

County Councillor Report

Stoke Holy Cross Parish Council 25th June 2026

Help with Living Costs

The County Council has recently published a useful booklet on the different schemes available to help residents with living costs. Copies are available via our County Councillor. The information can also be found online:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving

Closure of Norfolk Communities Fund and Highways Local Member Fund

Norfolk County Council has announced the closure of the popular Norfolk Communities Fund and the Highways Local Member Fund. Funds for the NCF will be reallocated to the Fire & Rescue Service. The Local member Fund will be allocated to fund the large Highways Maintenance backlog (costed at £80 million). Both decisions will reduce the ability of parishes and local organisation to get help from NCC with local initiatives.

Redundancy Support Service launches new online portal

Norfolk County Council's Redundancy Support Service (RSS) has recently launched a new online portal to help residents and businesses access support where there is a risk of redundancy. The portal is running as a pilot until September 2027. The new portal enables people to explore their options and contact the team for support at what can be a particularly stressful time. It also provides case studies. The site can be found here:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/74490/Redundancy-Support-Service>

The RSS team is also keen to hear from partner organisations that may be able to help support Norfolk residents and businesses.

NCC Chief Executive

The Chief Executive of the County Council is leaving his post after 7.5 years of service. The Council is currently searching to make an interim appointment.

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