

District Councillors' Report – October 2024

Badley, Baylham, Creting St Mary, Creting St Peter, Darmsden, Needham Market Town

Thurston By-Election	The by-election for Thurston took place on Tuesday 24 th September, and was won by Harry Richardson, a Conservative, who had previously served on the council before.
Council meeting	The monthly council meeting took place on the 26 th September. This included discussions over the simpler recycling scheme (more details discussed below), the appointment of a Biodiversity Working Group, and a motion passed pushing for government action to end the council housing funding crisis. The next meeting will take place on the 31 st October.
Simpler Recycling	In accordance with new government legislation, Mid Suffolk District Council is altering their waste collection services for 2026. This includes a weekly kerbside food waste collection, whilst recycling is split in two, one for paper and card, and the other for plastic, cartons, and glass. These, along with the regular black bin, will be collected once every 3 weeks.
Shaping our Economic Strategy	BMSDC officers are hosting a series of economic development workshops across the district. They are seeking the expertise and insights of key local stakeholders including business leaders, council partners, voluntary services, policymakers, academics and beyond to help develop our forward-thinking economic strategy. Anyone wishing to participate should register online for the following sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 7th October, The Mix, Stowmarket
CIL Updates	Several new footpaths and cycle paths across the district have been approved in the latest cabinet meeting, as part of the Community Infrastructure Levy Expenditure Programme (CIL).
Abandonment of Suffolk Devolution Deal	The original plans for the Suffolk Devolution (including the directly elected leader of Suffolk County Council) has been abandoned by national government. Further talks are ongoing about a potential replacement.

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