

## County Cllr MW Report 2025

Norfolk County Council's annual spring and summer road surface dressing programme has started on April 7<sup>th</sup> and will see Norfolk's roads get a new seal to help prevent potholes forming and extending the life of roads with a new skid-resistant surface to reduce the risk of accidents. The work will continue through until September, to take advantage of the warmer weather. This year 320 miles of Norfolk roads will be dressed, up from 280 miles last year thanks to extra funding from the Department for Transport for highways maintenance this year. The programme will target high tourism areas and main roads first, so they are complete before the start of the busy summer season. The total programme will cost around £12 million and is a proven pro-active approach to highways maintenance. People are urged to drive slowly and considerably across the new surface until it is bedded in, and Highway Teams return to sweep up the loose chippings.

Another major milestone in the construction of Long Stratton Bypass was reached with installation of the pre-cast concrete beams to create a new road bridge on Hall Lane. Each of the 10 beams, weighing up to 33 tonnes each and measuring over 17 meters, were carefully lifted into place using a 300 tonne crane. The bridge deck will now be formed using reinforced concrete before surfacing is laid to link the approaches being constructed on either side. This milestone follows the recent successful installation of the new footbridge at Church Lane. The Hall lane bridge is a single-carriageway road bridge which will carry traffic on Hall Lane over the new bypass, with a footway for pedestrians. Both bridges will come into use later this summer with the bypass open to traffic by the end of the year.

Norfolk County Council's Trading Standards service plan for 2025-2026 has been approved by NCCs cabinet. The plan provides an update what the service achieved over the last year and sets out key areas for the year ahead. Last years achievements included, Tackling tobacco and alcohol sales to children, Removing from sale counterfeit vapes, dangerous electrical items, unroadworthy cars and children's toys which failed consumer safety checks. Protecting people from fraud, scams and rogue traders by raising awareness. Dealing with recent animal disease outbreaks, including blue tongue virus and avian flue.

The Spring edition of Your Norfolk magazine has been delivered to every household across the county with all the usual information and contact details for NCCs services, plus an update on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.

Best Wishes

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