

## **Cllr Delme Thompson: Parish Update April 2026.**

### **South Norfolk In Bloom**

The In Bloom Fund is a discretionary grant scheme aimed at supporting towns, parishes, and community groups across the district to deliver projects that improve the visual appeal of local areas, encourage community food growing, and promote wildlife and biodiversity.

As part of the scheme, **£1 is available for every resident, meaning applicants may request up to £1 per person of their population, with a requirement of at least 50% match funding.**

**Applications will close on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April** and applicants will be informed of their outcome by Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May.

For full details on the grant scheme, please visit our webpage:

[South Norfolk in Bloom fund | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)

### **Community Awards**

**Nominations are now open across 9 categories:**

- Healthy & Active Award – Celebrating those who encourage health, wellbeing, and active lifestyles
- Young Achiever of the Year – Honouring an inspiring young person making a positive impact
- Volunteer of the Year – Recognising a dedicated volunteer who selflessly gives their time
- Connecting Communities Award – For those who bring people together and strengthen community bonds
- Environmental Champion Award – Rewarding environmental champions who help protect our planet
- Business in the Community Award – Showcasing businesses that go above and beyond for their community
- Community Organisation of the Year – Recognising groups that make a meaningful impact.
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Celebrating someone who has devoted a lifetime to helping others
- Town or Parish Councillor of the Year – Recognising an exceptional Town or Parish Councillor who has gone above and beyond to support their local community

**Nominations close on 15 May.** [Community Awards Nomination Form 2026](#)

Shortlisted nominees will be invited to a special awards night on at Bawburgh Golf Club, in July. Winners will receive a £250 donation to give to a local charitable organisation of their choice

### **Diss Leisure Centre**

The plans for the new centre received the backing of Diss Town Council at a public meeting last month and were approved by the South Norfolk Council Planning Committee on 8 April. The new leisure and community centre will include fitness facilities, a multi-use community room, soft play and a café with outdoor plaza seating.

During the public consultation,

- 80% welcomed a cafe with healthy snack option
  - 75% agreed a soft play area would be beneficial
  - 65% requested fitness classes
- All of which are included in the plans.