

**District Councillor Report: Debenham Ward – March 2026**  
**Serving Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Aspall, Bedingfield, Debenham, Kenton & Winston**  
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<p><b>Community Information:</b></p>	<p>Interested in recruiting or browsing for a new job? Our regular <b>Job Fairs</b> are taking place again this year. They have a mix of local employers, skills and business guidance. Talk to our Economy Team if you would like to be part of the fair or if you're an individual browsing for a new career, save the date: <b>26<sup>th</sup> March at The Mix Stowmarket</b></p> <p>The Suffolk Chamber of Commerce are organising a further <b>Building Better Digital Connectivity in Suffolk</b> for businesses to attend: Wednesday 18 March 2026, 9:00am – 12:00pm at High Lodge, Darsham if anyone is able to make the journey.</p> <p>Mid Suffolk will be relaunching their Rural Support Grant in the Spring, part of which are the <b>Town &amp; village centre business improvement grants</b> where up to £10,000 can be applied for to improve your business. You can find out more details from me or the main website.</p> <p><b>Debenham Green Team</b> will be holding their hard to recycle stall as normal on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, the <b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b> will also have the Waste Collection Team there and be able to answer any questions on the up coming <b>waste collection changes</b> happening in June this year, with officers from Mid Suffolk attending. You should have already had some literature on the Suffolk Wide changes in the post.</p> <p>Mid Suffolk launched the new <b>Community Nature Recovery Grant</b>, designed to help people connect with nature and restore natural habitats within their communities, including rivers. The grant offers up to £50,000 to projects such as the expansion of wildlife corridors, tree planting, wildflower meadow creation, or other environmental initiatives that aim to safeguard natural spaces for future generations. In addition to this, our <b>Catchment and Landscape Nature Recovery Grant</b> is due to be launched on 4<sup>th</sup> March designed to link existing organisations and enable a spring board to resilience and recovery, such as flood resilience.</p> <p>We had nearly 400 families obtain a <b>'tree for life'</b> for 2025. The "Tree for Life" scheme offers a <b>free tree to parents</b> of children born or adopted in the year to celebrate new life and boost local biodiversity. Families can plant these in their gardens, with options also available to commemorate lost babies. Tree for Life will continue for 2026.</p>
<p><b>More to come Drop In/Cabinet and Council Dates:</b></p>	<p><b><u>Mid Suffolk in March</u></b></p> <p>Reminder that my drop in surgeries will be on <b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b> from 9:00am-11:00am at The Coffee House on the High Street and at the Debenham Leisure Centre from 9am-11:00am on Monday <b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b>. It is lovely to have the chance to speak to people and help with any issue. The next full council meeting will be on <b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b> and Cabinet on <b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b>. Do let me know if you have a question or concern you want to put to the council or cabinet. My contact details are above, please do use them and you can also keep up to date by signing up/linking to our social media, just go to <a href="http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk">www.midsuffolk.gov.uk</a>.</p>