

BOB EDWARDS

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Norfolk County Council recently launched the Business Energy Efficiency Carbon Charter Award. The Carbon Charter is an award presented to small and medium businesses to recognise the steps they have taken to reduce carbon emissions. As well as highlighting green credentials, the Carbon Charter can also help businesses make substantial operational cost savings. To find out more go to beeanglia@groundwork.org.uk or call 01473 350370

At the Norwich and Norfolk eco awards, I was pleased to see that Norfolk's Master composters were recognised for the valuable work they carry out within their communities by recycling waste and reusing it as compost therefore reducing residual waste. The overall winner of the awards were Liftshare.com Ltd recognised for their national car sharing scheme, their behaviour changing workshops and understanding travel patterns.

Norfolk achieved it's highest ever recycling rate at 45.8% in 2015/16, which is higher than the national average of 44.3%. The amount of left over rubbish each household throws away each week during the same period decreased from 10.3kg to 9.99kg which is ahead of our target of 10.1kg. The Norfolk Waste Partnership which is made up of representatives from all district councils and NCC are currently working with 5 students at the University of East Anglia on six initiatives which are ; Reuse repair and recycling services, working with the Benjamin Foundation on a bulky reuse trial, working with HMP Wayland to enable furniture restoration and bicycle repairs, reusable paint for use again at HMP Wayland and other prisons, a repair hub for electrical equipment and looking at the brand of 'Recycle For Norfolk'

Great Yarmouth's third river crossing has moved a step nearer as NCC, backed by the Local Enterprise Partnership and Norfolk and Suffolk Chamber of Commerce when the business case was submitted to the Department for Transport. Building work could start in the winter of 2020 and it is scheduled to take two years to complete if it gets the go ahead from the government in the summer.

The County Council elections take place on Thursday May 4th where all 84 county council divisions are to be contested.

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