

# LONGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Longham Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 19th May 2025 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Susan Douglas (Chairman of the Parish Council), Cllr Roddy McLeod (Hastings Charity) and four members of the public.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from District Cllrs Roger Atterwill and Richard Duffield and County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris.

**2. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**3. To receive reports from:**

**a) The Parish Council Chairman.**

The Chairman presented her report and this is attached.

**b) Village Hall Committee.**

The Chairman presented the Village Hall report and this is attached.

**c) St Andrews & St Peters Church.**

The Chairman presented the Church report and this is attached.

**d) The Hastings Charity Land.**

Cllr McLeod reported that the charity was in good order and there was nothing new to report.

**e) The Parish Council Clay Pit Project.**

On behalf of Cllr Paul O'Brien, the Chairman reported that maintenance work continues with the last visit from the volunteer group on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 when path clearance and general maintenance was carried out.

There is still no clarity from the Wind and Solar Farms re timings and amount of community funding grants. Cllr Donna McLeod has undertaken to ask questions about this when she attends the next briefing.

**f) District & County Councillors.**

Written reports from District Cllr Atterwill and County Cllr Kiddle-Morris are attached and the Chairman presented highlights from them.

4. **Open Forum – an opportunity for residents of the parish to express their views on matters of interest or concern relating to the village and to suggest ideas for the future.**

A query was raised regarding the proposed Regener8 solar farm planned between Beeston and Longham and, following his attendance at a recent consultation event, Cllr McLeod reported that the grid connection is likely to be at Scarning, although confirmation is awaited. A representative from the company will make a presentation at the following Annual Council Meeting.

5. **To note the date of the next Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

The date of the next meeting was noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

Signed:

Date:

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## Chairman's Report 2025

There seems to have been a lot going on this year, and I am very grateful to my colleagues on the council and our District and County Councillors and our Clerk for all their hard work and support.

There is now a cycle of maintenance at the Clay Pits and we are just waiting the availability of new grants to continue the works, to make the area safe and accessible for the public.

The play area fence, benches and bus shelter have all been painted this year and we have been able to locate another dog bin on New Road, whilst trying to find a verge that meets the Highways approval so that we can install one along Hoe Road.

I would like to thank all those people who came out and helped with the litter pick this year, it was pleasing to find not as much rubbish as in previous years.

During the last few weeks the village appraisal document and the request for information in identify sources of local help in case of a village emergency such as crop fires, floods, snow, has been delivered to each household

There has been very little movement as regards planning this year, as plans have not been able to be processed due to nutrient neutrality restrictions.

Regener8 Solar Farm have proposed a solar farm site between Beeston and Longham, one of many in the district.

The Local Plan review has resumed and there is now a requirement to build 903 houses per annum in the area, with much of the shortfall having to be made up in the villages. Parish Councils will be consulted in due course.

Devolution and local government reorganisation is ongoing with Norfolk and Suffolk moving to a Mayoral Combined Authority, with unitary councils. These changes will not impact parish councils, although Government may approve additional powers.

The county council elections were cancelled for this year and the elections for a Norfolk/Suffolk mayor will take place in May 2026.

## **Longham Village Hall Report**

Despite an increase in bookings the hall made a loss of just over £2000 last year, mainly due to the cost of insuring the old school house as it is empty.

The Football pitch is finally in a fit state to use, but unfortunately because of the time it has taken we have lost the football team. We hope to clean and decorate the changing rooms and get the posts re-instated so we can advertise the pitch for hire.

The committee have decided to setup a just giving page to try and raise the money to carry out the renovation work in the school house and we will be contacting villagers to see if they willing to contribute.

The committee would like to thank the Parish Council for their donations towards the grass cutting costs and mole control.

## **Longham Church**

Due to the large colony of bats in the church and with the church not in use regularly the Clergy considered the bat droppings a hazard. Therefore it was decided that no further services will be held in the church, the graveyard will still be used for burials.

