

Councillor Liz Vickers – (Fakenham Lancaster South) August 2025

The Wensum Lodge

On 7 August I had a catch-up meeting with the owner of the Wensum Lodge. During our discussion we addressed false rumours that the Wensum Lodge might be used to house asylum seekers. The owner stated, “I can say as long as I am owner of the Wensum Lodge Hotel, we will not house migrants, only people from or with links to North Norfolk as temporary housing”. He informed me that rooms 1 to 9, along with three self-contained apartments, are reserved for temporary housing guests referred from North Norfolk District Council. Rooms 10–18 are used by the public and can be booked online. The minimum any guests can stay at the hotel is two nights.

Meeting with the Police

On 13 August I met our local Fakenham police Sgt and beat officer, along with other Councillors and the Leader of North Norfolk District Council. The key issues discussed were speeding, particularly along Greenway Lane, and local concerns about the prevalence of drugs in the town centre. We were united in asking for a more visible police presence in the town, particularly in the town centre and at speeding hot spots.

Broken Pavement Outside 6-10 Norwich Road

This ongoing issue rests with Norfolk County Council Highways department. I have lobbied consistently on this matter as, in my view, the uneven pavement is not only an eyesore at the entrance to the town centre, but a clear danger to pedestrian safety. I have been assured by the Highways department that they are working closely with the owner of the new houses at 6-10 Norwich Street to resolve this matter. The owner is responsible for financing the repairs as part of his planning consent. I am monitoring progress closely.

Active Fakenham

This fantastic community group do so much to make Fakenham a better place to be. It was my pleasure to attend the opening event for the Arts Festival, and help out a little with the Active Fakenham market stall and the cycling event. The Arts Festival has attracted artists from a widespread area and the art trail has brought colour and interest to the town. I’m looking forward to the film festival which Active Fakenham will host in September and October.

Dog Control Orders

Just a reminder that North Norfolk District Council will be conducting an autumn review of dog control orders. **If there is any site in Fakenham that residents feel strongly should allow or ban dogs, please get in touch with me** as soon as possible and I will pass on your views for consideration in the autumn review liz.vickers@north-norfolk.gov.uk or text 07537 917699.