

Norfolk County Council – Additional Report from Marie Strong – 10 May 2016

Adults at Risk of Abuse: If someone you know is being abused call NCC Adult Social Services on 0344 800 8020 (24 hours a day); text 07767 647670; email SCCE@norfolk.gov.uk; online.norfolk.gov.uk/socialcareenquiry. (You can also use these contacts if you are worried about a child). For more information see www.norfolk.gov.uk/speakup. In an emergency call the police on 999.

No Cold Calling:

The new web link for information on No Cold Calling Zones is www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/consumer-advice/no-cold-calling-zones It still contains guidance on the scheme and links to the online application form. Existing zones can be located via the ‘where I live’ site www.whereilive.norfolk.gov.uk/.

Norfolk County Council Partnership: Funding of £380,000 for 122 small scale highway projects across Norfolk has been approved by county councillors. The money from the scheme will be matched by parish and town councils whose 2015 bids were accepted. Walsingham Parish council was successful in a bid for a SAM2 - vehicle activated sign to remind drivers of their speed. Blakeney Parish Council was successful in a bid for a Trod (a simplified lower cost alternative to footways constructed using recycled road surface material) and in a separate bid, for preventative parking posts.

Norfolk County Council Planning Authority: People are more familiar with the district council’s responsibility for planning on which the county council is a consultee regarding highways aspects. However the county is responsible for all elements of minerals and waste planning and for determining planning applications for county council developments such as Schools, Libraries and fire stations. The extent of the work regarding waste and mineral extraction is considerable and further details can be found at:

http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/Minerals_and_Waste_planning_policy/index.htm

Parking Infringements: There have been increasing complaints regarding vehicles parking across private entrances. This is particularly distressing for mature and disabled residents. It constitutes an obstruction and as such can be dealt with by the police. If you are stranded outside your home, or someone you know is, you can ring the police on the non-emergency number 101. If there are yellow lines the matter can be dealt with by traffic wardens and you can report direct to parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk. Even if the traffic wardens cannot attend at the time of the report it is important to make the report because they feed into the tasking schedules. Both the police and traffic enforcement body have been asked to pay particular attention to the problem.

Post Offices: Hindringham and Walsingham, along with neighbouring villages, should have seen the start of a mobile Post Office service. The vehicle for Walsingham will be *situated* close to the Village Hall on Wednesdays 10-11.30 and for Hindringham close to the Pavillion on Wednesdays 11.45-12.45. There will be a six week local public consultation regarding the locations, proposed days and opening hours.

Recycling Centres: From April 1 until September 30 recycling centres will be operating under the new Summer opening hours timetable and will be open from 9am until 5pm. In addition to the usual free disposal of waste there are several trial systems at the larger centres including trade waste for smaller businesses. To find your nearest recycling centre, full information about opening hours and days and what you can and cannot take to the sites, please visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres and/or www.norfolk.gov.uk/businesswaste