for not attending, but following the County Council Elections, their Group AGM is taking place at the same time as this Parish Council meeting.

Result of County Council Elections. The new County Councillor for Yare and Necton (which includes Shipdham and Cranworth) is Kabeer Kher – who lives in Attleborough, but will serve the new county division of which Shipdham and Cranworth are part. Scarning is now part of the new county division of Dereham North and Scarning.

Elections for the new unitary authority take place in 2027, and for one year those elected will work in shadow form alongside sitting district councillors. Breckland Council will cease at midnight 31st March 2028, when the three unitary authorities will be effective from then on. The new West Norfolk unitary authority will comprise of Breckland, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, plus some South Norfolk parishes – further details to follow! Mayoral elections still programmed for 2028.

Domestic Food Waste – will start later this year, as a mandatory service, at a cost of £3M to Breckland – delays have been caused by availability of bins, caddies and trucks.

Small electrical items and batteries – kerbside collection is suspended following major fire at the recycling centre.

Please keep your eye out for information about a range of grants available from Breckland Council and grants towards heating oil from Norfolk County Council.

Community Assets Transfer – this is underway for action – from Breckland Council to parishes

There is a very detailed report of all Breckland Council's achievements on the Shipdham website. Paul and Lynda will continue to support their residents and parishes until the new authority is established.

Always happy to help

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