

Cllr Liz Vickers Fakenham Lancaster South Ward: Report February 2024

Engagement with Business

1. On 26 January I met representatives from Kinnerton Confectionary as part of my ongoing visits to local businesses to encourage them to use their business, marketing and PR expertise to work with local people and to help us to build a future strategy for Fakenham. Kinnerton were incredibly positive and offered to host meetings.

Working for Fakenham Residents

2. Since October 2023 I have been lobbying for the residents of **Hall Close** to get a new path. The old path was uneven, and several residents and visitors had tripped. Work has now started on a new path and landscaping. With thanks to Flagship housing.
3. I have commissioned a range of works at **Heather Barrow Court** which have now been completed, including tree pruning, guttering and internal works. The residents invited me to their Club 26 social club, where they join together to organise a range of activities from bingo, board games, films and day trips. What a positive way to combat loneliness in later life.
4. I have arranged for Aspect roofing to start work to repair the roof and guttering at flats in **Lancaster Close**.
5. New street signs have been ordered for **Lancaster Avenue, Jubilee Avenue and Heather Barrow Court**. They will be fitted shortly.
6. I have arranged for an elderly lady and her disabled daughter to have a managed move from a larger house to a smaller bungalow. Hopefully this will give them the adapted accommodation they want and deserve and free up a house for a family.

Meetings Attended

7. **Full Council:** The dilapidated building at 9 Norwich Street (aka Newmans Yard) remains an issue. In June 2023 I asked for a side panel to stop rubbish blowing in. That didn't materialise but I was told that NNDC would take a position on the building by the end of the year. I challenged Cllr Adams vigorously on this issue and have followed this up with a written request for transparency.
8. I have volunteered as a member of the new **Task and Finish Group on Homelessness** to look more closely at the causes of homelessness in North Norfolk and make recommendations. We have met twice so far.
9. **SNAP:** Our new priorities are tackling speeding and anti-social behaviour. I attended NNDC **Overview and Scrutiny and Development Committees**.