

Coddenham's Annual Parish Meeting 2025

Plan update: Energy and Recycling

Recycling

- 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) events held at The Coddenham Centre on three occasions in 2024 and again planned for 2025. The next event is on Saturday 3rd May. 2025's events are supported financially by our district councillors. To date we've collected a van-load plus of materials for recycling at each event.
- We theme each 3Rs event, with that in May having a plant/seed swap.
- As kerbside collections are being standardised nationally in March 2026, we'll promote the changes with MSDC locally from later this year and reconsider what we seek to collect at our future events.
- A collection box for 'blister packs' is now sited in the foyer of The Coddenham Centre.

Energy

- The Coddenham Centre has reduced its carbon footprint by over 90% and is a Gold Carbon Charter Award holder. St Mary's is now a Bronze Eco Church. All other organisations in the parish have considered their carbon footprints and made changes where they can e.g. by installing LED lighting. Energy conservation remains an agenda item at each meeting of the collective parish organisations under the guise of the Coddenham Community Response Group.
- Central Suffolk Community Energy (CSCE) was incorporated in 2024, with three directors from Coddenham and one from Debenham to support community energy locally. It is backed by both county and district councils and part of a community energy pathways programme in Suffolk. CSCE's website may be accessed at csceuk.org.
- CSCE has been seeking viable projects, additional directors and members over the past few months. It is currently working on an initiative to look at all the housing in a typical off-gas- grid Suffolk community – which may well be Coddenham – to determine what can be done to improve its carbon footprint – largely by moving it from oil-based heating (and/or making that more efficient), alongside benefitting householders financially. If funding approval is received communication and recruitment campaigns will follow.
- CSCE plans to hold a household energy event alongside the 3Rs session at the end of September.
- The Parish Council continues to press UKPN concerning powerline challenges in the area.