Report from your County Councillor, Cllr Steffan Aquarone



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Easter weekend and public services

It was fantastic to see so many people out enjoying North Norfolk's beaches over the Easter weekend. I want to thank all those who make this possible. Our volunteer lifeguards, emergency services, and NHS staff give up their bank holidays to keep people safe and provide urgent care when our coast is at its busiest. Their work is vital to our communities and our visitors alike.

Cleaner water and tackling sewage spills

I grew up on Norfolk's beaches, so protecting our coastline matters deeply to me. New data shows real progress in reducing sewage spills at two of our worst affected sites. At Knackers Wood, spills have fallen by 95 percent, from 4359 in 2024 to 204. At West Runton, spills have dropped by 94 percent, from 116 hours to just 7 hours.

This follows sustained pressure on Anglian Water and investment of £3.5 million across both sites, as part of £83m they have committed in North Norfolk in the coming five years. It shows what targeted investment can achieve. However, one spill is one too many. I will keep pushing for further improvements until our waterways are properly protected.

Heating oil costs

Many residents have contacted me about the rising cost of heating oil. Around a third of homes in North Norfolk rely on it, yet it is not treated in the same way as gas or electricity.

As MP for North Norfolk I secured a debate in Parliament to press the government on this issue, including calling for stronger action such as a price cap. I will continue to make the case until rural households are treated fairly.

NHS dentistry

After years of campaigning on access to NHS dentistry, there has been progress. Plans for a new Dental School at the University of East Anglia are moving forward, with an additional 50 training places announced each year.

Training dentists locally is key to rebuilding NHS dentistry in Norfolk. This is a positive step, but more work is needed and I will continue to press the government until the dental school is delivered.

If there is anything I can help with, please get in touch!

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