

News from our County Councillor

Marie Strong, County Councillor Wells Division

Regarding Broadband, one of our favourite topics, I have invited six representatives each from Wells Town Council and our 19 Parish Councils to share an overview of the Better Broadband for Norfolk Programme; what it will deliver and how the broadband infrastructure will be rolled out. I hope there will be a good turnout of Councillors so they can spread the information with their residents. For anyone not attending the meeting there is a new website for updates on the project:
www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk

And what about Surf's Up at your favourite library! Anyone over 60 can join and learn the basics of getting online and using the internet as well as finding out how it can be useful in everyday life – local information and price comparison sites being examples. And anyone over 18 can volunteer to help provide this service. Present volunteers include 'graduates' of the earlier Surf's Up scheme.

On a similar theme Norfolk County Council intends to become paperless and as part of this project is moving Councillors on to iPads. As soon as I find the time I will wean myself off of my beloved blackberry and lap top. Please be patient with me if I seem slow responding to any e-mails whilst the change-over takes place.

Another issue always of interest is whether there should be a 20 mph restriction near schools and possibly in villages. Now that the matter has passed from the Government to NCC it will be under discussion at County in the early autumn.

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