

News from County Councillor Dr Marie Strong
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Wells County Division: I now know that Wells Division is shared between the following district wards: Wells and Holkham; Coastal; Priory; Stody; Holt; Walsingham. What has not changed are the nice people and hard working councillors. And I await with interest when next year the county decides what changes it will make to the counties divisions.

Wells-next-the-Sea Recycling Centre Re-use Shop: It was a delight to open the re-use shop at Wells recycling centre – not only being able to present a cheque for £9,470 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance from income generated by existing re-use shops but also to see the enthusiasm of the staff at the centre who are rightly proud of their efforts to bring the shop into operation and ensure more items are re-used than thrown. The County Council's re-use shops welcome donations of good quality second hand pieces and sell these on at bargain car boot prices. Helping to give useful items a new home reduces the amount of unwanted items going to waste and the income from sales in the shops helps to offset the cost of providing the recycling centre service.

Dry Road to Wells: For anyone as curious as I was the red and white poles are marker posts for a gas main. (For visitors and newcomers the Dry Road is the B1105 Wells to Fakenham, historically known as the Dry Road because it was one of the few roads around these parts without a pub.)

Bank Scams: Norfolk County Council Trading Standards has received reports from residents that bank accounts are being opened in their names. Victims received a letter from a bank with information of a new account opened in their name followed by a further letter with a bank card for the account. The victims were not customers of the bank nor had any dealings with the bank. Advice: If you receive such letters contact the bank straight away; keep a record of all conversations you have with the bank and copies of letters referencing the fraud. For further advice and to report any scams contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

No Cold Calling Stickers: If you would like a sticker for your window or neighbours go to the online contact form at the top of the Contact Norfolk County Council page - www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/have-your-say/contact-norfolk-county-council or on the general telephone number 0344 800 8020. Type or ask for No Cold Calling stickers from Trading Standards and provide your name and address and how many you would like.

Information regarding NCC Road Maintenance and reporting potholes: Just about everything you need to know about NCC's work on our highways - <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/potholes>.

Community Room for Hire: Very useful room for hire at very reasonable rates. Well equipped for meetings and talks. For further information contact Wells Library on 01328 710 467.

Hope this month's practical information is useful.

Upwards and onwards

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Barshams & Houghton St Giles, Binham with Cockthorpe, Blakeney, Brinton with Sharrington, Field Dalling & Saxlingham, Glandford with Letheringsett, Great Snoring, Great & Little Walsingham, Hindringham, Holkham, Langham, Morston, Sculthorpe, Stiffkey, Stody with Hunworth, Thornage & Little Thornage, Warham, Wells-next-the-Sea, Wighton, Wiveton