The PCC has asked me to pass on their thanks to the Parish Council for continuing to pay for the grass cutting in the churchyard.

## **Roger Atterwill - District Councillor Report for the Lincoln Ward – May 2025**

Dear Resident,

It is my great privilege to serve as your Breckland District Councillor here in the Lincoln Ward. Here is a brief summary of my work on your behalf during the last year:-

### Budget & Council Tax

For the financial year 2025-2026 Breckland Council has increased its share of your council tax bill to £118.53 for a Band D property. This is an increase of £4.95 above last year. Like many households the Council also continues to face financial headwinds, and it has had to utilise some of its financial reserves and implement a programme of efficiency savings. Having spent a lot of time with senior council officers reviewing the budget as well as meeting with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition, I was content to support this year's budget. I continue to challenge the Council where I have concerns about financial matters. One particular area of concern I have raised is the need for the Council to take a more ethical approach to its overseas investment portfolio. I am pleased that they have now made some positive progress in this area.

### Local Development Plan Review

Following the election of the new government last Summer, Breckland Council paused all of its work on the review until the new National Planning Policy Framework was published in December. As a result of this Breckland Council is now required to build significantly more homes than previously anticipated. Having recently restarted its review, the Council has now carried out an additional consultation asking for more possible development sites to come forward. Consultation with Town and Parish Councils will also soon take place to try and determine where new homes can be built to fulfil the Council's housing target of 903 homes per year.

### The Future of Robertson Barracks

Breckland Council in my view is taking a very pragmatic approach to this site. It recognises that a lot of detailed work around transport links, utilities, green infrastructure and good quality design will need to be produced before a realistic assessment of potential housing and employment growth can be determined. I will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders including Defence Infrastructure Organisation to try and get the best possible outcome for the current local community and future generations. It must be remembered that any development of this site will likely take many years to complete if the base closes as currently planned in 2031.

### Community Car Schemes

Last year I was made aware of complaints made by some volunteer drivers and the co-ordinators about what they perceive is the onerous demands placed upon them by Breckland Council. These relate to the requirement for regular medical checks. It is felt that these can be off-putting for prospective new drivers and place an increased administrative burden on the Co-ordinator. I am pleased that at my request, Council officers have reviewed their scheme criteria and have now issued revised requirements to all car schemes across the district. The new requirements now align with those stipulated by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. It is my hope that this will result in less administrative work and a more sensible level of checks for drivers and co-ordinators.

### Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution

Residents will probably know by now that the new government has put Norfolk and Suffolk on a fast track programme to establish a combined mayoral authority for the two counties and on the current planned trajectory, an election for this post will take place in May 2026. Running alongside this is the planned local government re-organisation for Norfolk & Suffolk. Here in our county this will result in the abolition of Norfolk County Council, Norwich City Council and the six district councils including Breckland. In their place will likely be two or three unitary councils. Elections for these new councils are currently projected to take place in 2027 or 2028. Local councils now have until September to submit

to the government their vision for unitary councils in Norfolk. The government will make the final decision. There is still a great deal of uncertainty about all of this but in principle I support these aims. Yes, there is likely to be additional cost to get these new authorities up and running but I believe that in the long run these new structures could be more efficient and provide better services for Norfolk residents. I think we should embrace this opportunity to modernise our existing council structures which have not been changed for over fifty years.

#### Proposed Introduction of Car Parking Charges

After some bitter opposition from some local traders, opposition councillors and many local residents and having spent almost £100,000 on the consultation process, the Council's cabinet decided to pause the introduction of car parking charges in our town centres. They have cited the proposed local government reorganisation as its main reason for doing so. I welcome this pause and I hope it will be an indefinite one. I opposed the introduction of these charges because I was unhappy with the findings of the consultant's report commissioned by the council and also what I consider to be the negative effect this would have on hard pressed local businesses and their employees.

