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**NCC Trading Standards Warning:**

Get rid of this scam – the latest scam brought to my attention is an email claiming your tv licence is about to expire. Please warn friends and family who may be worried DO NOT CLICK THE LINK – it is just an attempt to get your bank details. If you receive the email you can report the scam to Scams Action by calling 0300 330 3003. Any doubts about the validity of your TV licence contact the TV licensing company directly using the information available on their official website [www.tvlicensing.co.uk](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk)

**Amnesty Days at the Recycling Centre** have passed but please remember the following outlets for items you no longer need:

**Wells Men's Shed:** Its members will accept paint and timber which can be used for their projects (07486524603).

**Re-Use Shop:** Remember the Re-use shop now open at Wells Recycling Centre. Receives and sells items.

**Other Unwanted Items:** NCC is appealing for items towards the Syrian refugee resettlement programme. White goods (including fridges, freezers and washing machines), bed frames, wardrobes, chests of drawers and bedside cabinets are needed. NCC is supporting the Government's Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme by receiving 100 Syrian refugees over the following two years. To inform NCC of any available items use the [Help Refugees online portal](#). Small items can be taken in a box to any Norfolk County Council Library marked "PFA Team, NML" and the library service will deliver.

**Reduce Period Poverty:** NCC and local councils are seeking to reduce period poverty and end unnecessary embarrassment by providing sanitary items at county venues such as libraries. But I want to make you aware of an invidious matter – VAT is charged on sanitary items. So females including girls and women with low income pay VAT on top of the cost of items about which they have no choice. Few will have seen me angry but if I meet those who voted for this unbelievable and unacceptable imposition they will do so. You would be further shocked if you read the list of items about which people have a choice but on which there is no VAT. Whenever and whatever happens regarding Europe this inexcusable tax must be thrown out.

County Cllr Dr Marie Strong

*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*