

### **North Norfolk Big Society Fund**

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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 <http://bit.ly/cllr-fitzpatrick-BSE>. 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.

Applications for the June sitting of the Big Society Fund Grant Panel have now closed. The next sitting of the panel is in September. Closing date for applications to be advised.

### **Big Bellies**

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No, not an item about health! The big bellies here are solar powered compactor bins. Following a successful trial in 2016, NNDC has now installed four of these bins in Wells on the Quay (and four bins in Cromer). These have been operation from 25 May 2107. These bins use a compactor to compress the litter and can take 8 times the amount waste compared a normal litter bin. They are sealed to prevent access by vermin. The bins will be a real asset in managing the waste at the Quay. The owners of Frenchie's and Platten's have made significant contributions to the costs of the project.

### **New Pre-Application Advice Service**

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The first phase of NNDC's pre-planning advice service is now live. This phase introduces an improved pre-planning advice service for householder, small residential and small commercial developments.

The new service offers a single point of access and way of dealing with pre-application advice requests. Pre-application advice requests will be primarily submitted via an online form, alternatively they can be provided with a hard copy. Customer services will be trained to assist customers to complete their pre-application documentation. The benefits include clear advice on the likelihood of obtaining planning permission (before engaging an agent), a written response from Planning, advice can be factored into the planning application and the ability to choose the level of service required.

Please visit the pre-advice pages - <http://bit.ly/cllr-vfitzpatrick-PPA> - on the NNDC website.

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