

Parish Clerk & RFO Report February 2026

Changes to the BDC Recycling Scheme:

BDC has issued details of upcoming changes to the Recycling Scheme. The law is changing and from June 2026, every household will be able to put glass in their home recycling bin as well as continue to recycle paper and card.

This will make recycling more materials from home easier for everyone and as a result, fewer people are expected to use the community recycling banks. BDC envisage the banks will be removed by the contractors as the demand reduces.

The Parish Council currently receives direct payments for managing the banks. The payments are funded by SCC and due to the forthcoming changes, will soon come to an end.

To help with the transition, the Suffolk Waste Partnership has agreed to continue funding the payments for two more years, covering 2026/27 and 2027/28.

The Parish Council will make a claim for the period August 2025 to January 2026 in the usual way and then receive a **final payment** in April 2026 which will cover the period February 2026 to January 2028.

The **final payment** for the recycling bins at Pearsons way will be **£382** (glass and paper) and at the VH (textiles) **£45**.

Unity Trust Bank is reducing the interest rate on the savings account from 2.10% to 1.95% as from 23rd March 2026. The bank is also changing fees and charges from 1st February 2026 including, increasing the monthly account fee from £6 to £7.

SALC Membership

At the time of the SALC membership renewal last year, CWPC noted the charge and agreed to review its membership in time for the 2026 renewal (1st April 2026).

At the end of 2025, SALC advised of a 3% increase in membership fees for 2026; the fee will increase from **£471.14** to **£485.72**.

Folly Lane

A resident has contacted the Parish Council to ask if we have any leverage to help improve conditions at Folly Lane.

The resident has advised that Folly Lane is a byway and the responsibility of SCC. Although SCC has never carried out maintenance, historically, they provided road planings which residents would themselves, spread along the lane and fill in the potholes.

The issue now is that the lane is used as a shortcut on a regular basis, particularly when the A12 is congested. This leaves the lane very muddy and impassable to cyclists and difficult for walkers and runners to navigate.

The resident has contacted SCC to ask for signage to be installed.

The Parish Council has asked for some photos that evidence the scale of the problem, including pictures of potholes that include a tape measure indicating how wide and deep the holes are.

Internal Audit has been booked for 15th April 2026.

Sue Frankis, Clerk to the Parish of Copdock & Washbrook