

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.

At the last meeting of the Panel the following awards were made:

- Aldborough Gardening Club (£2,500) – to develop a community allotment garden with a new wildlife footpath and a footbridge between Aldborough Surgery car park and the Community Garden
- Kettlestone Village Hall (£4,318) – to remove asbestos from the roof and replace it with a new composite roof
- Ludham Parish Council (£10,000) – to purchase and install play equipment
- North Walsham Play (£10,502.39) – to purchase and install play equipment, including a Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant basket swing and wheelchair-accessible roundabout
- North Walsham Rugby Football Club (£10,000) – towards installing a lift to the first floor of the clubhouse, which will enable it to become a DDA-compliant facility
- Stalham Town Hall (£9,000) – to repaint the front and side wall of the Town Hall in line with conservation regulations
- St Mary's Bowls Club, Stalham (£7,500) – to build a second clubhouse to provide changing facilities for 10+ people and install a second toilet
- Stiffkey Social Services Committee (£914.40) – to purchase wheeled cricket practice nets
- Suffield Village Hall (£1,652) – to purchase padded stackable chairs, blackout blinds and a table-tennis table
- Stalham & Smallburgh First Responders (£10,000) – to purchase and equip 10 new first-responder volunteers with two-way radios, pulse oximeters, automatic defibrillators and other lifesaving equipment

The 10 grants combined are worth £66,386.79.

The next Panel will sit in June 2018 and applications need to be received by 14 May 2018.

Apprenticeship Workshop

The opportunities available for businesses that want to nurture fresh talent will be outlined at a free apprenticeships workshop to be hosted by North Norfolk District Council.

Apprenticeships can play a key role in helping a business grow, as well as improving the overall skills level across the district.

The event will be held at the Atrium, North Walsham, on Wednesday, April 25 (4pm-6pm). Training providers will be able to give information on a range of qualifications, including business administration, digital marketing, construction skills and food production.

Attendance at the workshop is free, and light refreshments will be available.

To book a place at this event, email economic.growth@north-norfolk.gov.uk or call 01263 516331.

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