

NCC Report

Public Health

This month is Stop Smoking Stoptober.

NCC is working with Reed Wellbeing to provide smoking cessation services for Norfolk residents. They state that 'if you can achieve 28 days smoke free your chances of quitting permanently are significantly increased. Visit NCC's 'Help to quit smoking' webpage.

Library Service

The Library Service is doing a customer survey until October 30th asking for people's views e.g. why they use the library and if there are any changes they would like to suggest, to obtain information and ideas for next year's new Library Strategy.

<https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/community-services/shaping-norfolks-libraries-customer-survey>

Road Safety

Working with Road Safety Partners, Norfolk County Council is about to launch another survey to gather information for a new Road Safety Driving Campaign which will support older drivers. As well as interviewing drivers over 60 ears old and asking them to share their experiences, they will also be talking to people who have recently stopped driving, or who rely on buses and taxis, or cycle, for ideas on how to help make Norfolk roads safer for everyone.

Bicycle Lights

During Bikeability Training it was discovered that many young cyclists either do not own bicycle lights or chose not to use them. Lights enable other road users to see cyclists as well as enabling them to see better. E.g. 'To see and be seen'. When they transition to High School many youngsters start cycling in. To support and educate these riders Norfolk's Safety Camera Partnership has agreed to fund bike lights for Year 6 cyclists who complete their training from September 2024 onwards.

Fire Service

The Fire Service has just purchased a new Aerial Ladder Platform which can reach 45 metres to rescue people when it is not safe to enter the building from the ground floor. The new vehicle will be based at North Earlham.

Planting one million trees

The new tree planting season begins in November and NCC is still offering half price packs of trees and single Norfolk Oak trees grown at Gressenhall Tree nursery to individuals, Parish Councils, schools, community groups, businesses and landowners.

I try to attend all Parish Council meetings to give my report but some Parish Councils are now meeting on the same evening so I sometimes have to attend on alternate months. I am available to contact for information at other times, should you need me.

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