

September report for Parish Councils

As usual August has been very quiet with few meetings due to holidays and schools summer break.

Libraries

Once again the Children's Summer Reading Challenge has been very successful with over 10,000 children of all ages taking part.

Adult Learning

People who have studied GCSEs and A and T Levels have done well, achieving higher grades than the national average.

Recycling

From November people visiting the recycling centres will need to book a slot before they arrive.

For more information – <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/recycling>

Trading Standards

As there have been a couple of cases of the Blue Tongue virus locally Trading Standards have set up Temporary Control Zones to restrict the movement of some animals and stop the spread of the infection.

For more information <https://www.gov.uk/animal-disease-cases-england>

Trading Standards and Fire Service

Following a house fire in Bowthorpe which was caused by using a lithium-ion battery and charger from an online retailer Trading Standards are reminding people to only buy batteries from reputable and safe retailers to ensure they meet the UK Safety Standards and are not a fire risk. These batteries are used for mobile phones, tablets, laptops, mobility scooters, e bikes, e scooters, e cigarettes and hover boards.

The Fire Service is warning people to regularly check batteries for wear and tear, overheating, smell or bulging out of shape and only charge items when they are at home so can keep an eye on them.

Budget

We do not yet know how much Government funding will continue and are still waiting to hear if the proposed Devolution funding and the funding for the Norwich Western link will be provided.

We have already started looking at how we can resolve the £46 million gap predicted for next years budget.

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