

FOCUS

on Framlingham Ward



FROM OWEN GREY AND YOUR LOCAL LIB DEM TEAM

Dealing with the Floods

Many across our community continue to live with the consequences of Storm Babet.



Local authorities and national agencies still need to learn some of the hard lessons of Storm Babet.

In the past months, I have been busy pressing for action following the flooding many endured because of Storm Babet. It is clear from the state of neglect of our watercourses, ditches, and roads that authorities and agencies need to deliver a comprehensive strategy to clean up our environment and make the necessary repairs to ensure our infrastructure can withstand further instances of flooding.

My message is simple: we cannot be complacent. 1 in 100-year statistics are no comfort. Homes and livelihoods have been impacted. Residents need reassurance that the lessons of Storm Babet are being learned and that work is being done to prevent flooding. We need watercourses dredged, ditches dug out, roads and culverts repaired, ponds built, and the sewage properly treated.

Helping the Community



Since May 2023, I've had the opportunity to support some great causes in our community. I have supported:

the Rural Coffee Caravan for Sweffling, speed calming measures for Easton, village hall repairs for Badingham and Parham, new signage for Cretingham, Monewden, and Hoo, Christmas on the hill in Framlingham, as well as flood recovery for the United Free Church.

Working hard all year round

Housing and Development



Serving the Needs of the Community First.

Many of you will be aware that Framlingham and neighbouring villages have seen several developments built over the past few years. Indeed, many places have taken more than their fair share.

I am aware of further proposals being put forward in our area and I want to reassure you that I am working to ensure your voices are heard.

I am clear that our Neighbourhood Plans need to be respected.

If there is to be further development, I want to see more social housing for those most in need. I want to see investment in infrastructure, like GP surgeries, schools, parks, and community spaces. Put simply, I want development to deliver for **local** people.

News in brief

STORM BABEL

In March, I met with the Environment Agency and Suffolk County Council to call for a comprehensive strategy to clean up the Deben, Ore, and Alde, and step up efforts to work with landowners and residents to ensure the proper upkeep of our drainage, ditches and ponds. Storm Babet also illustrated how some new developments exacerbated problems with water-run off. Drainage conditions must be developed and properly enforced to take account of our recent experiences.

VALUE FOR MONEY

As Chair of the East Suffolk Council's Audit and Governance Committee, I have been busy this past year scrutinising key Council services. From housing and commercial rents to the environment and health, I am calling for efficient, effective, and transparent delivery of services.

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