

### Borough Council activity

There is discussion about applying a premium for long term empty properties and second homes and the BC is entering into negotiations with NCC to receive a higher share of potential revenue which could be raised

Provision of dentists in the Borough is being looked into

The Borough Council Leader has lobbied for financial support for Borough Councils from the Govt.

There is discussion about the financial contribution and burden on Borough Council finances from Internal Drainage Boards and whether it is sustainable in the long term

I have attended the following meetings:

Full Council  
Environment and Communities Panel

I am involved with a number of initiatives within the Borough with current focus on environmental issues

I arranged and joined Cllr Simon Ring Cabinet Member for Tourism, Events and Marketing in meeting the DMTC Community Development Committee (one of a series of visits and meeting with Cabinet Members in Downham Market)

I am in discussion with DMTC and BCKLWN Cabinet Members Cllrs Ring and Beale (Cabinet Member for Business) to attend a meeting for local Downham Market businesses on 21 February

I have been appointed to the BC Bio-Diversity Task Group

Working on initiatives with the new Administration to benefit Downham Market including promotion, sports provision, environment, road safety, anti-social behaviour, Special Expenses

### North Downham Ward

I have been involved with the following activity in my Ward:

Housing issues  
Planning applications  
Anti-social behaviour  
The Macular Society  
Downham Market Wildlife Group  
Special Expenses

I have also been involved with a number of activities associated with the Swan Youth Project

I am waiting to arrange a date for Bal Anota, Cabinet Member for Property and Corporate Services, to visit Downham Market

I have attended DMTC Council meetings

As mentioned above I am involved with organising a joint DMTC/BCKLWN meeting for local businesses on 21 February

I am involved with organising a new town event: "Wild Downham Market" promoting wildlife in the town which will be held on 3 February

I am working with the BC Open Spaces Team to establish new wild flower areas in the town and tree planting