

## 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.

Some quotes from applicants with respect of the application process:

- “I am not used to getting grants ... it was easy for me”
- “We found the application paperwork easy to follow, staff involved happy to assist ...”
- “Everyone was so helpful and gave advice”

The Panel met today and the awards included £4,158 to Coastwatch, Wells.

The next Panel will sit on 12th March with applications to be submitted a month before the meeting date – exact date to be confirmed.

## Fakenham Community Fridge

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North Norfolk's first 'Community Fridge' was opened for business on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The fridge is at First Focus in Oak Street, Fakenham. It is supported by a host of organisations including North Norfolk District Council, Recycle for Norfolk, the environmental charity Hubbub UK and Sainsbury's plc, the Fakenham Community Fridge is part of a growing effort to tackle food waste.

The fridge will be open four half days in the week to enable residents and businesses to share surplus food for free. Anyone can help themselves to free quality food that would otherwise have been wasted. First Focus is calling on the support of all food businesses in Fakenham to donate surplus food still within its 'use by' date in to the Community Fridge where local people can help themselves to good quality free food.

Food waste is a big issue in the UK. The average family throws away £700 worth of food every year and at the same time 4 million people in the UK are living in food poverty. Most food waste in the UK (4.1 million tonnes or 61%) is avoidable and could have been eaten had it been better managed.

Perhaps we can find a site in Wells for a community fridge?

## NNDC Business Awards

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These awards will celebrate the best of business in the district, giving them the chance to shine, whilst also highlighting the diversity and excellence of the business sector as a whole in North

## Newsletter

Norfolk. There are seven categories in the awards, which are free to enter, and businesses can enter as many categories as they would like. It takes only a few minutes to submit an entry. The closing date is 15 January 2018. See the online application form at <http://bit.ly/cllr-vfitzpatrick-bus-awards>.

## NNDC Cabinet Decisions

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Cabinet has decided to proceed with a replacement leisure facility at the Sheringham Splash site and to proceed with procurement with a recommendation that approve the required capital budget. Cabinet also agreed to move forward with the development of the “North Norfolk Community Sports Hub” at the Cromer Tennis Club/ Cromer Academy. The latter initiative will have positive effects on tennis in the district, including Wells and Fakenham. Both schemes are really positive developments in terms of health and wellbeing.

## SOB! Save our Barriers

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Earlier in the year, NNDC erected a set of barriers in Stearmans Yard Car Park to prevent parking next to a boundary wall which we will repair in conjunction with all joint owners. These barriers have been removed without NNDC’s authority or knowledge. Although, we have replaced these barriers, we would like to get the missing barriers returned to us – so if you have any knowledge of their whereabouts, please get in touch.

Councillor Vincent FitzPatrick

Priory Ward

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