

# **CLlr Christopher Cushing – August 2025**

## **Fakenham Lancaster North Ward District Council Report**

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*Lancaster North ward covers all dwellings in the parish of Fakenham that are east of Wells Road, and north of Highfield Road, Greenway Lane, Pensthorpe Road and the A1067.*

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### **1. Speeding in north Fakenham**

- I attended a meeting convened by the Leader of the Council with PC Jessica Elliott, the Fakenham police Beat Officer, her Sergeant Graham Green, the other Fakenham District Councillors, the County Councillor and Angela Glynn, the Mayor.
- The purpose of the session was to discuss law and order issues in the town. I focused on speeding on Wells Road, the roads around North Park and Claypit Lane, and Greenway Lane. I receive regular reports from residents of excessive speeding on these roads.
- Though I am grateful to both officers for taking the time to meet us, I felt nothing productive was achieved. I said the only way to deter speeding is to undertake speed camera testing. There was no commitment to undertake any more of this. I suggested that a speed camera van could be deployed on Greenway Lane but was told it is “difficult” to secure one of these.
- The police suggested residents could form their own speed camera testing groups. My response it is that I suspect residents feel it is the duty of the police to enforce speed limits, not be expected to do it themselves.
- I have written to the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner, Sarah Taylor, to invite her to visit north Fakenham in either October or November to hold a session with residents so that she can hear firsthand their concerns. I appreciate she has no power to address these issues, but perhaps she will be able to influence policy that can put more officers on our beat. I have suggested to Ms Taylor that there may be an opportunity to meet with Town Councillors and other elected representatives to discuss other policing issues in Fakenham.
- I am waiting to hear the invitation has been accepted.

### **2. Fakenham Urban Extension**

- Savills have been marketing all the land owned by Trinity College, Cambridge, on which the 950 dwelling will be built between the bypass and Rudham Stile Lane.
- They had hoped to sell the whole plot, but have received no interest for this, principally because it would take at least 10 years to develop.
- Savills are now trying to sell a third of the plot and are more confident they will achieve this. I have asked for clarification which area this is, and whether it is still the intention to build an arterial road from the new roundabout to the one at Morrisons.

### 3. Fakenham Medical Practice Health & Wellbeing Community event – Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> September

- The Fakenham Medical Practice are holding their first Health & Wellbeing Community event on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1:30 – 4:30pm. Local organisations will be joining the Fakenham Medical Practice and their Patient Participation Group.
- People are invited to come along and discover simple, practical ways to boost your health and wellbeing.
- 🩺 **Free Blood Pressure Checks** with Healthcare Assistants.
- 🧘 **Reflexology Taster Sessions** for relaxation and stress relief.
- 🤝 Meet **Community Partners** offering advice and support on physiotherapy, diabetes management, dementia help, and other long-term conditions.
- 🏃 Find out how to get **more active** and improve your lifestyle.
- 🎨 Explore **local groups & hobbies** to connect, create, and stay social.
- This is a friendly, welcoming event with something for everyone, whether they are looking for health advice, a new activity, or just a chance to connect with your community.

### 4. Hedge, Verge and Road Maintenance Issues

- I am pleased to say that most of the issues that I have reported concerning hedge, verge and road maintenance have been fixed.
- **Completed since the last update:**
  - **Claypit Lane** – Highways have repaired the small pothole at top end.
  - **Elizabeth Avenue** - Both verges at the exit have now been cut by the Town Council's contractors.
  - **Greenway Lane / Tudor Court** – Highways have cut the hedge outside Tudor Court.
  - **Meadow Walk and Trinity Road Hedge** - These run parallel to Thorpland Road and are opposite the Surgery and the Meadow Walk residential home. The Practice Manager of the Medical Centre was kind enough to get this cut though this is not their responsibility. A longer-term solution is still required.
- **Still outstanding:**
  - **Copper Beach Close** – Anglian Water have agreed to cut an overgrown area on an Anglian Water Pumping station which borders Lee Warner Avenue.
  - **Enterprise Way** – Highways have agreed to fill in a large pothole at the turning into B&Q.
  - **Grove Lane** – This is path from Rudham Stile Lane up to the bypass. It is overgrown. I have asked the framer who tenants the land to see if he can get this cut.
  - **Rudham Stile Lane** – Flagship Housing did trim a tree at the back of one of their properties on Lee Warner Avenue. I've asked them to do this again as its still overhanging the road.
  - **Toll Bar** – Noise pollution from cockerels. There have been further complaints about this. NNDC have engaged the owners, who have also had complaints about this. They are reviewing the matter with the tenants, though no outcome to report.