

District Councillor's Report to Bildeston Parish Council

11th May 2026

Bildeston Issues

Anglian Water had neglected to contact the Council about the closure of the High Street. When I informed the Council's Waste and Recycling team about the closure, they knew nothing about it.

I have put the two parties in contact and will be able to report on the plan shortly but the Council will be collecting residents' bins.

Changes to your waste and recycling service

Residents will have received a new green lidded bin for paper and cardboard . Paper and card have their own separate bin to ensure it all remains dry. If it gets wet then it can't be recycled.

You will also have received a new 23 litre bin for your food waste and a five litre caddy to be kept in your kitchens. In the caddy you will have a roll of cellulose liners and an explanation of what food waste can be recycled . This will be a new weekly collection

Please don't use them until 1st June when the new service starts.

Your blue bin will be for plastic including plastic film, glass and tins and the black bin is for things that can be recycled just like it is now.

You will receive a calendar in the next few days which will tell you what week each bin needs to be collected. If you don't think you have room for the number of bins or you have any other questions /concerns please contact our waste and recycling department on 0300 1234, option 4 or email them at recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk.

The Babergh website also has information at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/future-changes-to-bin-collections>

Temporary closure of our small electrical recycling service

Residents may have noticed that the large pink electricals recycling bin has disappeared from the Magdalen Road car park in Hadleigh. This is due to a major fire at the contractor we use in Thetford which put the company out of action.

This is a very popular service so we were keen to find another operator and I am glad to say we have so the service will resume very soon. Please ensure you take the batteries out of any item. Batteries cause fires.

Local Development Orders – making listed buildings more energy efficient

After our success in helping some owners of listed buildings upgrade their windows we are now moving on to solar panels on outbuildings on residents' properties. We have had a positive response to the initiative from Historic England . We hope to accomplish this by the start of next year and we are hopeful we then can move onto air source heat pumps for listed buildings.

Locality Grants

Each Babergh District Councillor has a budget of £2,000 per year to support community groups in their ward. In the past I have helped BNatural, Bildeston Community Support and Bildeston Drama. Grants are available from today, 11th May. Contact me if you want to apply.