

Councillor and Parish Council Update – 12 February 2021

Local Coronavirus figures

The current local Coronavirus figures can be found on the Government website:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=ltla&areaName=King%27s%20Lynn%20and%20West%20Norfolk>

The figures yesterday were:

- For the time period 31/01/2021 to 06/02/2021 the Norfolk seven-day incidence per 100,000 is 194.4, East of England is 186.5 and England is 194.8
- RED incidences are for Breckland with an incidence rate per 100,000 of 195.8, Broadland 179.7, Great Yarmouth 230.5, King's Lynn and West Norfolk 249.0, North Norfolk 109.7, Norwich 263.9 and South Norfolk 116.4

The figures last week were:

- For the time period 24/01/2020 to 30/01/2021 the Norfolk seven-day incidence per 100,000 is 278.9, East of England is 275.6 and England is 269.4
- RED incidences are for Breckland with an incidence rate per 100,000 of 332.2, Broadland 257.7, Great Yarmouth 340.3, King's Lynn and West Norfolk 313.8, North Norfolk 139.3, Norwich 331.5 and South Norfolk 216.5

Here are some additional government links you may find useful:

[Cases | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#) - This site can be filtered to show information for each district

[Interactive Map | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#) - Can focus in on the map to district level and ultimately ward/street view.

Below is a graph showing the 7-day rolling sum of cases for each of our MSOAs. This data is reviewed regularly and helps determine what actions we might take.

National Lockdown – Stay at Home

We remain in lockdown. The government guidance for the national lockdown is available on their website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>. We await the announcement of the 'road map' for coming out of lockdown, which we understand will be announced by the PM on 22nd February 2021.

Vaccinations

The latest information about the government's vaccination programme, which is being led in this area by the Norfolk and Waveney CCG is available on their website <https://www.norfolkandwaveneyccg.nhs.uk/>.

Latest vaccination data (up to 7 February)

[Data published today by NHS England and NHS Improvement](#) shows that 249,378 people (29% of total population aged over 16) have received a first dose, ranking Norfolk and Waveney third out of 42 health systems in England. The total number of first doses given in the last week up to Sunday, 7 February, is 61,045.

Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group has just published the attached press release about the vaccination programme. Please use / share with colleagues and networks as you see fit. Here are the headlines:

- 29% of our 16+ population had received a first dose of vaccine, putting us third out of the 42 health and care systems in England (the national average was 23%).
- 94% of our over 80s had been vaccinated by Sunday, compared to 91% nationally.
- 97% of our 75-79 year olds had been vaccinated, compared to 96% nationally.
- 73% of our 70-74 year olds had been vaccinated, compared to 74% nationally.
- 61,000 people in Norfolk and Waveney were given their first dose of vaccine in the week to Sunday, 7 February.

Norfolk and Waveney continues to be the top performing health system in the East of England region in terms of percentage of over 80s vaccinated and percentage of total adult population vaccinated to date. This is despite having the second highest proportion of over 80s in the country (8.4% compared to the national average of 6.2%).

Key messages for local people/stakeholders from the CCG

Last week, the Government announced **new** advice for over 70s who had not yet been vaccinated. People who are aged 70 or over, or are in the clinically extremely vulnerable category and have not yet been offered a first dose of the vaccine, can now contact the NHS to get it.

This is done by booking an appointment online at nhs.uk/covidvaccination or by calling 119.

Anyone aged 80 or over, can contact your GP practice directly to arrange their first vaccine.

Anyone under the age of 70, or clinically extremely vulnerable should continue to wait to be contacted. They will be contact by their GP practice or an NHS representative when it is their turn, as long as they are registered with a GP in the Norfolk and Waveney area.

Grants for businesses

The figures for grants paid week ending 14 February were 590 grants paid totalling £1,113,457.

The total of grants paid is 6,689 adding up to an impressive £12,748,725.

We are awaiting guidance as to what, if any, grants will be payable from 16 February.

Grant information is available online <https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/businessgrants>. There is a flowchart to help people navigate the grants, and a FAQs section.

Business impact survey

Please continue to encourage businesses in your area of the borough to complete the survey.

The survey should take more than 15 minutes to complete and is available online:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2021CouncilSurvey>

Survey response data is non-business-specific and will directly inform both our conversations and our economic response and recovery work with partners from Government, New Anglia LEP, other local authorities and local business groups.

Lateral Flow Testing

Community testing launches next week in King's Lynn & Great Yarmouth. Attached is a press release from the county council about the county-wide project, along with a press release from the borough council about the sites in west Norfolk. For next week these are based at Fairstead Community Centre and Alive St James Pool in King's Lynn and at Alive Oasis in Hunstanton. The locations of these testing sites will be reviewed weekly and new locations announced on Wednesday for the following week. Symptom-free testing is available to anyone in the community. We do not advise people to travel to other areas for a test. The locations of the test sites are based on Public Health decisions relating to case number data. We are encouraging people to make appointments, but where they can't or prefer not to, they can just turn up for a test. To book visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/rapidtesting.

