

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Scarning School on April 20, 2026

Present: T Abel, M Blackburn, F Bradford, S Bunn, M Eveling, C Hewson, H Manning, N Parsons, M Steward. In attendance: N Hartley (Parish Clerk). Eight members of the public.

1 Parish Affairs

The Council was asked about the rise in Council Tax. Councillors explained that an additional £5,000 had been put in the Precept for new play equipment at Blackthorn Drive and £5,000 toward the car park at Shipdham Lane playing field. This had resulted in the increase in the Council's budget. The Council was asked the cost of the car park. The Clerk explained that the Council was not able to release that information as the Council was awaiting sealed bids from the three chosen contractors.

A member of the public noted the poor condition of the footpath along Dereham Road. Councillors advised it was best for this to be reported to Norfolk County Council using its Report-a-problem facility.

Mrs Geary offered to organise a tennis tournament at Shipdham Lane on June 28. Mr Hewson asked if she would liaise with him.

Concerns were raised about car parking outside the school. The Council explained that it was working with Norfolk County Council and the school for the installation of new signage that will allow the enforcement of parking restrictions on the zig-zags outside the school. Mr King, the school's Headteacher, said that parking enforcement had visited in March and had issued fines. He said the school had requested a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph, but this had been refused by Norfolk County Council as it does not meet the County Council's current criteria for a speed reduction.

2 Parish Council Chair's Report

Cllr Bunn delivered the following report:-

The Parish Council, being a group of volunteers from different walks of life and under the guidance of the Parish Clerk, has again carried out its duties with regard to the care and maintenance of the village assets and its other responsibilities, and where required, has carried out improvements, whether directly or indirectly, while also taking into account the everchanging dynamics of external political and business influences.

The Parish Council has had a relatively quiet year and has continued to maintain the play equipment and playing field at Blackthorn Drive, as well as the play area at ted Ellis Walk and some of the equipment on the Shipdham Lane playing field. The Council made a grant to the Playing Field Committee of £5,500 towards its maintenance costs and will be making a grant of £7,500 for the coming year.

The Council has continued to pay for the grass cutting in Scarning churchyard and made a significant payment towards the cost of repairs to the church clock, whilst again providing the Christmas tree in the churchyard.

The new Speed Gate project has finally finished, with the installation of the new gates, one near the church layby and the other near the bottom of Swaffham Hill, which we hope will go some way to help reduce speeds through the village.

The Council is continuing with its major projects – these being the playing field overhaul and new play equipment at Blackthorn Drive. The Council is awaiting the results of its National Lottery application. The next project being working with the Village Hall Trust and Playing Field Committee in the efforts to improve and upgrade the car park at Shipdham Lane, which will bring a significant benefit to the village, and events being held.

The Council is always open to new ideas for future projects, and their benefits to the village. One new project being explored is a Dog Show for later in the year with the Playing Field Committee and our Vice Chair, which may hopefully go on to be an annual event. Who knows what may be suggested next, but obviously keeping in mind the limited finances available to us.

To end, I cannot stress how important it is for all the various committees and Breckland Council to be able to work as I sometimes say, ‘sensibly and constructively together for the benefit of the village and area, as a unified team.’

And to each and everyone a big thank you for their hard work and perseverance in making the impossible possible for the people and village of Scarning.

3 Report from Scarning School

The school’s Headteacher, Nick King, delivered the following report:-

The April 2025 - April 26 period at Scarning VC Primary School has flown by. It has been successful period with much to celebrate.

We remain a popular school. The school roll is 410+, with Reception intake numbers healthy for September.

Attendance remains above the national average and we believe our children to be happy, well-behaved students with good attachment to their school. Parental satisfaction is high, with, in a recent survey, 99% saying they would recommend the school to another parent.

Staffing remains stable with good retention and a committed, experienced team in place.

Key Stage 2 (Year 6 SATS) results rebounded last year with both Reading and Maths above the national average. Writing emerged as a clear area of focus. We have put a lot of effort into securing improvement in this area in recent months and have recently adopted an exciting, nationally renowned approach called, ‘I am a Clever Writer.’

