

COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARISH UPDATE

September 2026

Cllr Lee Jarvis

Welcome

Welcome to my September Parish Update. As summer draws to a close and communities prepare for the autumn months ahead, there continues to be a great deal of activity across Norfolk. This update provides an overview of my work as your County Councillor together with key developments from Norfolk County Council that may affect residents, parish councils and local organisations. Recent weeks have seen important announcements relating to highways investment, housing, education, community support, healthcare and local government reform. I remain committed to ensuring the concerns of our villages and rural communities are represented and acted upon at County Hall.

Councillor Update

Throughout August I have continued to work closely with residents, parish councils and county council officers on a wide range of local matters. Highways issues remain one of the most common concerns raised with me, particularly relating to road safety, speeding, drainage, potholes and the condition of local roads. I have also been following up concerns regarding flooding, public rights of way, community safety and local infrastructure projects. A number of long-standing matters are now beginning to move forward and I continue to press for progress wherever possible.

Working For Our Parishes

Supporting parish councils remains a central part of my role. Over recent weeks I have continued discussions with parish representatives on matters including speeding concerns, drainage improvements, village infrastructure, footpaths and community facilities. I am also encouraging parishes to begin considering potential projects for the next Parish Partnership Scheme funding round.

Highways & Infrastructure

Norfolk County Council will be trialling an innovative pothole repair machine during September as part of its commitment to improving road maintenance and testing new approaches to repairing defects more efficiently. The County Council has also opened the 2027/28 Parish Partnership Scheme, providing opportunities for local transport and highway improvements such as speed awareness signs, crossings, footways and school safety measures.

Education, Young People & Families

Students across Norfolk have received GCSE, A-Level and vocational qualification results and support remains available for those considering further education, apprenticeships and

employment opportunities. Families facing financial pressures may also be able to access support through Norfolk's Crisis and Resilience Service, including assistance with school uniform costs.

Housing & Independent Living

Work continues on new Extra Care housing developments across Norfolk designed to help older residents maintain independence while having access to support and care when required. New affordable and supported housing developments are also progressing, helping to address local housing needs.

Fire, Flooding & Community Resilience

The hot and dry weather experienced this summer has placed significant demands on Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service. Residents are encouraged to take precautions to reduce wildfire risk and remain vigilant. Flooding and drainage concerns also continue to be raised across rural communities and I remain actively engaged in helping progress solutions.

Health & Wellbeing

Eligible residents are encouraged to book their annual flu vaccination ahead of winter. Early vaccination helps protect vulnerable residents and supports local NHS services during the colder months.

Heritage, Culture & Community Events

Heritage Open Days will take place during September, providing free access to historic and cultural sites across Norfolk. I also continue to welcome invitations to local community events, village activities and fundraising initiatives.

Looking Ahead

During the coming months my focus will remain on supporting parish councils, progressing highways and community projects, monitoring local government reform and representing the interests of our rural communities.

Keeping In Touch

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me during the past month. Your feedback and local knowledge are invaluable. If there is anything I can assist with, please contact me at lee.jarvis@norfolk.gov.uk.

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