

NCC December update

Winter Capacity Plan

The proportion of people needing care when they leave hospital has increased by 67% since 'pre COVID' levels so more than 3,000 extra hours of homecare are being commissioned this winter to help support the increasing demand on Adult Social Care.

NCC is also continuing to recruit to its Norfolk First Response Service which also supports people recuperating at home.

Support available

NCC is aware that many local people are worried about the increasing cost of living. A range of information and support can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving

This includes the Norfolk Assistance Scheme to help with the cost of food, energy, water, etc. www.norfolk.gov.uk/nas or tel: 0344 8008020

There are also vouchers for free school meals www.norfolk.gov.uk/foodsupport

NCC have also provided funding for the Community Foundation to provide Nourishing Norfolk food hubs.

www.norfolkfoundation.com/nourishing-norfolk-network

The Norfolk Advice Network covering a wider range of services can be contacted on helpline@ncan.co.uk tel: 0333 996 8333

Trusted Traders

Having run a directory service for over 12 years Norfolk Trusted Trader has launched a new website to boost consumer confidence when searching for businesses to do work for them. www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader

Traders interested in joining the scheme will get a 50% membership discount if they join before the end of February.

Multiply

NCC is co-ordinating a new project called Multiply. This is funded by a Government Grant of £4.7 million and aimed at helping people improve their numeracy in many ways to support their lives. Eg. Dealing with bills/cost of living, planning/buying/cooking family meals, parents wanting to help their children with maths homework, etc. A Multiply Champion has been appointed for each district to help local organisations/businesses set up events across each area for groups or even just individuals. For more information www.norfolk.gov.uk/multiply

History begins at Home

Norfolk Records Office is running another History Begins at Home project next year. The project provides a conversation starting question sheet each month and is aimed at reducing loneliness and encouraging intergenerational conversations about memories of events during peoples lifetimes. People can join the project on Twitter (@BeginsHistory) and Facebook (@historybeginsathome)

Festive events

Many of the museums are putting on a variety of Christmas entertainment for all ages leading up to Christmas.

Tree planting

So far over 20,000 saplings have been requested from DEFRA funded Jubilee Trees for Norfolk Scheme. A map is being created showing where all the trees are being planted. Next year 55,000 tree and hedge plants will be planted on County Farms land as part of the Hedge Restoration, also

funded by a grant. The Jubilee Trees for Norfolk offer closes on January 4th. www.norfolk.gov.uk/jubileetrees

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