

## **NCC April Report**

### **Big Norfolk Holiday Fund**

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fund which will be run between March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> will provide free holiday activities and nutritious meals for children and young people, aged 4-16 years, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Activities will include sport, outdoor adventures, swimming and arts and crafts.

### **Five for a Fiver**

All day travel tickets for Park and Ride cost £3 for a single adult. £2 for concessions, £4 for two people travelling together and now five people can travel all day for just £5.

From March 29<sup>th</sup> Norfolk County Council reduced the price of group tickets on all Norwich Park and Ride Services to five pounds for groups of up to five people.

The reduction was made possible due to funding from the government to Norfolk County Council Bus Service Improvement Plan, which was allocated £14.8 million for 2026.

### **Norwich Western Link**

The Department for Transport has informed Norfolk County Council that the Norwich Western Link project to improve travel and traffic problems to the west of Norwich will remain in the Department of Transport's Major Road Network programme. This means that nearly £1million, which the DfT agreed in principle last July, will be released to the County Council, so the project team can continue their work preparing for it.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Days**

A series of Household Hazardous Waste Days will take place at recycling centres across the county between April 10<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>.

The nearest to our area will be: Norwich North Recycling Centre – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Dereham Recycling Centre – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday

16<sup>th</sup> May

Norwich South Recycling Centre – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

To check which items are or are not accepted and book a slot

contact: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/hazardouswaste](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/hazardouswaste)

### **Rural Business Awards**

Norfolk County Council is inviting nominations for the Norfolk Rural Business Awards 2026 to celebrate the very best in Norfolk's rural economy. Businesses, individuals and organisations are invited to apply for nine different categories with finalists honoured at a special ceremony during the Royal Norfolk Show in June. The awards recognise excellence, innovation and resilience. Each category will be judged by a specialist panel. The closing date for entries is Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

For more information contact: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/norfolk-rural-business-awards](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/norfolk-rural-business-awards)

Hope you enjoyed a Happy Easter,

Margaret

Cllr. Margaret Dewsbury

Cabinet Member for Communities and Partnerships  
Norfolk County Council: Hingham Division  
South Norfolk Council: Easton Ward