

County Cllr report July 2026

Electrical waste collections resume at Norfolk Recycling Centres from 13 July

Electrical waste items and batteries will again be accepted at all Norfolk recycling centres from Monday 13 July.

You can book a visit to a Norfolk recycling centre on the county council website: [Norfolk Recycling Centre bookings](#) or by calling 03448008020.

The Norfolk Crisis and Resilience Grant Fund

This grant programme run by Norfolk County Council supports people facing financial hardship and builds long-term resilience. It provides funding to voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to deliver larger-scale, preventative projects across Norfolk. This programme does not fund one-off crisis payments, but focuses on earlier intervention and long-term impact. Grants of between £50,000 and £200,000 are available. Organisations interested in applying should email

communities@norfolk.gov.uk to register their interest or contact me on victoria.holliday.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

Free workshops to help people drive safely for longer

In partnership with Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service, Norfolk County Council's public health road safety team is offering free workshops for drivers aged 60 and over to help them drive safely for longer. The workshop covers how driving can change as you get older, key Highway Code updates and practical tips with time to ask questions. Family members wanting to find out about support available for older people to travel safely are also welcome to book a place. Search Older Driver Workshop on the NCC website or call 03448008020. More workshops around the county will be added in the coming months.

Big Holiday Fun back

This summer's Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is now live, Between 20 July and 02 September, activities will take place across Norfolk Hopefully there are still free spaces available for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals, alongside paid places for those who are not eligible - look for Big Holiday Fun on the NCC website. There's lots on in North Norfolk so do have a look. There is the Government promise of free bus travel for children in August.

Fire Safety Campaign

Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service is running a fire safety campaign in response to the increased risk of outdoor fires during the recent hot, dry weather especially in higher-risk coastal and inland areas.

You can support the campaign by sharing the advice locally and displaying posters in appropriate community locations. Posters can be requested from norfolkresilienceforum@norfolk.gov.uk.

Further fire safety advice, including safety both inside and outside the home, is available on the county council webpages [here](#). You can also request a free home fire safety visit if you're worried about your or a friend, neighbour or loved one's fire readiness by filling in the online form at <https://www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc/>

Flood readiness

Flooding can happen at any time of year, including during the summer months. Sudden summer downpours can also cause flash flooding, particularly after prolonged hot and dry weather. Last summer, Norfolk County Council's Flood and Water team received 100 reports of flooding, including 54 confirmed cases of internal flooding. More than a third of home insurance flood claims occur between June and August, with almost a quarter occurring in July and August alone.

Flash flooding can happen quickly, affect homes and businesses not previously considered at risk, and may be difficult to predict.

You can find out more with practical flood preparation advice on the county council webpages [here](#).

Flooding anywhere in Norfolk can be reported via the Flooding Hotline on 0344 800 8013. In an emergency, or where there is immediate danger to life, residents should dial 999.

Help with living costs

The Crisis Resilience Service offers short term financial support and ways to improve your financial resilience.

Find out more at

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/41957/What-the-Crisis-and-Resilience-Service-is> or call 03448008020.

Please reach out.

Food support can be accessed

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/accessingfood>

Help with utility bills can be found at

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/41958/Help-and-advice-with-utility-bills>

If you're on benefits you can get reduced broadband packages. I have a detailed information sheet on this so please do get in touch if you'd like to find out more.

If anyone in your household has a medical condition which means you use more water than usual, Anglian Water have a scheme (WaterSure) which caps your water bill. You do need a water meter and be on certain income related benefits.

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/services/extra-support/tariff-options/watersure/apply-for-watersure>

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