

## NNDC Annual Report

The Council's annual report was presented at the last Cabinet meeting. The report gave a positive review of the Council's achievements against the four-year (2015-2019) Corporate Plan. Five priority areas covered by the report are:

- During 2017/2018 100% of customers visiting the Council offices in Cromer reported that they were 'quite or extremely satisfied' that they were dealt with in a helpful, pleasant and courteous way by the customer services team.
- NNDC North Norfolk District Council continued to be the only council in Norfolk to deliver all of its planned affordable homes, with 90 affordable homes built in the District in 2017/2018. The Council's Housing Team is currently working with local organisations and communities in providing community-led housing schemes.
- The Council held its first North Norfolk Business Awards in February 2018, a celebration of the quality and diversity of businesses in the District. The evening was a huge success, with seven businesses of all sizes and from a variety of sectors taking home winners' trophies. This will now be an annual event.
- The tax collection rate by NNDC during 2017/18 is one of the highest the country
  - 98.74% of Council Tax
  - 99.4% of Non-Domestic (Business) Rates
- It's great to be outdoor in North Norfolk
  - All three of the Council's open spaces were awarded the prestigious Green Flag status (Pretty Corner Woods, Sadler's Wood and Holt Country Park)
  - Six of our beaches were awarded Blue Flags at Sheringham, East Runton, West Runton, Cromer, Mundesley and Sea Palling meaning almost 10% of England's Blue Flag beaches can be found in North Norfolk, no other district has more.

These successes are great news for North Norfolk residents and I would like to thank all staff for their hard work which has brought about these achievements.

## North Norfolk Big Society Fund

A recent sitting of the Big Society Fund Panel awarded £51,000 of grants. Local awards were:

- Fakenham Town Band (£7,327.14) – by chance I bumped into a band member who said that the musicians were absolutely delighted with the new instruments purchased using the grant.
- Friends of Langham Dome (£5,000) - contribution to enable a replica Spitfire to be installed and displayed outside Langham Dome

The Panel meets in September and completed applications need to be submitted by 31 July. If you

have any ideas for community projects that would benefit from funding, please get in touch with the officers who will assist with your application. Full information including contact details are given in the [Fund's page](#) on the District Council website.

## The Graham Allen Award

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The Graham Allen Award has for the last 36 years celebrated best practice in design and conservation in the district. North Norfolk has a history of producing high quality innovative developments and sensitive renovation projects, which complement the district's unique environment.

The Graham Allen Award recognises excellence in all design projects - new build, extension, restoration or refurbishment.

Last year's winner was the Wild Acres project involved the demolition of a bungalow and the clever re-siting and building of a contemporary four-bedroom house. It was described as a "stunning piece of contemporary design".

Further details including how to nominate a building are available the [Graham Allen Award page](#) on the NNDC Website. Nominate your favourite design. The closing date for entries is 31 July 2018.

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