

Councillor Liz Vickers – April 2026

North Norfolk District Councillor for Fakenham Lancaster South Ward
(my ward includes homes and businesses in the town centre and south of Highfield Road, Greenway Lane, Pensthorpe Road and west of Wells Road.

I am here to serve you. My contact details are liz.vickers@north-norfolk.gov.uk and 07537 917699

Anti-Social Behaviour in Fakenham

In my last report, I documented meetings with residents, police and Flagship housing, in three areas of Fakenham, where residents are experiencing a great deal of distress arising from anti-social behaviour in their immediate neighbourhoods. As well as offering support to residents I have escalated this matter to the Superintendent of police responsible for our area. Since my contact with the Superintendent, I can report that police activity has stepped up. I have asked Jerome Mayhew's office to arrange an in-person meeting with the Superintendent and our local Inspector. This is in progress and I plan to attend with Mr Mayhew and Cllr Cushing. Fakenham is a great place to live. However, a handful of individuals are causing misery to many others, making their lives intolerable and placing an unfair burden on residents. At the root of this issue is drug abuse and failure to vet prospective tenants before they are placed among elderly and vulnerable residents.

Pavement Outside 6-10 Norwich Road to be repaired by the end of May

I have lobbied consistently on this matter as, in my view, the large stretch of uneven pavement outside 6 to 10 Norwich Road, is not only an eyesore at the entrance to the town centre, but a clear danger to pedestrian safety. It has moved very slowly but I am glad to report that Highways have informed me that work to make the pavement safe should be completed by the end of May this year.

Pedestrian Safety at the Junction of Holt Rd and Greenways Lane

When the planning application for the new McDonalds was progressing, I spoke at planning Committee and warned them about the need to control traffic at this tricky junction. Recently there was an accident in which a motorcyclist tragically lost his life, I have now instigated a planning enforcement case to ensure that pedestrian safety measures are put in place. At the request of residents, I have asked Highways to consider reducing the speed limit on Holt Rd and Greenways Lane.

Heather Barrow Court

I had a one of my regular meetings with the delightful residents of Heather Barrow Court. Since our last meeting I arranged for repair of a dangerous stretch of pavement in Heather Barrow Court. With thanks to Victory Homes who undertook the work.

Celebrating 67 Years of Fakenham Rotary Club

I was delighted to attend an evening event to celebrate the Rotary Club's 67 years of charitable work in Fakenham, along with the Heads of Fakenham Academy, the Duke of Lancaster Academy and others. This local and global charity has done a tremendous amount to support the town, from stewarding at the Duck race to charitable donations. They have stepped up when I have asked for their help to support local families in genuine and unexpected need. I am tremendously grateful to them.

Fakenham Health Matters

I attended a further meeting of Fakenham Health Matters. This North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) project aims to bring together interested parties to work together to promote healthier living, rather than working in silos. Working with the CEO of Fakenham Medical Centre, town Councillor Carl Fairbrother and our Town Clerk Lesley Meanley, we decided to focus on the issues of obesity and drug abuse. The NNDC community outreach team has put us in touch with the Matthew Project, which talks to school children about drug abuse, and I have spoken informally to the Head of Fakenham Academy about this outreach. Drug rehabilitation support is based at some distance in Kings Lynn and Norwich. I have approached the Medical Centre about extending its provision for periodic support in Fakenham.

Wensum Lodge

I've had a regular catch-up meeting with the owner of Wensum Lodge. We were seated at an outside table in a lovely sunny spot overlooking the river. He remains committed to providing temporary accommodation only to those on the NNDC housing waiting list. In addition, one wing of the hotel is set aside for guests on a minimum two-night booking basis and he has opened the lounge area to afternoon visitors.