#### Supporting our Military Families

I was troubled to find out last year that some of our service personnel and their families based at Robertson Barracks are living in substandard accommodation on the base. Some of these homes are very poorly insulated, suffer from damp and mould and have very expensive inefficient electric heating. This makes the cost of energy very expensive and impacts on other aspects of their household budgets such as everyday shopping. Last summer I met with representatives from the 1<sup>st</sup> Queens Dragoon Guards welfare team to try and develop more targeted support. In November I attended a meeting at the base with senior officers, local housing officials and Phil Riley, Director of Accommodation - Defence Infrastructure Organisation. We inspected some of the housing and afterwards met some of the affected families so Mr Riley could hear first hand of their experiences living on the base. A decision was taken by Mr Riley at that meeting to provide over 60 families with rent relief over the winter to help them with their energy costs and a promise to work up a plan to upgrade these houses. Further to this I am very pleased to note that the new government has since bought back MOD housing from the previous private sector housing provider and in April Mr Riley confirmed to me that under new housing standards introduced by the government, the houses at Robertson Barracks would be included in the first 1000 service family homes to be refurbished. Our armed forces and their families deserve to be properly supported and my hope now, with increased focus by the government, is that the standard of all military housing will be greatly improved across the entire MOD estate. I would also like to place on record my thanks to the leader of the council, Sam Chapman-Allen who has supported me in this endeavour and who, following a request from me, has pledged to review the Council's contribution towards the Armed Forces Covenant Board, increasing the annual budget from £5,000 to £20,000 from next year.

#### Casework

As part of my casework I have managed to help a number of struggling local families and individuals receive additional financial support as well as putting them in touch with other professional bodies and charities where they can receive additional help and guidance. I can and often do help with concerns relating to antisocial behaviour, housing, street sweeping, environmental health matters, business support and backing community grant funding applications.

#### Your Councillor

As well as my day to day duties as your councillor, I am also the leader of the Independent & Green Group at Breckland Council. I am now starting my seventh year as a member of the planning committee and I am also a substitute member of the Overview & Scrutiny Commission and Governance & Audit Committee.

Yours Sincerely

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## County Councillor for Necton and Launditch

### Annual Report April 2024 – March 2025

#### **Budget 2025/26:**

Norfolk County Council approved the budget for financial year 2025/26 at its meeting in February 2025. Pressure on the Adults and Children's Social care budgets is increasing year on year, the number of adults over the age of 65 living in Norfolk is increasing and the number of children with identified special needs is also increasing. The annual cost of home to school transport provided by the Council now exceeds £70m. These pressures are reflected in the breakdown of costs set out below.

#### **Key Details from the Norfolk County Council Budget:**

- **Gross Budget:** The council has a gross expenditure budget of £2.2 billion (£1.7 billion excluding schools). This includes:
  - £700 million for Adult Social Care
  - £367 million for Children's Services (non-schools)
  - £283 million for Infrastructure
  - £44 million for Communities and Environment
  - £46 million for Fire Services

**Net Budget:** The net budget for 2025/26 is £572 million. This represents the amount raised through Council Tax to fund the services provided by the council.

- **Budget Growth:** The 2025/26 budget includes an increase of £121 million, which covers:
  - £31 million for inflationary pressures
  - £35 million for legislative pressures (including the increase in the National Living Wage and higher Employers National Insurance contributions)
  - £15 million for demand and demographic pressures
  - Over £25 million to cover recurrent overspends from Adult and Children's Services in 2024/25.
- **Funding and Savings:** While costs have risen by £121 million, funding has only increased by £32 million. The Government has eliminated the Rural Services Delivery Grant which provided £6.5m of extra funding to compensate the Council for having to deliver services across a largely rural county. The funds have been

reallocated and to metropolitan areas. To balance the budget, savings of £45 million will have to be implemented.

- **Council Tax:** For 2025/26, Council Tax will increase by 4.99%, which includes a 3% rise for general Council Tax and a 2% increase for the Adult Social Care precept. A Band D household will pay £1,755.63 per year, or around £34 per week, for County Council services in 2025/26.

## **Devolution:**

Norfolk is set to gain new powers and funding following a significant Government announcement. On the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner revealed that Norfolk would be a priority area for devolution. As part of this, the Government is seeking to create a devolution deal for Norfolk and Suffolk, which would include the introduction of an elected mayor. Elections for the new Mayor are scheduled for May 2026. To allow the Council time to set up the supporting officer cadre for the new Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) the government postponed the County council elections due on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 until at least 2026. The postponement of elections in such circumstances is not unusual the previous government postponed elections in 2018 for the same reason.

## **Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)**

At the same time the government has mandated that local government across England will be reorganised into unitary councils; this will involve abolishing county and district councils and forming new unitary authorities. This would centralise decision making and service delivery into a single authority. Again, Norfolk has been put on the fast track for LGR. Elections for councillors for the new unitary authorities are due to take place in 2027 with the new unitary councils taking up the reigns in 2028.

The Council was invited by government to submit initial proposals on the number of unitary authorities across Norfolk with options for one, 2 and 3 submitted. Comment from government on these initial proposals is expected in May 2025. Detailed submissions with cost breakdown and indicative savings will have to be submitted to government for consideration by the end of 2025. These changes will empower local areas with more control over their services and funding.

For further details on the progress of devolution and the impact of the reforms, visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/devolution), where you can also find answers to frequently asked questions from the Local Government Association. To watch an informative video [go to our video explaining devolution and local government reform.](#)

## **Norfolk County Council opposes National Grid pylon scheme:**

Councillors in Norfolk have objected to a National Grid proposal to construct an electricity transmission line across the county.

National Grid has launched a statutory consultation on plans for an 114-mile overhead power line between Norwich in Norfolk, Bramford in Suffolk and Tilbury in Essex.

In non-statutory consultations, Norfolk County Council has urged National Grid to reconsider the scheme, but the project will be determined by the Secretary of State for energy security and net zero as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

Norfolk County Council's Planning and Highways Delegations Committee agreed at a meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to object to the proposal, arguing that alternative options, including an offshore or underground scheme, had not been adequately considered. The major points of discussion can be found in the minutes of the meeting which are available on the NCC website.

At a recent full council meeting, councillors backed a motion expressing concerns over the proposals.

That motion called for Kay Mason Billig, leader of the council to write to National Grid with several requests, including further consideration of an offshore alternative and of putting more of the power line underground.

## **Norfolk set to receive highest highways maintenance allocation in the region:**

Norfolk is set to receive more than £56 million for highways maintenance for 2025/26. This is £15m more than was expected. The cas is split between revenue and capital. Revenue funding will enable maintenance activities to be carried out such as filling in potholes while capital can be used for improvement schemes sich as major resurfacing (nor surface dressing) schemes to prevent highway flooding and funding the parish partnership scheme.

Funding for every local authority across England today can be used throughout 2025/6 on the roads are in most need of repair, and to deliver immediate fixes for communities across Norfolk.

This comes just a few weeks after Norfolk took the top spot for the second year in a row in the National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey on roads and transport. People from across the county gave Norfolk the highest (above average) score in satisfaction with the condition of the highways.

More than 5,300 potholes have been fixed across Norfolk since April this year and of those 99% were repaired by our contractors within the agreed response times. If you see

a pothole - don't assume someone else has reported it. Let us know by completing our online form: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/potholes](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/potholes)

### **Parish Partnership Scheme:**

Norfolk County Council Cabinet has reviewed a series of investments and improvements to the county's highways infrastructure.

Documents reveal how 97 parishes, from Antingham to Worstead, will benefit from projects funded through the Council's Parish Partnership scheme. The 2025/26 programme, which asked for submissions from parishes to be submitted by December 2024, is designed to deliver what local communities have requested, including trods, village gateways, bus shelters, and vehicle-activated signs.

