

Reduction in number of NNDC Councillors

At the full council meeting on 23 May 2016, a proposal to reduce the number of councillors from 48 to 40 was approved. This proposal is being put to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England which will make the final decision.

Excellent Beaches

Six of North Norfolk's beaches have been recognised for being well-managed, excellent places to visit with high levels of cleanliness and safety.

Four beaches - Cromer, Mundesley, Sea Palling and Sheringham – have been awarded Blue Flags. The Blue Flag requires the highest quality of water, facilities, safety, environmental education and management.

Two beaches - East Runton and Wells - have won the Seaside Award. The Seaside Award guarantees visitors a clean, safe, attractive and well-managed coastal stretch.

Keep Britain Tidy, which manages the awards, say themselves that "if a beach has a Blue Flag flying it is the sign that you have arrived at one of the very best in the world".

Greenbuild 2016 – Felbrigg Hall, 10 & 11 September

With more than 100 exhibitors and 7,000 visitors Greenbuild 2015 was a great success, showcasing what can be done to protect and enhance our environment and how to live a greener more sustainable lifestyle. The event continues to grow in popularity and this year promises to be even bigger and better with more recycling and energy saving tips

If your business helps to protect the environment or conserve energy, if you do arts and crafts using recycled, sustainable materials for the Craft Market or make and sell homemade preserves, cakes, sauces etc for the Farmers Markets find out how you can take part in Greenbuild 2016. Further information at <http://bit.ly/cllr-vfitzpatrick-greenbuild>

North Norfolk Big Society Fund

The fund makes capital grants of up to £15,000 to voluntary and community organisations within North Norfolk. Applicants do not need to ask for the full £15,000 – applications for smaller amounts are equally welcome. If you know of any organisation that may benefit, then please get them to apply.

Full details are given in the Fund's page on the District Council website: <http://bit.ly/cllr-vfitzpatrick-BSE>. Help and advice is available from the officers (telephone: 01263 516173; email: supporting.communities@north-norfolk.gov.uk).

Councillor Vincent FitzPatrick

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Report to Wells Town Council

Applications for the September sitting of the Big Society Fund Grant Panel will need to be received by the 8th August 2016.

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