# Report to Wells Town Council 6th November 2023

#### **Homelessness**

A growing number of families are in need of temporary housing. The cost of temporary housing has soared. NNDC has increased its own stock of properties which re-home families first but then has to turn to costly B&Bs and Hotels.

NNDC are in a better position than other District Councils with costs threatening to overwhelm budgets. Temporary homes in England are costing the tax payer 1.7Billion a year.

NNDC has about 70 families in temporary accommodation. In August last year 48 households were homeless.

#### North Norfolk Sustainability Fund

Does Wells have a community group that needs assistance? One more round (winter 2024) before the end of the financial year in April 2024.

Learn more about the grant, what funding is available and how to apply Please see separate attached details.

In April 2019, North Norfolk District Council declared a Climate Emergency across the District. To reflect and support the Council's priorities regarding climate change and the environment, The North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund has been established.

The aim of this fund, which has environmental and community sustainability at its heart, is to help build strong and sustainable communities and ensure the long term future and well-being of our communities here in North Norfolk.

The fund will help communities to develop new and innovative projects which will improve their environment as well as their health and social well-being.

By sustainable communities we mean:

Places in which people want to live and work, now and in the future. They meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents, are sensitive to their environment, and contribute to a good and sustainable quality of life.

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### **Briston By Election**

A by-election has been called for the Briston Ward as the elected member has had to resign because of a serious illness. The election has been called for the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 23.

#### **Remembrance Day**

There will be free parking on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 23 at Staithe Street and Seamans yard

### **Dog Waste**

NNDC will provide signage to attach to existing litter bins.

## **Street Name Plate**

Northfield Avenue sign has been reported.