

CLlr Delme Thompson: Parish Update September 2026.

Summer Fetes and Fayres

My thanks and congratulations to all who helped organise and attended events over the summer holidays, they continue to be the heartbeat of our communities and I look forward to several autumn festivities already scheduled.

Local Government Reorganisation –Withdrawn

As is now well reported, the Government has withdrawn the current plans for LGR in Norfolk, that would have placed this community in the Country's poorest Council. While full details of the review process remain to be seen, the District boundaries will remain as is for the foreseeable future, and elections for District Council are expected in May 2027.

While some local councillors described the legal challenge as futile, scaremongering that a failed legal challenge could add £5 to residents' council tax next year - I was pleased to wholeheartedly support a prudent and pragmatic approach – which, combined with other challenges, has served our residents well.

The latest information received is **that central government will be covering the vast majority of the costs SNC incurred** in mounting the challenge.

Further updates to follow.

Greater Norwich Local Plan - Call For Sites

479 sites were put forward in the recent call for sites, and will now be reviewed, with public consultations opening in Summer 2027. Full details here: [Greater Norwich Local Plan - Call for Sites Report 2026](#)

New National Planning Policy Framework

The new NPPF was published on 17 August, with several key updates to regulations around where developments can be permitted and some shifts in perspectives on the considerations councils must take account of, when reviewing an application. SNC is preparing an update for Parish and Town Councils. The full NPPF document can be accessed here: [National Planning Policy Framework - GOV.UK](#)

Food Waste Collection

39,000KG of waste was collected in the first 4 weeks of the programme.

Due to a staffing issues and shortage of HGV drivers, phase two will now roll out on in November. Full details on the programme can be found here: [South Norfolk food waste collections | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)

Annual Canvass 2026

Each year the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) is required by law to carry out an Annual Canvass of all the properties within Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council, to check that the information held on the electoral register is correct and that all individuals who are eligible to vote are registered.

To do this, we send correspondence to every household asking you to confirm whether the details on the electoral register are correct or need to be updated. The letter sent to your household will be addressed to 'The Resident'.

Key dates:

- Canvass forms will be posted on **24 September 2026**
- Reminder forms will be sent on **2 November 2026**

Residents are asked to review the letter carefully and follow the guidance within it.

Further details are available here: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/council/elections/annual-canvass-2026>