

Andy Bullen North Downham Ward report January 2022

I am pleased to present my January report to DMTC

BCKLWN

Council

Select notes from Council activity of interest to Downham Market:

Council Tax Support (CTS) Scheme will be increased

A new Fly-tipping officer has been appointed with an electric vehicle

There may be some amendments to waste collection rounds

A Local Plan Review Officer has been appointed but has yet to report

The St John's Business Estate in DM is close to completion

Further COVID support grants are available for the hospitality, leisure and accommodation sector (details on the BCKLWN website)

QEH The Council supports the campaign for developing a new hospital

Most other Council business is not concerned with Downham Market

I have attended a number of meetings:

Council

Environment and Communities Panel

Internal Drainage Boards

I met with the Borough Public Open Space Manager re new play equipment for Downham Market

North Downham Ward business

I have been engaged with residents in connection with trees, ASB, roads, footpaths, drainage, play equipment

I have met with the new Downham Market Wildlife Group

I have been in contact with the Men's Shed in Downham Market

I have been involved with the campaign to raise funds for new play equipment on the Howdale - more positive news to follow

I have visited The Swan Youth Project

I have met with Borough Planning about Stowfields/Leverett Gardens and have another meeting arrange 3 February

I have met with Downham Market police

We are all pleased to learn that John Boyle was found safe and well and returned home

We have all been concerned to hear the distressing incidents in the town and local area at the weekend but have been reassured by the police that there is no need for the wider community to be concerned

I would like to highlight the **Small Grants Scheme**:

Small Grants Scheme can help projects that aim to make life better in west Norfolk
A new grants scheme has launched to help projects in west Norfolk that build communities or improve people's lives

Applications close on 28 February at noon.

To find out more about eligibility and how to apply, visit <https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/smallgrants>.

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