

Annual Report 2023

Once again I have had a busy year as your County Councillor. I have been to many parish council meetings in the division and have been answering questions about local issues from residents.

We still have many problems with potholes. If you come across one, please report it on the Norfolk County Council website. This will give you an enquiry number. If it isn't fixed in reasonable time, then let me know. I will chase it up with my Highways Engineer to find out what is happening. Having an enquiry number makes this easier to do, as it has already been logged.

We still have issues with hedges and trees obstructing footpaths and causing visibility problems on some roads. Again, please report it and then let me know if things don't improve. Some foliage can be cut back by the Council team, where it is not on private property. Alternatively we can write to land owners asking for them to trim back any obstructions.

The new roundabout at Loddon on the A146 has made a massive difference to safety at this junction. I am aware that it is not looking its best though and I am pursuing this to get the dead trees removed and replanted and for some regular maintenance to take place.

The extension to the 50mph speed limit at the Hellington Bends is likely to happen later this year. I am awaiting the issue of the Road Traffic Order that will enable us to replace the signage and reduce the speed limit on this dangerous stretch of road.

We have tackled the problem of flooding in many different areas in the division including recent works in Ashby St Mary and Chedgrave. I am aware that this is an issue which affects many people and the flooding of residential property causes major distress and upset to residents. If you know of any particularly vulnerable places, let me know and I will ask my Highways engineer to take a look.

I have also been out with Officers from County to look at some new safety schemes in our villages. I am aware that speeding is a big issue in many places. I am trying to find solutions for the problems in Woodton, Chedgrave, Claxton, Rockland St Mary, Alington and also Loddon, which have been brought to my attention. I am sure there are many others. I can ask the Police to attend if you know of regular incidences, where we can give them intelligence about times and places. Please get in touch if I can help.

If I can help in any way, you can contact me at kay.masonbillig.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk