Babergh Councillor's Report to Hadleigh Town Council Report May 2026

Things have been rather quiet at Babergh District Council this month because of the county council elections, so there isn't much to report.

Small electrical item recycling temporarily removed

Following a significant fire at the contractor's facility in Thetford, the collection service for small electrical items has been severely impacted. Despite extensive efforts, the council have been unable to secure an alternative contractor to maintain the service.

To prevent the containers from becoming unmanageable and to maintain safe site conditions, all small electrical item recycling containers across the district will be temporarily removed.

The council are actively trying to find a new contractor and intend to restore the service as soon as operational arrangements are in place. We will keep you updated.

In the meantime, small electrical items can, according to Suffolk County Council's website, still be taken to the recycling centre on Crockatt Road on the industrial estate.

New recycling collections in Suffolk

Residents will receive an information pack by post any time now which includes details on what items can be put into each bin in preparation for the new recycling service starting on 1st June. Digital versions of the information packs can be found on the Suffolk Recycles website.

The new bins are in the process of being delivered. If you have any questions please see the information on the Babergh website or contact them using the details below.

- Website: www.babergh.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling
- Phone: 0300 1234 000 (option 4)
- Email: recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Lidl application

The Planning Committee will be considering the application by Lidl to build a supermarket on the edge of Hadleigh on 20th May.

New County Councillor for Hadleigh

You will be aware that Cllr. Simon Dowling was elected to represent Hadleigh on Suffolk County Council. He will therefore be wearing two hats at future meetings.

Locality Awards

Our Locality Awards are now open for applications. We usually have £2000 each to spend locally, but the exact figure for the coming financial year is yet to be announced.

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