

Cllr Isabelle Reece: General Report to Parishes (April) May 2026

Suffolk County Council Elections - 7th May

The Suffolk County Council Elections are now behind us. Because of the County Division boundary changes, our Ward was split into two just for this one election: Nayland and Stoke by Nayland found themselves in Constable Division while Bures St Mary remained in Stour Valley Division. I ran in Stour Valley, hoping to follow Cllr James Finch, but came second to a former Conservative County Councillor who defected to Reform UK last year. Several people have been asking me about results across the county. The link for them is: [Suffolk County Council Election 2026 Results](#)

Annual General Meeting of Babergh District Council – 12th May

The AGM of Babergh District Council takes place on Tuesday 12th May. The business of the meeting is largely to appoint members to committees and to decide who will chair them and to appoint representatives to outside bodies. I am to remain on the Planning Committee.

[12 May 2026 5.30 pm](#) Agenda. The next Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for 9th June

Local Government Reorganisation & Extraordinary Meeting of Babergh District Council

Following Central Government's decision to implement the three Unitary Councils proposal in Suffolk, there will be an extraordinary Meeting of Babergh District Council on 19th May. On the Agenda is the proposal to appoint Voluntary Joint Committees for the unitary areas to pre-empt statutory implementation of such committees by the Government's Structural Changes Order coming before Parliament later in the summer. **For further information about the three unitaries visit the [Three Councils for Suffolk website](#).** Also on the Agenda is The Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan: Timetable, Notice to Commence and Scoping Consultation [19 May 2026 5.30 pm](#) Agenda

Changes to Waste Bins & Temporary Closure of Pink Recycling Bins

Most of the additional bins and caddies have now been delivered to our Ward, along with information and collection schedules. I will be talking about bins at the Nayland with Wissington Annual Parish Meeting on 20th May. For further information, see the link: [Changes to waste and recycling collections starting in June 2026](#)

Following the fire at the Thetford recycling facility, which has rendered it inoperative, the pink bins for small electric items have been removed from sites across Babergh. They will be returned as soon as the facility is operational once again.

National Landscape

I will remain on the Dedham Vale National Landscape & Stour Valley Project Jt Advisory Committee and Partnership. The next meeting is scheduled for 2nd July

For further information about the our National Landscapes see:

[National Landscapes - Dedham Vale](#) & [Dedham Vale National Landscape – Facebook](#)

For Further Information about Babergh District Council please see the Babergh District Council website:
[Home - Babergh District Council – baberghmidsuffolk.com](#)

Please note that I am unable to attend parish or parish council meetings on 13th or 19th May