

Dear Greg

Following report for your record and circulation please to Councillors.

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**Recycling Centre:** Hazardous Waste Amnesty: Extremely popular to the extent that there were lengthy queues and some people turned back home. I have asked if an extension is possible for another year, or another recycling centre added to the list.

**Cherry Tree Corner (junction B1105 and A148):**

To let those of you having difficulty going getting past Cherry Tree Corner know that I will present Maggie Ward's petition at the next meeting of the EDT Committee (County Hall Friday 14 October) asking for steps to be taken to improve the traffic flow. It will take a long time and much money to resolve but this is the start of a the journey.

**Memory Walk:**

The Memory Walk for carers and people with dementia took place at Holkham on Sunday 18 September '16. This was the first walk members of the Wells Dementia Friendly Community Group had organised. 84 people took part, mainly taking the long walk, and nothing but smiling faces at the end all proclaimed it to be a success. Lovely weather, lovely surroundings, lovely people and I recommend you diary next year's walk, provisionally set for Sunday September 17 and join us at Holkham.

**Syrian Refugees:**

Following discussions with the Home Office and Norwich City Council (the housing lead) NCC and partners are working collectively on the first Syrian refugee families arriving in the County from the end of January 2017 onwards. The scheme gives priority to survivors of torture and violence, women and children at risk and those in medical need. Families are selected from refugee camps around Syria. The scheme does not accept people who have journeyed to Europe. Many local residents, faith groups and voluntary organisations have offered their help to resettle refugee families and over the weeks and months ahead, we will be working with these individuals and groups to ensure their generous offers are used to best effect.

**Cockthorpe Mobile 'Telephone Mast:** People from across the division have reported problems with reception when in the vicinity of this mast and whilst I gather that Vodafone and O2 have continued to transmit from the Cockthorpe mast there have been ongoing problems regarding EE and Three. I have been able to provide some assistance to the Corporate Affairs Manager for Ericsson UK Ltd and whilst he assured me a solution had been completed I am now reassured having received an email from a Cockthorpe resident to say all was in order including 4G.

**Devolution for Norfolk and Suffolk:** Since the last edition of the Quay the Devolution saga has moved along in what has become its own inimitable style. Shortly after the final debate was scheduled for Thursday 3 November it was cancelled since we were informed that the requirements of the Secretary of State for laying the required Order in parliament had changed. We have yet to have a new date for County Councillors to vote. In the meantime a surprise statement has been made that since North Norfolk voted not to proceed to consultation residents of North Norfolk, along with residents where their councils said no to consultation, will not be allowed to vote for mayor. This means that undoubtedly a mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk would come from Suffolk.

Upwards and onwards

*Marie Strong*