

North Norfolk Big Society Fund

Remember that grant awards of up to £15,000 are available for community projects. Since the Big Society Fund started in 2012, NNDC has awarded over £1,827,861 to 240 community projects.

If you have any ideas for community projects that would benefit from funding, please get in touch with the officers who will assist with your application. Full information including contact details are given in the Fund's page on the District Council's website.

The Big Society Fund Grant Panel meets in December but the deadline for applications to be considered at that meeting has passed. The Panel will meet 4th March 2019 to consider applications received by today (4th February).

NNDC Arts and Culture Fund

NNDC's Arts and Culture Fund offers grants of up to £2,000 to voluntary and community organisations, town and parish councils, whose project is based within north Norfolk with the aim to improve health and well-being of North Norfolk residents through active participation and engagement. Arts and Culture is considered to be activities, services or events which relate to the participation and active engagement with visual, literary and performing arts.

Applications for an Arts and Culture grant are assessed 3 times a year. The cut-off date for applications to be received for the next round of funding is February 22nd with decisions on eligible applications due in March. For further information including how to apply please visit – <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/artsfund>. You can also discuss a potential application with the Communities Team on 01263 516173 or 01263 516248.

The awards following the December round of grants are:

- SWAN (Supporting Women, Activities Network): £2000 Delivery of a broad range of art therapy-based classes for ladies with mental health needs in the Stalham area.
- North Norfolk Arts Co- Operative: £2000. Delivery of a six-month programme of workshops and performances encompassing creative, cultural and heritage activities for young people aged 11 – 25 in Briston and Melton Constable.
- The Belfry Centre for Music and Arts - £875 towards the licencing and musical rights costs associated with a project to train, support and enable young people to perform in a musical theatre production.
- Cinema City Ltd – Moving Memories: £2000. Film and film related memorabilia as a form of Reminiscence Therapy. The therapy benefits those living with dementia and helps support carers. Sessions will be held in care homes, day centres or dementia cafes in North Norfolk.

Community Transport Fund

The aim of the Fund is to support community transport schemes across North Norfolk that help vulnerable, disadvantaged and isolated residents of all ages access the services and facilities they need. The types of project the fund is likely to support include Good Neighbour; Dial a Ride, Community Shopper, Medical Ride or work and study schemes.

The following grants were awarded to three community projects:

- Ludham Village Car Scheme: £1,500 to support the continuation of the scheme. Transport for medical appointments.

- North Walsham Good Neighbour Scheme: £2,000 to support a scheme that provides support to local people who request one-off or short-term assistance. Promotional material to publicise and promote the scheme.
- North Norfolk Community Transport: £15,812 toward the provision of a bookable weekday accessible car service for North Norfolk residents. Wheelchair accessible transport and extra support to access medical appointments, local services or community activities.

Any voluntary organisation, local charity or community group that currently provides or wishes to set up a community transport service in North Norfolk is encouraged to apply for a grant. Applications to the Community Transport Fund can be submitted at any time. The cut-off date for applications to be received for the next round of funding is February 22nd with decisions on eligible applications due in March.

For more information about the Community Transport Fund or to apply for a grant go to <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/ctf>. To discuss a potential application, call the Supporting Communities Team on 01263 516173 or 01263 516248.

North Norfolk Business Awards

There was an increase of more than 20% in the number of eligible entries compared with last year's inaugural awards, and the judges have had their work cut out whittling down each category to three finalists. The shortlists were announced on 17/01/2018 and are:

- Agriculture, Horticulture & Countryside, in association with Lovewell Blake:
 - Crop Systems
 - Kelling Estate
 - Place UK
- Business Growth, in association with Four:
 - Anglia DNA Services,
 - Crisp Malt
 - Hilltop Outdoor Centre
- Environment, in association with Fakenham Racecourse:
 - Dad's Boats
 - Exo Environmental
 - Margins Walking and Glamping Holidays
- Innovation, in association with the Fakenham & Wells Times and the North Norfolk News:
 - Chell Instruments
 - Exo Environmental
 - Swift Aircraft
- New Business, in association with Eastlaw:
 - Archangel Distilleries
 - Shambles Café Bar Bistro

- The Massage Hut
- Small Business, in association with Menta:
 - The Hop In
 - Morton's Event Hire
 - The Norfolk Brewhouse
- Tourism & Hospitality, in association with Thursford Christmas Spectacular:
 - Bewilderwood
 - Norfolk Cottages
 - Openwide Coastal
- Young People & Skills, in association with New Anglia LEP:
 - CT Baker Group
 - Holkham Estate
 - Windboats Marine

The awards night at Gresham's School, Holt, on Thursday, February 21, will again be hosted by Chris Sargisson, chief executive of Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

Maryland Industrial Estate

I have brought the issues about the industrial estate to the District Council's Enforcement Board which consists of officers from many different areas within NNDC. The Board can use a wide range of powers (e.g. Environmental, Planning) to resolve the unsatisfactory situation. I will keep you informed about developments.