The programme is jointly funded by Norfolk County Council and contributions from Town and Parish Councils. This year, Norfolk County Council plans to contribute £425,476, enabling a total investment of £848,702 for local projects.

The Cabinet has also reviewed the highways capital programme, which highlights successes from the previous year and outlines how highways improvement funding will be allocated for the coming 12 months. This includes an additional £15 million from the Department for Transport (DfT).

With this extra funding, an additional 100 miles of roads in Norfolk will be resurfaced this year, supporting the Council's proactive approach to highway improvement that helps prevent potholes. The funding will also provide additional resources for local repairs and patching across the county.

### **Norfolk County Council committed over £1m to keep people warm last winter:**

Proposals to support some of Norfolk's most vulnerable people this winter have been set out today.

Norfolk County Council is looking to use £1.15m of the £6.7m allocated to the county through the Household Support Fund to keep people warm and help them make ends meet.

The county council will use £0.75m to partner with local organisations, including Age UK and Citizens Advice Bureau, to reach some of those most affected by the changes to the Winter Fuel Payments. They will also put £400k into the 'warm spaces' scheme which provides vital respite in community spaces across the county.

The proposals also include £3.6m to continue providing cost-of-living vouchers for families eligible for means tested free school meals. This is in addition to:

- £1.00m to Norfolk Assistance Scheme. Delivered by the Norfolk County Council, the scheme includes direct award of assistance, the provision of household items and emergency help, alongside a range of support and guidance
- £0.70m to local councils across Norfolk to provide proactive and crisis support
- £0.25m to Adult Learning to continue free access to a range of courses to help with cooking at home, budgeting, and digital skills.

## **New strategy puts Norfolk at the forefront of the UK economy:**

Ambitious plans for Norfolk's economy have been unveiled in a new strategy to be presented to the county council's cabinet in November.

The strategy seeks to build on Norfolk's influence in key sectors, including clean energy, agri-tech and cutting-edge research.

Norfolk's Economic Strategy, also known as a Local Growth Plan, sets out an overview of the local economy and key priority areas for economic growth.

Norfolk is already at the forefront of some of the UK's most strategically important sectors.

Norfolk is a global leader for offshore wind with £39bn of clean energy investment forecasted over the next 20 years. In Great Yarmouth, the new Operations and Maintenance Campus is expected to create 650 new jobs and new commercial space for the offshore renewable energy sector. This £24.8m partnership project is a collaboration with Great Yarmouth Borough Council, with enabling works well underway.

Work is also underway to examine how to decarbonise the gas supply through the development of a 'Bacton Energy Hub', reusing existing North Sea assets for carbon storage, and blue/green hydrogen production.

The local Agri-Food and Agri-Tech economy puts Norfolk at the epicentre of addressing challenges around food security and climate change. Norwich Research Park is a world-leading research base at the forefront of global food and health research. It is Europe's largest single site hub of research, training, education, and enterprise in food and health.

Norfolk is already well known for a visitor economy which accounts for nearly 20% of all employment. The county was recently successful in bidding to become a Local Visitor Economy Partnership, alongside Visit East of England and Suffolk County Council. This put them on an even footing with the likes of Cornwall, the Peak District, and the Cotswolds who have the same level of Visit England accreditation.

Major infrastructure projects continue to transform how residents and businesses get around. The completion of the Herring Bridge and the start of construction on the long-awaited Long Stratton Bypass will bring a major boost for the local economy. Norfolk has

also seen year-on-year growth in bus passenger numbers and the introduction of a major electric bus fleet.

The county council continues to push for improvements along the A47, with an ongoing campaign to improve connectivity and safety through further dualling in key areas.

Norfolk has built an increasingly enterprising culture, supporting residents to start up their own business, and for new start-ups to survive and thrive. Norfolk has a better than UK average for survival of new businesses at 63% after 3 years, compared to the UK average of 56%.

New Anglia Growth Hub acts as the 'front door' for local businesses looking for support. Over the past 10 years, the Growth Hub has supported over 14,000 businesses with free, impartial support and advice.

