

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-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.

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 next Panel will sit on 12th March with applications to be submitted by 12th February 2018.

NNDC Business Awards

A reminder that 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 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>.

Not long left but perhaps enough time to make a last-minute application!

NNDC Activity During the Festive Break

Although the NNDC offices were closed during the Festive period, the work of the Council continues during that period. Some of the issues dealt with by officers included:

Housing: The duty officers for Housing and took three or four calls each, with one emergency housing placement being arranged over the weekend immediately prior to Christmas.

Environmental Health: The duty officers had a small volume of calls in relation to neighbour noise issues. On New Years Day officers were contacted about the death of a dog having eaten a dead fish on the beach at Cley Our officers continue to liaise with officers from both CEFAS (Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science) and the Environment Agency.

Property Services: After the winter storm weather of heavy rainfall and high waves on 27th December there were cliff slips reported between Overstrand and Trimingham and between East and West Runton, the further loss of the bottom of the beach access ramp at Happisburgh, dislodging of a wave

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baffle board beneath Cromer Pier. The team undertook visits to each of these sites on the morning of the 28th December to make safe and put in place necessary signs and in respect of the wave baffle board arrange a contractor to undertake the necessary works.

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