

Norfolk County Council has launched a new Trade Waste Service at seven of their recycling centres. The new paid for service is part of a package of changes designed to make the council's network more efficient. Small businesses like house clearance, gardening, cleaning companies and home improvement traders can pay to dispose of their waste. To find out more visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/businesswaste](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/businesswaste) or call 0344 800 8020 When visiting these centre's you can always look in their re-use shops where you might find something usefull at a very reasonable cost.

You may have seen in the press, or heard about proposals for two Wind Farm companies who are consulting about their proposed wind farms in the north sea and their proposed routes to bring that power into Norfolk and to connect to the national grid. Dong Energy are looking to build the Hornsea Three Project which will be located 120 km offshore, electricity generated will be brought onshore via subsea cables, buried onshore before connecting to a substation and the national grid, it is expected to supply enough power for well over 2 million homes. The other scheme is proposed by Vattenfall who are proposing to build their windfarm about forty km off Gt Yarmouth and again will come onshore to a substation by underground cables where it can feed into the national grid. Their scheme is expected to supply enough power for the equivalent of 2.6 million homes. I am pleased that both of these companies are putting their cables underground rather than the old ideas about Pylons above ground.

Currently at NCC all of the committees are looking at their in year budgets and working on the budget for 2017/18. The process for this will be to consult with Norfolk residents before coming back to the budget meeting next February where it will be agreed.

Congratulations to the Burston Crown for being the overall winners of South Norfolk's Community Pub of The Year competition plus the winning the Waveney Valley area as well. I have been a judge of this competition for the last 9 years which has seen me visit most of the pubs in South Norfolk, seeing how they get involved with and what they do for local communities, plus the local economy.

It's good to see two of our local farms investing with confidence for the future. We have Julian Taylor with the state of the art broiler breeding unit in Starston. The new unit houses 19,000 broiler breeders, producing eggs for PD Hook, with annual production of about 2.8 million eggs. At Hill farm in Harleston we have the new Broken Egg Cafe and Farm Produce Shop, so good luck to Nathalie and Kevin in their new venture which supports local produce including the farm eggs and livestock. I must add that the views of Redenhall and Harleston are stunning from this venue.

My next surgery is at HIP on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am

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