Adult Social Services

Attached is an updated from Norfolk County Adult Social Services which may contain information that is useful to you and your community.

Homelessness

Agencies across west Norfolk have been working together to ensure that homeless people are found accommodation and work is ongoing to reduce the number of people who return to homelessness.

Since lock down one, the council has continued to respond to the government's 'Everyone In' initiative, and with support from its partners, we are continuing to accommodate all rough sleepers. During the recent winter months we have continued to experience increased demand from people who are at risk of rough sleeping. Currently there are no reports of anyone rough sleeping in the Borough. All reports of anyone rough sleeping are followed up and verified with the council's Housing Options team, the council's rough sleeping outreach service and partners such as Purfleet Housing and the Winter Nightshelter.

We are continuing to provide a range of emergency accommodation options (Winter Nightshelter, welfare cabins, B&B, hostels). In response to anticipated demand/pressure over the winter months we increased the provision of welfare cabins which provide warm, dry, safe and secure short-term accommodation in King's Lynn while longer-term or supported accommodation can be found. This accommodation has been invaluable in being able to respond to the increase need and also provide self-contained accommodation. The Winter Nightshelter is also operating on a 24-hour hostel basis albeit with reduced capacity in response to Covid conditions and closing of dormitory accommodation. The council's Housing Options team handle all referrals to ensure triaging is undertaken in line with Government Guidance on Covid.

Between now and 31st March, 16 new one bed flats will be delivered by Broadland Housing Association. These units will be used to provide longer-term supported accommodation for those who have been rough sleeping or requiring supported accommodation. A further 7 one-bed flats will also be provided by Broadland Housing Association by May 2021. These units will be used as move-on accommodation helping people to move out of hostels. This will include support of two hours per week for residents of each flat to help them transition to long-term unsupported accommodation.

Can you help?

UK Power Networks are seeking input to help guide their vulnerability strategy.

The research is designed to find if (and how) Covid has made people more vulnerable, with a particular focus on unemployment. They are seeking a minimum of 100 respondents to complete the survey, which is now available for completion:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/helpusshapeservices>

If you can help please do.

Reporting issues

Since 5 January we have been in National Lockdown: Stay at Home. The rules are very clear but if you are concerned about businesses or individuals not complying you can report them as follows:

To report of business visit west-norfolk.gov.uk/reportabusiness

To report individuals who are not complying with the rules and are putting others at risk you should call the police 101 number. They will of course prioritise the most serious issues first with the resources they have.

Lily

Please promote the asklily.org.uk website to anyone within your community who may need help with getting supplies or deliveries through the Lockdown period as well as highlighting support and activities that may reduce social isolation.

Active Norfolk

Active Norfolk have updated their Active at Home & Outdoors social media pack to reflect the season and to include home schooling.

In addition to their Active at Home and Active Outdoors resources which are updated regularly, they've set up a new addition to their Active at Home Kids section – [a section with activities specifically for the younger kids \(0-5s\)](#).

Please see the attached social media pack which includes updated imagery and suggested posts about physical activity and mental health; taking active breaks to help home schooling, and the importance of movement for the younger kids. Please feel free to share this on your channels.

Borough Council service impacts

All of our service impacts can be found here: www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus

Over the next few weeks, we will need to continue to thin out our staff in our main offices as we allocate them to other duties including the preventative enhanced contact tracing and other Covid related work, including community testing, and support with vaccination centres. This may mean that there is an increase in the number of service impacts. We will inform you about these, as and when arrangements are agreed. Our core duty must be to do whatever we can to support the response to Covid and to reduce the spread of this virus.

If you require specific information about any of the issues raised in this update, please contact communications@west-norfolk.gov.uk

Ongoing delays with bin collection service

Bins collections continue to be affected in the north of the borough. Crews will be collecting on Saturday 13 February to catch up, but they will continue to catch up next week. For this to happen it has been necessary to cancel the garden waste collections scheduled for Monday, 15 February. For all information visit:

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20004/bins_and_recycling/638/service_disruption_-_waste_collections

Anyone in the northern area (north of A47), whose bin hasn't been emptied should continue to leave it out, we will be coming back. Anyone in the southern area (south of A47) whose bin was out on time, but hasn't been emptied by end of play on Saturday 13 February, should report it a missed bin. [Missed bin collections | Missed bin collections | Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk \(west-norfolk.gov.uk\)](#)