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Norfolk County Councillor for Clavering Division  
Alburgh, Aldeby, Broome, Denton, Ditchingham, Earsham, Ellingham,  
Geldeston,  
Gillingham, Hales and Heckingham, Haddiscoe, Hedenham, Kirby Cane, Norton  
Subcourse, Raveningham, Stockton, Topcroft, Toft Monks, Thurlton, Wheatacre, Wortwell

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### **Parish Partnership funding:**

Haddiscoe, Wortwell, Denton and Alburgh have applied for SAM2s and I have supported applications from my Highways allowance.

Funds will be decided and allocated within next few week.

Plan early for next years allocation!

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### **In Good Company. Charter Mark**

Please suggest to any group working voluntarily to support people to reduce loneliness in the Community, that they may apply for a Charter Mark Award.

Denton Luncheon Club received their award last week at a ceremony at the Theatre Royal Norwich. We launched an initiative called "No lonely Day" at NCC a few months ago to try and support people who experience loneliness. Many groups already do this including a group of young mums who visit Residential Homes and groups of people so they can enjoy connecting with young children. One group brings small animals to visit the elderly

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### **Norfolk County Council plans for Council Tax:**

3% Social Service ringfenced increase in Council Tax for Adult Social Service only

2.9% increase for general purpose services to maintain all other services

This amounts to about £75 annually on D band property. This is the last year we can have a ringfenced Adult Social Service supplement of 3% in addition to the General Council Tax levy Castle

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### **Museum offering high quality learning family event Fun events,**

activities and talks are on offer to Norfolk residents through a series of family events planned for Norwich Castle in the next couple of months.

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**Norfolk Fire and rescue service Recruiting:** Norfolk residents looking to add another string to their professional bow are invited to apply to become on-call firefighters across the county. People looking for an additional career, or a part-time career to fit around other commitments, can help to solve the current shortage of on-call firefighters and help their community.

Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service (NFRS) is recruiting across the county, with the on-call positions sure to attract people from all walks of life. With 39 of Norfolk's 42 fire stations relying on on-call firefighters, there is an ongoing campaign to fill roles in towns and villages around the county.

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**Police and crime commissioner** had been asked to look at bringing Fire services as well as Police services under his scrutiny rather than NCC. Suggestions of improved collaborative work explored.

### **Commissioning comprehensive review**

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**Community Services have asked a Task and Finish group to look at Road Traffic accidents and review prevention tactics.** The group includes Public Health, police, road safety experts and a psychologist. Behaviour of driver/rider implicated. Most accidents occur on Friday with young or older males involved. High speeds exacerbate injuries but poor driver behaviour is still main cause of RTAs

50% accidents are in rural areas and 50% in urban areas where speed limits are up to 40mph. There has been a trend downwards over recent years but increased since the increased in mobile phone use and cyclists

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Hempnall roundabout Consultation. Planned for construction 2019  
If you would like to comment on the Roundabout design and anything else concerning it.

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Homesfield site purchase.

The site was originally owned by the Adair Family as part of the Flixton Estate. Death duties were

. Adair family owned Flixton Estate for 200 years  
1949 Death Duties were such that the land had to be sold  
1952 sold to a speculator and Flixton Hall ripped of all its valuables. including the lead roof  
1993 NCC acquired it from David Cobbald

Homesfield Bridge;

NB This building is also listed in the District of South Norfolk, Norfolk, and is situated in the parishes of Aldburgh and Wortwell.  
30th list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic: Interest in the

so high after the last Baronet died that the family moved to Ravenham and the Estate and land

known as Homesfield picnic spot was sold to a speculator. In 1993 NCC took over the site and now in 2018, it is surplus to their needs and was due to go for auction in April. Following my discussions with Simon Hughes at NCC, the Leader of County Council and the Chairman of Business and Property Committee, they have agreed to defer the auction to give Alburgh time to access funding. Reserve price has been agreed of £10,000 and Alburgh will be allowed to make payment in two tranches

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## Norfolk County Council refutes scaremongering claims reported in the media about finances and budget

Norfolk County Council refutes scaremongering claims reported in the media about our finances and budget. We have a robust and prudent strategy, with plans to transform services, cut costs, raise income and set aside additional 2018-19 funding in reserves. We are challenging today's media reporting of the financial position of local authorities.

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"I will just add my congratulations to Norfolk people who really pulled together over the last week with the exceptional heavy snow which drifted and caused many roads to be blocked. All three blue light services coordinated their efforts with the help of 100 contracted farmers and their tractors as well as at least 100 other farmers who just jumped in to help. Individual people and groups of 4x4 owners offered emergency help to get people out of drifts and countless ordinary folk just pulled together to do anything they could. Social Services both children's and Adults achieved a fantastic service ensuring vulnerable people were safe, many walking through snow drifts or staying at work overnight to ensure coordination of support. Public health and all the major services had a well prepared action plan and were only let down by failures in the Vodophone service for a period of time.

Our sincere thanks to everyone. Norfolk truly has the Community Spirit."