

October 26 Cllrs report

Health watch survey of healthcare in Norfolk

Healthwatch Norfolk is working with the Norfolk and Waveney University Hospitals Group (NWUHG) to gather public views on how healthcare services should develop in the next 10 to 20 years. They would like to know what works well for you now, what makes it difficult to get the care you need and what matters most to you in accessing health care. It's not specifically on changing any particular services but do take part. Here is the link for the consultation

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/TheFutureOfHealthcareInNorfolkAndWaveney/>

Or call 08081689669 and they will arrange a time to go through the survey with you.

Road safety for older adults

Residents interested in booking a free older driver theory group session can email roadsafety@norfolk.gov.uk. Please encourage interested residents to come forward as I've asked that extra sessions will be put on, which will be published on [Older driver workshop - Norfolk County Council](#). Residents can also book an individual session, GOLD, (Guidance for Older Drivers) with an instructor which costs £42 but are free for Norfolk residents in receipt of pension credits. Residents interested in booking a GOLD can complete this form: [Guidance for older drivers \(GOLD\) - Norfolk County Council](#) or call 03448008020.

Helping to improve Norfolk's recycling service

Norfolk County Council's annual Recycling Centre Survey is now open until 18 October 2026. It seeks views from both users and non-users to inform future improvements to the service – you might have views on this. Responses from people who do not currently use a Recycling Centre are particularly valuable, as they can help the council understand barriers, unmet needs and opportunities to make the service more accessible. The survey link is: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RecyclingCentres2026/

Fast broadband rollout

I've been trying to organise a webinar from NCC on the rollout of fast broadband in our area. This has now changed to a newsletter which I'm chasing. I understand an additional 11,360 premises in the north/northwest of Norfolk have been approved for fast broadband and I'm trying to get a handle of where and when. Apparently, it will take Openreach some time to complete all of the build works, with the whole program split into multiple phases that are likely to take several years to finish completely. NCC doesn't have the schedule yet of each of the build phases, but when they do they'll see what they can do to move this area up the priority list.

Bus survey

The survey looking at needs for better public transport in our towns and villages is still live. We've had lots of responses but if you haven't yet told us where additional bus services would be helpful, please let us know using the [link](#) to the survey below. I can't promise there will be funding or that what is requested is feasible, but let's first see what we need:

[Public Transport Survey – Fill in form](#)

Safety camera enforcement sites

I'm trying to find sites where the Camera Safety Team can carry out speed enforcement. When identifying enforcement locations, they are guided by non-compliance with speed limits, collision data and risk assessments, and all sites must meet specific criteria before they can be approved for enforcement. We've identified a few and I hope we can find a few more. Do get in touch if you have any areas of concern we haven't already addressed.

Weight management support for Adults

To help people achieve and maintain a healthier weight, Public Health Norfolk commissions two free programmes: Slimming World and Your Health Norfolk. Eligible residents can access weekly group support sessions that provide practical advice, encouragement and tools to help them make sustainable lifestyle changes.

Further details and links are available in the county council news release [here](#).

For those not meeting the eligibility criteria there are other really useful tools, tips and support available through the County Council's Ready to Change web pages – www.readytochange.co.uk/

Help protect England's marine environment and coastal wildlife

The Marine Management Organisation's "Your Coast – Explore, Enjoy, Protect" campaign includes a [national call for evidence](#) on how recreational activities affect protected marine habitats and wildlife. With major protected areas including The Wash and the North Norfolk Coast, Norfolk communities, the Government's call for evidence may therefore be of particular interest to local communities, marine users, conservation organisations and businesses that rely on a healthy coastal environment.

Budget proposals for 2027-2028

Norfolk County Council has published initial 2027-28 budget proposals to address a projected £35.9m gap and growing service demand. Consultation will take place on relevant proposals, with final decisions due in February 2027. The council has identified

£32.3m of savings and efficiencies, but further action is needed to close the remaining gap as demand for services continues to grow.

Proposals include details of a proposal to close Docking recycling centre, as recently highlighted and set out in a county council news item [here](#). I have asked for evidence that flytipping won't increase if this goes forward and that other sites will be safe.