

Report for Ovington Parish Council 16th July 2025

Inspiring communities match funded grant scheme continues and details can be found via the Community Foundation Norfolk. Priorities are domestic abuse, Mental health, Social Isolation & Loneliness and early intervention projects.

The Council continues to crackdown on fly-tipping and has given fixed penalty notices for 3 fly tipping offenders totalling £1,300. Please continue to report any fly-tipping for investigation.

At the June meeting of Breckland Council's Cabinet, members voted to approve a resolution to join the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities, reinforcing its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for older residents across the district.

Breckland's market Towns have been invited to apply for grants to help attract more visitors. Organisations and businesses can apply for the 'Love your Market Town' fund. The scheme is in partnership with Norfolk County Council.

Local Plan-Parish cluster meetings for parishes with site submissions over 50 dwellings have been held. There has been good engagement with the parishes that have attended and an understanding of where we are with the increase in housing numbers. A FAQ will be available on the website in due course. We are now meeting with the Town councils and villages that are associated with them and have had high submissions. A special cabinet meeting was held on 14th July to approve the the Town and parish settlement Hierarchy and its methodology as evidence to support the emerging development strategy.

Local government reorganisation-The council confirms it does not support the governments proposed approach to LGR and devolution. We are concerned about the risks to residents and businesses of increased council tax. The Council agrees that if this goes ahead we support a 3 unitary model as do Kings Lynn & West Norfolk, Broadland District Council, Great Yarmouth Borough, North Norfolk District Council, and Norwich City Council. It won't be until early 2026 that we hear from the Government which structure it supports. There are pop-up stalls on Market days in the Towns where residents and businesses can get more information and give feedback. Thetford 15th July, Watton- 16th July, Attleborough-17th July, Dereham -18th July and Swaffham-19th July.

Cllr. Helen Crane 16.7.25