



Latest update on events from your County Councillor Tom FitzPatrick

Fakenham Town Council

27th March 2024

Local update

Former Grammar School

The County Council has now sold the building and adjacent site and the purchaser intends to pursue a housing development. The adjacent site has been leased for educational purposes.

Norfolk County Council updates

New highways contracts to focus on value, apprenticeships and carbon reductions

The council is consulting major contractors about potential twelve-year contracts for highway maintenance and associated professional services and for traffic signal maintenance contracts.

Contracts will be focusing on value for money, apprenticeship opportunities for local people, and reducing the carbon footprint from highway maintenance.

The council plans to invite tenders later this year for the new contracts, which take effect from April 2026.

The contracts will be used mainly for highway maintenance and highway schemes, but the council will have the option under the contracts to buy other civil engineering work such as recycling centre construction and flood defences.

Social Workers Celebrated

Social workers across Norfolk were celebrated last week as part of World Social Work Day and Social Work Week. The celebration has highlighted the critical role social workers play in our community, supporting individuals and families through challenges and making a significant difference in their lives.

Following a social work career provides an opportunity to make a real difference to children, young people and adults in Norfolk.

There are a number of routes into the social work profession, both for those interested in qualifying and for those who are thinking about returning to practice after a career break. The council also offers a variety of apprenticeships and training

opportunities for adult social care careers.

Social Work England have also been hosting a programme throughout the week and their website has more information about social work.

Norfolk Libraries

Big Indie Read has started

The Big Indie Read at Norfolk libraries aims to celebrate exceptional writing from independent publishers. The read runs for two months and features 26 publishers, almost 200 books and 17 author chats.

Further information about Big Indie events at Norfolk libraries is available on the website.

Autism Acceptance Week (2-8 April)

Norfolk Libraries have selected some books from their catalogue to create an Autism Acceptance Week 2024 booklist. There are books suitable for children and adults, including stories and information books.

There are also autism friendly sessions running in some of our libraries, find out more on the website.

Public Information: Next of Kin appeal

The Norfolk Coroner's Service are appealing for help to trace the family of a man who died at his home address. 67-year-old Ian Trueman who lived at an address in Lakenfields, Norwich died on 18 March 2024.

There were no suspicious circumstances and despite carrying out extensive enquiries no next-of-kin have been identified.

Anyone with information relating to Ian should contact the Coroner's office in Norwich on 01603 774773 or email coroner.referral@norfolk.gov.uk

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