

District Council Report

Scarning Annual Parish Meeting -April 2015

Current District Councillor: Elizabeth Gould

Report presented by Clr Lynda Tumer - Breckland District Council

During the year Breckland Council has kept Council Tax frozen, and will do for next year, as well as having a balanced five year budget. This is due to a mixture of efficiencies and income generation from the asset portfolio. No front line services have been cut.

Headlines

Fly tipping cut by 13%

Anti social behaviour cut by 37%

Respect zones created to reduce anti social behaviour

Over 100 Pride grants given totalling £190,000: £600,000 over past four years

Recycling revolution - more to recycling, less to landfill

Reduced number of empty properties in the district

Big Switch and Save Energy scheme helped 2897 residents to save average of £ 11 0

Customer Satisfaction for Waste and Recycling has increased to 90.3% highest since 2012

Grants to Small and Medium Businesses valued at £311765 Jobs created total 38

Enterprise Norfolk enabled 280 businesses to be supported and start of Open for Business in Breckland Council

Festival on Farm attracted over 2000 visitors

Residents took part in Park runs, village games, rural holiday sports activities, Dereham 5K run, book, art and film festivals

Breckland Fit Families, 90 families took part

Our Day out project for those with Dementia and their carers. 12 month project

Master Gardener scheme being rolled out

Development of Breckland Training Services - across the country

Pride in Breckland awards -over 90 nominations - 27 finalists on night, with 9 overall winners - 140 guests.

Farewell to Light Dragoons on 16 April. Queen's Dragoon Guards coming to Swanton Morley from Germany.

And what's coming?

Frozen council tax

Balanced budget for five years Open for Business

Tourism - working with Visit Norfolk to promote Breckland

Tour of Britain Cycle Race 12th September, passing through Bawdeswell, Attleborough, Old Buckenham, Bridgham, East Harling and Thetford

Secured LABV (local asset backed vehicle) working with partner in joint venture company to maximise assets in BreckJand. First three schemes, Thetford (hotel, cinema and six retail units), Mileham (housing) and Chapel Road Attleborough (housing)

Lynda Turner - 1 Jth April 2015