## **Norfolk County Council supports Norfolk's Family Farms**

Conservative-led Norfolk County Council is taking proactive steps to support the county's hard-working family farms in response to recent budget announcements from the Labour Government. Recognizing the essential role that farming plays in the local economy, the Council is submitting and debating a motion aimed at ensuring that Norfolk's farmers are well-supported as they navigate the challenges brought on by these new policies.

The motion reflects the Council's strong commitment to championing local businesses, with a particular focus on protecting the livelihoods of those who sustain Norfolk's agricultural heritage. Norfolk's family farms are the backbone of rural communities, and the Conservative-led Council is dedicated to ensuring that their voices are heard and their concerns are addressed.

Understanding the issues that local farmers face, ranging from financial pressures to complex regulatory changes, the motion highlights the importance of offering practical support.

Norfolk County Council is committed to creating a future where local farmers can thrive, ensuring a sustainable and prosperous agricultural sector for generations to come.

## **Norfolk street lighting goes green**

Norfolk is leading the way in energy efficiency with the successful completion of its street lighting upgrade project, finishing almost a year ahead of schedule. This major initiative will cut CO2 emissions by over 200 tonnes annually, helping the county make significant strides toward a greener, more sustainable future.

The upgrade, carried out by Amey on behalf of Norfolk County Council, involved replacing 16,800 traditional High-Intensity Discharge (HID) lights with 15,531 state-of-the-art LED

lanterns. This transition, which began in August 2023, will ensure that, starting in November 2024, 100% of Norfolk County Council's street lighting will use low-energy LEDs.

The final phase of this project will save approximately 1,099,032 kWh of energy each year, translating to an estimated £380,000 in savings based on current electricity prices.

Since the first LED streetlights were installed in 2008, the county has saved around 71 million kWh of energy, reducing carbon dioxide emissions by over 22,200 tonnes, equivalent to the carbon savings of 6.7 million litres of diesel. This project marks another significant achievement in Norfolk's ongoing commitment to reducing its environmental impact and promoting energy sustainability.

## **Discover the Best of Norfolk: Explore 1,500 Miles of Scenic Trails for Walking, Cycling, and Horse-Riding**

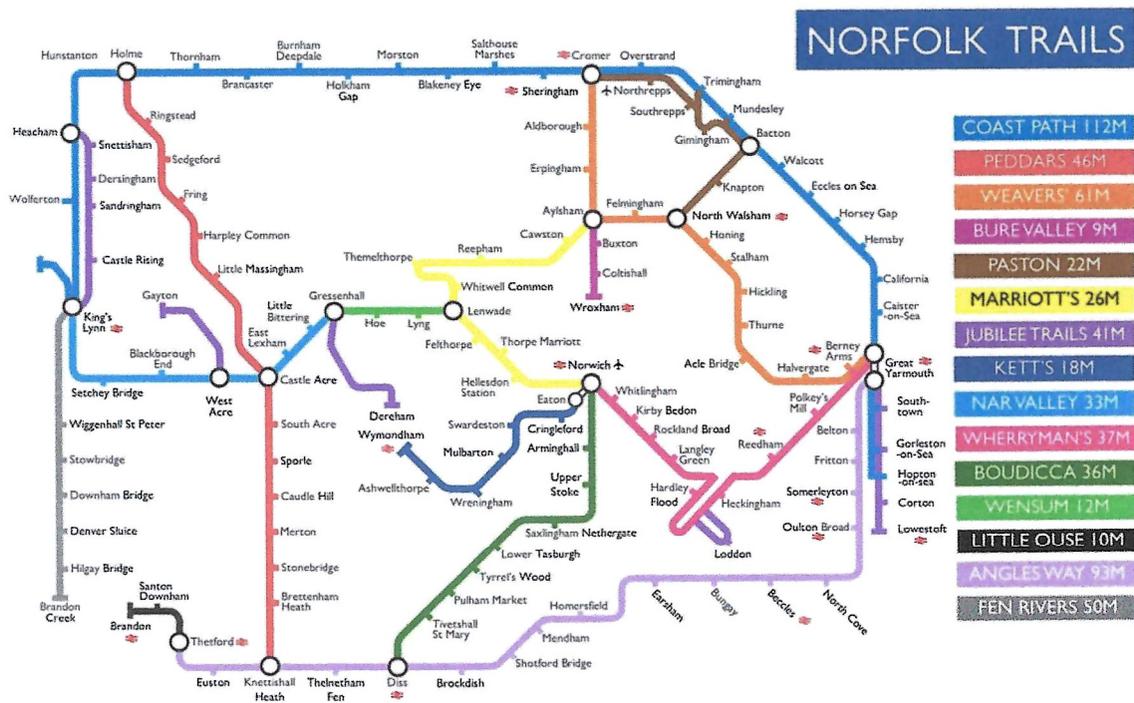
Norfolk offers over 1,500 miles of beautiful walking, cycling, and horse-riding routes, each showcasing the county's unique nature and rich cultural heritage. Whether you're exploring tranquil river valleys, historic landscapes, or scenic coastal paths, Norfolk's trails offer something for every adventurer.

