

Norfolk County Council has released the list of services that will continue to be delivered, face-to-face in line with the Governments guidelines. Others will move online or be suspended during lockdown, to help curb the spread of the virus by reducing social contact. Council leader Councillor Andrew Proctor said: “We are committed to protect Norfolk and to return to the lower level, tier one rules as soon as the latest national restrictions end. During this current lockdown, we will continue to support vulnerable people and keep schools, public transport and recycling sites operating”. The following will continue as face-to-face services throughout the lockdown.

- Social care visits and support for vulnerable people – Children, Families and Adults
- Home Care
- School crossing patrols
- Household waste and recycling centres
- Registration of births (registration of deaths will continue by phone)
- Bus and park and ride services for key workers and school pupils
- Fire and rescue service

The following will cease face-to-face services and, where appropriate will offer some elements online.

- Museums
- Libraries
- weddings
- Classroom-based adult learning

The council's website – www.norfolk.gov.uk – features the latest, updated information.

If you need help or know someone that does please contact the South Norfolk Help Hub by calling 01508 533933 they are there to help.

Seven new high-tech gritting vehicles will be helping keep Norfolk's roads safe this winter, and NCC have launched a competition to find seven creative names from Norfolk school children. The seven new vehicles are being rolled out this winter as part of NCCs plans to update and replace its fleet of gritters. Over the winter months Norse highways crews are available every day to grit 49 routes that cover more than 2,000 treated miles across Norfolk. There are also around 1,900 grit bins in the county that are filled by NCC, which volunteers can use on public pavements, cycle paths and roads. Also in extreme conditions we have a long list of farmers and contractors that we can call on to keep our counties roads clear.

NCC are currently consulting on their budget and spending plans for the next financial year. The consultation runs until Monday 14th of December and all details can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget

There are Green Homes Grants available through South Norfolk and Broadland councils, plus grants for all home owners and landlords to improve energy efficiency. Work must be carried out by TrustMark installers, who can be found on an online register. For information email energy@broadland.gov.uk

2020 will go down in history as the year of Covid, we have all had to change the way we lead our lives, whether its how we work, how we go to school, shopping, recreation, doing things online, helping others. A big thank you to everyone that has helped in any way throughout these uncertain times. Looking forward to 2021 in Harleston there is to be a new pedestrian crossing built on Wilderness Lane near the school and South Norfolk Council has secured £400,000 of funding for improvements in Harleston.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2021
Martin