

North Norfolk Big Society Fund

At the September sitting of the BSF, the following grants were awarded:

- Briston Parish Council (£7,831.48) towards the installation of a new heating system in Briston Pavilion.
- Mundesley Coronation Hall (£15,000) towards the refurbishment of the kitchen facilities including new and improved appliances.
- Field Dalling with Saxlingham Village Hall (£5,248.26) towards creating 2 separate toilets from the existing single toilet, one of which is for the use of people with disabilities.
- Cromer Community Association CIO (£15,000) towards the upgrade of the electrical system providing power in the main hall and installing a permanent PA and music system at the Garden Street Community Centre.
- Bradfield Cricket Club (£15,000) towards the rebuilding and modernisation of the clubhouse to include separate changing / showering facilities for both males and females adults and those under 18 and disabled access to the club house.
- Melton Constable Parish Council (£5,000) towards creating a new area dedicated to Football/ball games for 9 - 13 year olds.

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: bit.ly/cllr-vfitzpatrick-BSF. It is worth making contact at an early stage to discuss your application. The officers are very happy to give advice and help with any application. Applications for the December sitting of the Big Society Fund Grant Panel need to be received by 7th November 2016.

Sporting Centre for Excellence in North Norfolk

A Sporting Centre for Excellence for pupils across the district is being established by North Norfolk District Council working with Gresham's School in Holt. The proposal is to establish specialist sports coaching sessions for talented North Norfolk school children aged 11 – 14 years. The aim of the project is to recruit young people with the potential to excel in a sport and give them an excellent coaching experience and the opportunity to achieve their sporting dreams. For the first year the focus will be on supporting coaching for talented pupils in cricket, hockey, netball and running. If you would like to take part in the selection trials for the coaching sessions please contact Wyn Nurse on 01263 516035..

Tourism boost for North Norfolk's economy

North Norfolk's popularity as a tourist destination is booming with day trippers and people enjoying 'staycations' boosting the region's economy. That's the verdict from the latest

tourism report. The Destination Research report on the Economic Impact of Tourism for 2015 shows that in north Norfolk more than 10,000 people are employed in tourism related roles (either part-time or full-time) and that tourism is worth more than £484m to the area annually.

With more people visiting the area the sector supports local shops, pubs, cafes and transport services, bringing income to suppliers and producers and fuelling the wider north Norfolk economy. The report highlights that in 2015 there were 7,950,700 trips to North Norfolk with 7,392,000 day trips and 558,700 staying trips (2,383,000 staying nights). The report estimates that the value of overnight trips is more than £139m with day trippers spending more than £259m.

North Norfolk District Council spends money on key coastal and countryside tourist attractions and facilities including:

- Four Blue Flag Beaches at Cromer, Mundesley, Sea Palling and Sheringham
- Two Seaside Award beaches at East Runton and Wells
- Council owned assets such as Cromer Pier and Holt Country Park, the latter boasting one of three Green Flags across the district
- 27 car parks - 17 at beach or visitor attraction locations
- Public toilets

North Norfolk District Council has supported Visit North Norfolk's 2016 Nip To Norfolk Campaign to attract more people to the area to enjoy all the pleasures of the English coast – for example how to build a sandcastle, how to catch a crab and how to spot clouds.

NNDC Enforcement Action – Court imposes fines of £3,500

North Norfolk District Council wins case after debris containing plastic burned

At Great Yarmouth magistrates' court a director of The Pleasure Boat Inn Ltd, pleaded guilty personally, and on behalf of his company, to the unlawful disposal of waste. In March 2015, contractors burned debris from the removal of, and works to, outbuildings at the Nelson's Head, Horsey. The debris materials included vinyl flooring, treated wood, plastic and fibreglass insulation.

The court heard how these materials release dangerous compounds when burned and are a risk to health. The incident took place in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The director was in a position to have the fire extinguished as was present at the early stage of it being lit, but the court heard he threw an item on the fire. The Prosecution, representing North Norfolk District Council, made the observation that legitimate businesses absorbing the cost of lawful disposal of waste are being put at a disadvantage by those that dispose of their waste unlawfully.

The Pleasure Boat Inn Ltd was fined £2,500 and ordered to pay £1,805 costs and £170 victim surcharge. The director himself was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £100 victim

surcharge. The combined total is £5,575. The magistrates found both the director and the company were reckless and that any person arranging for a contractor also arranges for the disposal of waste. They also noted that any reasonable person knows the burning of plastic is toxic.

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