

# District Councillor Report: Elmswell Parish Council

## May 2026

<p><b>Local elections</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b></p>	<p>The County Council elections took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The new County Councillor for Thedwastre North is Cllr James Patchett.</p> <p>There will be a new Reform administration at SCC with the Green party being the opposition party. Full details of the election results can be found here <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/suffolk-county-council-election-2026-results">https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/suffolk-county-council-election-2026-results</a></p>
<p><b>Better Recycling – new bin collections starting in June</b></p>	<p>The new waste collection service will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Households will be provided with <b>four</b> collection services as standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a weekly <b>food waste</b> collection</li> <li>• a three-weekly <b>refuse</b> (general rubbish) collection</li> <li>• a three-weekly <b>paper and card</b> collection</li> <li>• a three-weekly <b>recycling</b> collection for glass, plastics, metal, and cartons</li> </ul> <p>All homes in Mid Suffolk should have now received the new blue bin and the two food waste container. They will be receiving more information and a new collection calendar during May.</p> <p>More information can be found on the website <a href="https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/future-changes-to-bin-collections">https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/future-changes-to-bin-collections</a> . There is also an informative video to explain how to use the food waste service. <a href="https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/better-recycling/your-new-food-waste-collection">https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/better-recycling/your-new-food-waste-collection</a>.</p>
<p><b>Small Waste Electrical bins</b></p>	<p>Following a significant fire at the contractors facility the collection service for small electrical items has had to be withdrawn. All the pink WEEE bins across the district have now been temporarily removed, but staff are hoping that a new contractor can be found and the service returns in due course.</p> <p>This is a real shame as this service has been very successful – over 7 tonnes of small electrical items were recycled in Mid Suffolk during the last quarter – saving almost 20 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.</p>
<p><b>Annual Council meeting</b></p>	<p>There have been no full Council meetings during the run-up to the election, but the Annual Council meeting will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a further full Council meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May as there is insufficient time to deal with all the matters alongside the proceedings of the Annual meeting.</p>
<p><b>Councillor drop-in sessions</b></p>	<p>Jen and Sarah are regularly available for residents to come to meet for a chat. Next sessions are as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 10:00 – 12:00 at Wesley Café, Elmswell</li> <li>• Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 – 12:00 at Green Wolf Café, Woolpit</li> <li>• Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 – 12:00 at Green Wolf Café, Woolpit.</li> </ul>

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