North Baddesley Borough Councillors Report November 2026

Cllr Geoff Cooper and Cllr Alan Warnes

1 Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

The government have now confirmed that LGR will be delayed, due to a revue of the process. This means that elections will now take place in May 2027 for both Parish and Borough Councillors.

2 Planning Changes at Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC)

Cllr Alan Warnes contacted the Southern Area Planning Committee Principal Planning Officer and requested that North Baddesley Parish Council (NBPC) should be contacted about the recent planning changes. It was important that NBPC understood what the impact that this would have on planning applications. The Planning Officer confirmed he would make contact with the Parish Council with details about the changes and the implications for those designated Schedule 1 or 2.

Further, TVBC have recently given guidance to Councillors sitting on the SAP committee on how they can call Schedule 2 designated proposals to committee. Cllr Warnes has used this information to request that the Roundabout Copse and South of Hoe Lane developments are called to committee.

3 Remembrance Sunday services

Cllrs Geoff Cooper and Alan Warnes were proud to attend the North Baddesley Remembrance Day Sunday service on Sunday 8th November. The commemorations provide an opportunity for communities to come together to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts past and present.

4 Supporting for Ukraine

On Sunday 1st November Cllr Geoff Cooper joined volunteers from the Romsey Ukraine Support Group at Woodley Scout Hall in Romsey, to make trench candles for the Ukrainian people. Over 1,000 candles were produced and will be passed to The New Forest Ukrainian Support Group, who will transport them to Poland, where they will be collected and taken to the trenches of Ukraine's frontline. The next candle making event is Sunday 6th December 11:30am-3:30pm at Woodley Scout Hall, Romsey. All welcome.

5 GP and Ward Councillors Meetings

There is an Annual General Meeting for the Patient Participation Group on the 13th November at 6:30pm in the Village Hall. North Baddesley GP Patients are encouraged to attend.

6 Council Tax Refund Scam Warning

The council are aware that some residents have received scam emails claiming their council tax account is in credit and inviting them to click a link to claim a refund.

Please be cautious of any unexpected emails about council tax refunds. If you receive one and are unsure whether it is genuine, do not click any links. Instead, delete the email and contact the council directly to check the status of your account.
Residents can contact our revenues team through the council website at www.testvalley.gov.uk/ContactRevenues or by using the contact details shown on their latest council tax bill. Verifying contact details independently is the safest way to protect yourself from scams.

7 Annual Leaf Clearance

TVBC's annual programmed leaf clearance operation will begin on Monday 26 October and is expected to take approximately eight weeks to complete. Teams will focus on locations that regularly experience significant leaf fall, while also responding to reports of excessive accumulations across the borough. If any residents would like to report a significant build-up of leaves, please contact TVBC or either Cllrs Geoff Cooper or Alan Warnes.

8 Food Waste Recycling – One Year Review

Residents in Test Valley have recycled 4,000 tonnes of food waste in the last year, which has helped in contributing to the reduction in household waste by 18%. Food waste collected from homes is processed through anaerobic digestion, where it is converted into renewable energy and nutrient-rich fertiliser for agricultural use. This means food that would otherwise have been thrown away is turned into valuable resources. On average, residents have recycled 345 tonnes of food waste each month since the service launched, helping to generate renewable energy, reduce waste and make better use of valuable resources.

9 Councillor Community Grant Awards

The North Baddesley Councillors with support from Philip Kloppenborg the TVBC Community Engagement Officer for North Baddesley are very keen to hear from Charities or Groups with grant proposals that help support North Baddesley residents or improve the environment.

10 Next TVAPTC Meeting

The next meeting of the Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils is being held on Thursday 12 November at Longstock Village Hall. All parish and town councillors and clerks are welcome to attend from 6pm for coffee and cake, with a 6.15pm start.