

At Norfolk County Council we have a new leader, Andrew Proctor who represents Blowfield and Brundall was elected leader on June 1<sup>st</sup>, this follows the resignation of Cliff Jordon because of ill health. Sadly, Cliff died on 9<sup>th</sup> June; he was a Norfolk man through and through with a big heart and a big passion for Norfolk. He will be very much missed.

A cut of the proceeds from Norfolk's reuse shops which are at 9 of our 20 recycling centres across the county, are donated to a chosen charity. More than 8,000 pounds was raised for previous chosen charity, the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, and it is hoped that even more can be raised for this years charity, the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The County Council's Reuse Shops welcome donations of good quality second hand pieces which are sold at bargain prices. Helping to give things a new home reduces the amount of unwanted items going to waste and the income from the sales in the shops helps to offset the cost of providing the recycling centre service as well as supporting a local charity.

The official opening of the new Hales Roundabout on the A146 took place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of June. This junction was classed as the most dangerous junction in Norfolk with a high accident record so we were pleased to access funding to put this roundabout in place. We are working up schemes for the top ten most dangerous junctions in Norfolk so that when funding becomes available they are ready to be improved. More news on roundabouts is that all of the funding has been secured to replace the Hempnall crossroads on the A140 with a roundabout, this improvement work will take place during 2019.

In the west of the county we have been approached by two parish councils to see if they can have a 12 month pilot scheme for repairing potholes within their parishes. We have agreed to this and are going fully train the local volunteers, if the scheme is successful we could offer other parish councils the opportunity to take this up if they so wished.

South Norfolk Community Pub of The Year competition has been launched. This year there are four categories: Outstanding Community Focus, Best Customer Service, Most Family Friendly and Tastiest Food and Drink. The pub that wins the most votes in each category will win that category and a overall winner will be decided after a visit by a group of judges. Further details can be obtained from Emma Brookes on 01508 533945

Congratulations to all of the local volunteers in the Waveney Valley that were nominated in the recent South Norfolk Community Awards and also a big thank you to all of the volunteers that took part in this years Big Litter Pick.

My next surgery is on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> 10am at HIP

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