Highlights include the **Angles Way**, a 93-mile walking route through woodlands and heathland, and the **Boudicca Way**, a 36-mile journey through ancient Roman and Iceni heritage sites. For those seeking to explore the Broads, the **Bure Valley Path** offers a 9-mile route along a heritage railway. History buffs will enjoy the **Kett's Country Trail**, which follows the story of Kett's Rebellion, while the **Peddars Way** takes you along an ancient Roman road.

Other stunning routes include the **Norfolk Coast Path** (a 112-mile National Trail), the **Marriott's Way** (26 miles of scenic walking, cycling, and horse-riding), and the **Wherryman's Way**, a 40-mile trek through the beautiful Broads National Park.

Whether you're interested in history, nature, or simply exploring the countryside, Norfolk's extensive network of trails provides the perfect way to experience this beautiful region.

For more information please visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/42852/Norfolk-Trails](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/42852/Norfolk-Trails)



## Working Well Norfolk helping people with long-term health issues to keep working

A scheme to support people in Norfolk with long-term health issues get back into employment or continue in their jobs has already helped more than 1,100 participants.

The Working Well Norfolk programme, launched in October 2023, supports individuals with long-term health issues to return to or stay in work. It has already helped over 1,100 participants, with 200 moving into work and 150 staying employed despite health challenges. The programme has received 1,600 referrals and will continue for another 18 months, with additional funding to help 730 more people, totalling 1,830 participants by September 2026. The £5.2m project is managed by Norfolk County Council and delivered by Seetec Pluss and Standguide Ltd. For more info or to refer, visit [Working Well Norfolk - Seetec Pluss](#) or call 01603 561054.

### Your County Councillor:

The Necton and Launditch division covers around 80sq miles of mid Norfolk and stretches from Colkirk in the north to Necton in the south and from Beetley in the east to Rougham in the west. The division contains 24 parishes which have 18 parish councils and 3 parish meetings, whose meetings I endeavour to attend as regularly as possible.

The division will change at the next County Council election (possibly in 2026) due to a review of division boundaries across Norfolk carried out by the Boundary Commission. The change will see the parish of Necton replaced by the parishes of Swanton Morley and Hoe. The division will be renamed Launditch. The boundaries of any unitary council covering the Breckland area will require swift work to enable elections to the new authorities in 2027.

During the year I have attended meetings of the following committees as a voting member:

Council; Scrutiny Committee; Planning (Regulatory) Committee (Vice Chair); Audit and Governance Committee; Adult Social Care Performance Review Panel; Breckland Area Museums Committee; Norfolk Safeguarding Adults Board; Planning and Highways Delegations Committee (non voting).

Mark Kiddle-Morris, Member for Necton and Launditch.

May 2025.