

Cllr Christopher Cushing – February 2026

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.

1. Speeding in North Fakenham

- Still looking for more volunteers for a resident Speed Camera Watch team. I have the names of four people who are interested but need a minimum of six people in a team.
- A noisy moped is causing considerable nuisance driving around the bypass and Greenway Lane at irregular hours. This has been reported to the police in the hope they might do something about it.

2. Swimming Pool Development

- The project team submitted a Traffic Regulation Order on 2nd December to request that Highways to put temporary yellow lines along Rudham Stile Lane.
- They are chasing Highways to implement this which should help reduce traffic congestion along the road.
- I attended a Steering Group meeting at the site on 9th February. The development is making satisfactory progress.

3. NNDC Annual Budget

- At last week's NNDC Full Council we approved a balanced budget. As Leader of the Opposition, I respond to the proposed budget. The preparation for this has soaked up a lot of my time over the last month.
- Amongst other things I focused on the Council's Capital Programme. This contains all the projects that the council wishes to deliver.
- These total 78, of which 23 relate to Cromer initiatives, which is about 30% of the total. I made the point that this favouritism is unfair to the rest of the district.
- By contrast there are only three projects for Fakenham, though one is for the new swimming pool. Most of the funding for these comes from central Government though.
- One new feature is the establishment of a new Communities Fund. Each District Councillor will have £4,000 to spend on their ward, subject to guidelines yet to be agreed. This is a follow on from the Sustainable Communities Fund which existed a couple of years ago, whereby Town and Parish Councils, and other bodies could apply for small grants for community projects.

4. Hedge, Verge and Road Maintenance Issues

- **Greenway Lane Bus Stop Signs** - I have asked Highways if they can install two bus stop signs on either side of the road just west of the Lancaster Avenue entrance. I have escalated this to Tom FitzPatrick, the County Councillor, to chase this.
- **Rudham Stile Lane to Whitelands path** – This is thick with mud and leaves. Highways are responsible for the path, and I raised a request with them to ask them to do so on 27th December. Again, I have escalated this to Tom.
- **Broken Tree Branch at Grove Lane leading up to the bypass** – A broken branch is overhanging the path. Highways appear to be responsible for this. Also passed to Tom to escalate.
- **Claypit Lane Potholes** – I have reported multiple potholes on Claypit Lane near the entrance to Dairy Farm Drive.