

News from County Councillor Dr Marie Strong
Northfield Lane:

I understand the concern that has been expressed about the condition of Northfield Lane from Standard Road to Jolly Sailor Yard. Initially the repair was to be a simple tar and chip surfacing but instead the work has been upgraded to a micro asphalt surface. This type of surfacing is carried out by a specialist contractor and as yet a date has not been confirmed but it is likely to be after the summer period when the road is less busy. The surface will be a better quality and last longer than tar and chipping so I hope people will feel the wait to be worthwhile.

Potholes:

After last winter we are all still coming across new potholes so you may be surprised but I hope pleased that Norfolk County Council was one of the few Counties to be awarded additional money, nearly £5.5 million, towards repairing potholes. The award was made because the County has managed repair work better than many other counties. However whilst the £5.5 million will be very useful it has to be seen in the context of a backlog of some £80 million of potholes and surface deterioration.

Better Broadband for Norfolk:

Improved Broadband for Wells is progressing inline with the previously reported schedule. Indicative of progress are the new green broadband cabinets outside the Co-op, at the corner of Mill Road and Park Road and at the northern end of Northfield Avenue.

Wells Recycling Centre:

Concern has been expressed by Cllr Campbell regarding the disposal of green waste at Wells Recycling Centre specifically regarding the compactor. Reassurance has been given that the compactor has not been permanently removed but was taken for repair. Due to the limitation of accommodation at the Wells Centre there is not room to keep a spare compactor. However the green waste will not be wasted(!) but stored when until the return of a compactor. In the meantime staff will always assist customers who have difficulty climbing steps with heavy loads. (Gratitude was expressed for Cllr Campbells's compliments as to the quality of staff at the Centre.)

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