

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 <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.

Awards from the September Panel were:

- Swafield Village Hall, £2,923.20 towards the connection of the hall to the mains sewage system.
- Binham Memorial Hall, £6,756.75 to buy kitchen equipment to enable larger scale catering, including a commercial size dishwasher, hot food cupboard and stainless-steel preparation tables.
- Salthouse Village Hall, £12,150 to renovate the toilet and kitchen areas of the hall.
- Paston Playground Project, £15,000 towards the purchase of playground equipment.

Applications to go to the 4th December 2017 Big Society Fund Grant Panel will need to be submitted by the 6th November 2017.

Free Parking for Remembrance Sunday

Parking in NNDC car parks will be free on Remembrance Sunday (November 12th). In response to local community wishes, North Norfolk District Council will waive parking fees all day on Remembrance Sunday.

Scam Alert

Householders are being advised to beware of rogue traders who are offering roof-insulation checks and claiming it is all part of a free government scheme.

North Norfolk District Council has been contacted by residents checking the validity of claims made by these doorstep canvassers. One elderly gentleman reported that he had been told it was a free government incentive being rolled out by local councils.

However, neither North Norfolk District Council nor Norfolk County Council have any ties to these tradesmen and are not involved with any such schemes.

The callers try to make an appointment to climb on to the roof in order to check the health of tiles and insulation. But this is a well-known scam by rogue traders who target vulnerable residents and then try to con them out of large sums of money for unnecessary work. Sometimes, these workmen

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will deliberately cause damage on the roof when they inspect it, and then pressure the householder to pay for it to be repaired.

Improved Accessible Lavatory and Parking Facilities, Wells

NNDC Cabinet at its meeting on 30th October 2017 has decided to provide a grant to the Wells Maltings Trust for the provision of fully accessible Changing Places facility within the Maltings development. This facility is aimed at visitors to the town with special care needs. It was also decided that the District Council consults with local stakeholders on a proposal for the Staithe Street Car Park in Wells to be designated for use by Blue Badge users only.

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