# **October Update from South Norfolk Council**

## **Electricity pylons**

The Council agreed to object to the pylons that have been proposed to take the electricity generated by the offshore windfarms from Mangreen to Tilbury.

The Leader wrote a letter of objection and has attended meetings to object to these and discuss the alternatives.

## **Broadband**

NCC recently won the Access Innovation Award at the Connected Britain Awards Ceremony, for it’s work to deliver superfast Broadband. The project uses Starlink satellite-based services to bring high speed broadband to hard to reach communities. It is being trialled in 10 villages where the prohibitive costs had been a barrier to connection.

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## **Foster Carers**

Over 80 local authorities, including Norfolk, have collaborated to produce a short film entitled ‘Any of us’ to encourage people to consider fostering a child or young person as there is still a shortage of foster carers.

**Fire Service**

To mark the 75th Anniversary of the formation of Norfolk Fire Service a 385 mile relay race was organised around all 42 Fire Stations in Norfolk to raise funds for the Fire fighters Charity. They began at Gt Yarmouth at 6pm on Thursday September 28th and finished at 4.30pm on Sunday October 1st at Carrow Fire Station. Staff from all bases took part.

## **Stoptober Campaign**

Supported by Smokefree Norfolk, Public Health’s Stoptober Campaign is urging smokers to quit. There is a new website which provides information and support to assist people called [www.readytochange.co.uk](http://www.readytochange.co.uk)  There is also a Better Health Stoptober NHS website offering free support.

## **Library Week**

The theme of this years Library Week (Oct 2nd – 8th) is Go Green. It aims to provide local residents with information on how they can make their lives and their communities more sustainable and contribute to the counties aim of Net Zero.  There will be books on a multitude of subjects which contribute to this as well as ebooks, eaudiobooks and emagazines.

## **Environment**

To combat the effects of climate change and reduce our carbon footprint NCC is selling packs of trees to anyone who owns land in Norfolk. Orchard Packs contain 6 trees, others come in packs of 10, 20 or 125, all at subsidised prices which vary from £6 - £99 depending on the size and amount of trees.

The Environment Hub at Gressenhall Museum is also growing trees and teaching school children (and older people) how to start their own small nursery to grow their own trees as well as providing trees for other organisations to plant.

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