

Norfolk County Council

June report

Volunteering

Now in it's 40th year, Volunteers Week – June 3 – 9th, celebrates the contribution volunteers make to communities by being parish councillors, school governors, PTA members, Speed Watch members, as well as many other roles. This years Chairman of Norfolk County Council, Stuart Dark, has chosen support and recognition of volunteers as his theme for the year. He is happy to attend events to meet volunteers and thank them for their work, email chairofthecouncil@norfolk.gov.uk He is also encouraging people to visit Norfolk's Get InVOLved volunteering portal where there are hundreds of different roles and opportunities and on June 7th there is a Volunteering Extravaganza at the Forum in Norwich.

Norfolk Master Composters are recruiting new volunteers to spread the word about home composting. Volunteers get involved in a wide range of activities, attending events and talks, supporting schools and community groups, as well as encouraging friends, neighbours and family to compost kitchen and garden waste at home. For information email mastercomposters@norfolk.gov.uk or tel: 0300 800 8020

Music Hub

Norfolk County Council has been appointed by Arts Council England to lead the Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub from September 2024. This is part of a national programme to provide music education for all children and young people. The Department of Education is providing £2million to help purchase musical instruments, equipment and technology for all children including those with special educational needs.

Children's Summer Reading challenge

The Children's Summer Reading Challenge will be launched on July 6th and run until September 1st. It is delivered by libraries across the country to improve literacy and encourage the habit of reading for pleasure. This year's theme is Marvellous Makers, there will be a main challenge and a mini challenge for children under 5 years, and a wide range of books will be available for all ages.

Assistive Technology

Over the next couple of years telephone landline networks are being upgraded. By the start of 2027 all old analogue copper telephone landlines will be switched to digital meaning all phone calls will go through the internet and everyone will need Broadband. This means that people who use Assistive Technology such as personal alarms, fall monitors or lifelines will also need Broadband. Please can you help to promote this information so that everyone is aware of the need to be connected to Broadband.

Rural Businesses

Norfolk county Council has joined forces with the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association to create Norfolk Rural Businesses Awards. It was launched at the Norfolk Farming Conference in February, the judges have drawn up a shortlist for each of the nine categories, and the winners will be announced at the Royal Norfolk Show on Thursday June 27th.

Margaret

Cllr. Margaret Dewsbury