

North Norfolk Big Society Fund

Voluntary and community organisations within North Norfolk may apply for Big society Fund grants to support their projects. Full information including contact details are given in the Fund's page on the District Council website: bit.ly/cllr-vfitzpatrick-BSF. It is worth making contact at an early stage to discuss your application. The officers are very happy to give help and advice with any application.

I am pleased to report that "Wells in Bloom" have been awarded over £2,500 for planters and other items.

Applications will need to reach us by the 6th February 2017 in order to go to the Big Society Fund Grant Panel on the 6th March 2017.

NNDC Staff Member Wins National Award

Leader of NNDC's Democratic Services Team has been named Democratic Services Officer of the Year. Emma Denny was presented with the prestigious award by the Association of Democratic Services Officers in recognition of her commitment to the District Council, her development of innovations and best practice, and her delivery of excellent service to customers above and beyond the call of duty.

Emma said: "I am really proud to have received this award and to be acknowledged by ADSO. The work of Democratic Services Teams across local government authorities is incredibly important. At North Norfolk District Council we are a small council and a small team and I hope that this award proves you don't have to be part of the largest authorities in the UK to be good at what you do."

I am sure that you will want to join me in congratulating Emma on her award.

NNDC Enforcement

Two successful North Norfolk District Council prosecutions for waste offences

Always check you comply with laws governing disposal and transportation of waste

Two men have pleaded guilty to separate charges involving the illegal disposal of waste. The successful prosecutions were brought by North Norfolk District Council.

One man was charged with contraventions of section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in respect of the householders' duty of care and failure to make such measures as are necessary to secure that any transfer of household waste is only to an authorised person. He gave his waste to an unknown man in a van who turned up offering to take his scrap and other waste at no cost. The householder pleaded guilty to the charge which related to waste tipped on Tatterford Road, Dunton, at Norwich Magistrates Court on November 17. He was

given a conditional discharge for 6 months and ordered to pay £70.80 compensation, £150 costs and a victim surcharge of £20; a total of £240.80.

In the second case, a man was charged under the Control of Pollution (amendment) Act 1989 for the offence of transporting controlled waste without being a registered waste carrier and also for a duty of care offence under section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The charges were in relation to waste deposited in Marlpit lane, Hempstead. The man had accepted an offer from someone who had offered to take the waste for £20. He pleaded guilty to two charges on November 17. Norwich Magistrates Court sentenced him to a six-month conditional discharge and imposed a £20 victim surcharge.

You must make certain that anyone disposing of your waste is correctly licensed to do so.

New Waste and Recycling Information

Christmas, New Year and 2017 wheelie bin collection dates

New waste and recycling calendars will help people across North Norfolk understand how their bin collection dates will be affected by public holidays such as Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter. Every year North Norfolk District Council's collection dates over the Christmas period and other public holidays differ slightly, sometimes taking place a day or two earlier or later than expected.

The new calendars show when wheelie bins will be collected over the next 12 months, from this December through to November 2017.

Each calendar is specific to the usual day of collection, so people with Monday collections will receive different calendars to those with Tuesday collections and so on. The calendars show any changes to collections as a result of public holidays by showing the actual collection date highlighted in yellow. If the dates haven't changed they will appear in white. On the reverse side it illustrates what can go in the green recycling bin. Calendars were hung on wheelie bins following emptying during the past two weeks.

Councillor Vincent FitzPatrick

Priory Ward

www.northnorfolk.org