

To Chairman and Parish Councillors Holbrook Parish Council
From Councillor Mary McLaren - Stour Ward
Monthly Councillor Report
18 May 2026

Preparing for Election Day 7 May 2026

As Babergh District Council undertakes the electoral process on behalf of Suffolk County Council some activity in relation to certain meetings has been postponed and certainly looking at the candidates standing in the election many Babergh District Councillors have chosen to stand and present their Party's hopes and ambitions for the County. A lot of personal hard work and effort goes into all elections.

Thursday - 7 May 2026, polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm for residents to vote for their next Suffolk County Councillor.

BDC Council will manage the polling stations and the count on behalf of SCC will be held at Debenham Leisure Centre on Friday the 8th of May. However, publication of the results will be the responsibility of Suffolk County Council.

Community Infrastructure Levy is important for the Council and Parish Councils

Babergh District Council took court action after TTV Industrial Ltd failed to pay the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on a housing development in Old London Road, Copdock.

Developers are required to pay CIL when building new homes – with this money there is then investment locally to help local facilities keep pace with housing growth.

The company had planning permission to build seven homes on the site and work on three of these homes was started in 2020. After a hearing at Norwich Magistrates Court in April 2026 the company were required to pay the outstanding CIL monies to the Council.

Parish councils always receive a share of the CIL funding, but the majority of the CIL funding is allocated to additional school places, village hall upgrades, health and sporting facilities, foot paths, cycleways, play areas and pre-school provision.

Applications for District CIL funding can be made by community organisations throughout the year by completing a form on the council website.

New Recycling collections are less than six weeks away.

From this week residents will start receiving a primary information pack to ensure they are ready for the new service starting 1 June 2026.

This will include: -

- details of what items go in what bin
- a new collection calendar
- and a frequently asked questions booklet.

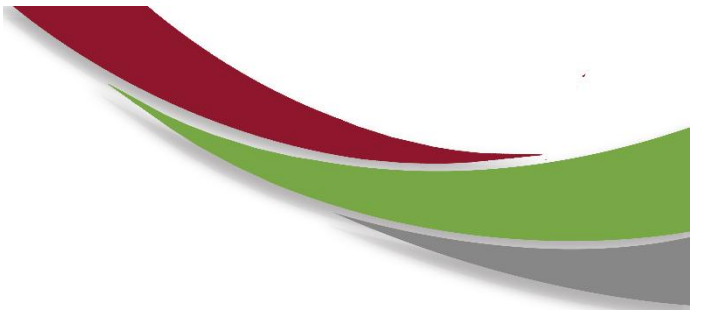
You can find digital versions of the leaflet and FAQ booklet on the **Suffolk Recycles website** as well as the Babergh District Council Website.

As always, the **Better Recycling for Suffolk** social media pages are full of information.

Projected delivery date for Food Caddies and Green Lidded Bins (Paper & Cardboard only) is Monday 25 May 2026.



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New Babergh Conservative leader confirmed

It has been confirmed that Councillor Margaret Maybury has been selected as the new leader of the Conservative Group at Babergh District Council.

Her appointment follows previous group leader Councillor Michael Holt's decision to leave the party and join Reform UK.

Farewell and Good Wishes to Councillor Simon Harley

I wish to pay tribute to my County Council colleague Simon Harley. We have worked together well for five years. The extra year was not planned. Thank you Simon - we will miss you. However, I know you have plans to do other things and our good wishes go with you and your wife as new horizons beckon.

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