New national developments have included the new Ofsted framework; the curriculum review body report; and a likely directive for all schools to join a Multi Academy Trust of some sort.

These will all have big implications for the school in the coming years, and as such, we are starting to think about how best to embrace the opportunities presented.

The financial situation for schools in general remains a challenge, and growing SEN needs are stretching budgets. The government's vision for the future sees mainstream schools having to step up to meet rising SEN needs, with less reliance on the special school sector. We are well set at Scarning to rise to this challenge, but it is a profound change that will need to be managed carefully.

The governing body has continued to provide invaluable support and challenge to the leadership of the school. The governing body continues to be a strength of the school, and its recent Norfolk County Council audit highlighted many positives.

The Seckar Trust has maintained their support in a range of ways and we remain thankful for any financial assistance that they give us. All children benefit from their generosity by way of generalised projects such as the provision of coach travel, but they also have helped us with specific projects such as a Speech and Language support programme and the development of a new provision for children with SEN.

Sports, arts and cultural activities have continued to take place throughout the year. Highlights since my last report have included:

- *A highly successful World Book Week*
- *Multiple sports events attended within the Sports Partnership*
- *Further development of our outdoor learning provision with a designated area for our 'Outdoor Learners'*
- *45 children singing at London's O2 as part of the 'Big Sing'*
- *2 residentials – one to Hilltops in Norfolk; the other to the Peak District*
- *'StreetLaw' – a 2 day UEA run project designed to equip our children with an understanding of the English legal system*

We have shifted our Social Media presence to Facebook from Twitter/X. This has given us a much bigger audience. You can find our page at:



As ever, the staff at school remain a pleasure to lead; the families we work with, crucial to the overall team effort; and the children a delight.

4 Report from Breckland Councillors

CLLrs Turner and Hewitt submitted the following report:-

This may be the penultimate report given to the Parish Council by the two of us – see later on.

During the past year, Breckland Council has continued to deliver all statutory services, together with many non-statutory ones, which included £1M for Inspiring Communities and the dog warden service which won several awards. The Link in Dereham went live, with a range of information, help and support for residents all under one roof, with face to face assistance. The purchase of a number of properties has helped reduce the number of homeless residents, and has bought down the cost of emergency accommodation.

Digital upgrades and innovations, now enable residents to use our website and associated links more efficiently and effectively, though there is still human contact when and if needed: our call centre last week took 1,200 calls in a day (up from 250) mainly relating to new government-imposed business rates. Members continue to receive regular training both in house and externally, including safety in lone working, IT skills, community relations, and communication skills.

Domestic Food Waste collections will start this year, again a service made mandatory by the current government, at a cost of £3M to Breckland (this includes purchase of adapted vehicles, caddys and bins etc.): There has been a delay in rolling this out as every council in the country has ordered the specialised vehicles at the same time (even though we put our orders in over 18 months ago). Funding for all of this is not met by Central Government, and will need to be met by taxpayers moving forward.

There are four key topics that continue to overshadow us all.

The Local Plan The review of the Local Plan enabled parish councils and all residents to participate in consultations with their vision for the future, whether it be for housing, businesses, infrastructure, leisure or open space. We worked hard for our three Parishes when the government announced its increase in new housing targets, and were able to evidence that Shipdham in particular needed no increase beyond its original projected numbers. Other villages are not so lucky, and the timeline for the Local Plan is unfeasibly tight – it needs to be in place before the autumn. That means decisions being made during the summer in order to ensure further Central-Government imposed housing targets will not apply: neither the timeline, the targets, and the underlying process are things we can control, but we will do our hardest to meet it.

Devolution – The transfer of power from central government to a Norfolk and Suffolk Mayor – public elections for a Mayor take place in 2028. Police and Crime Commissions will be absorbed into the new Mayoral control. There is no new funding for this, and the delay in the Mayoral elections for a further year means there will be gaps as well as budget cuts made to the current Police Service.

Local Government Reorganisation – All county, district and borough councils to be abolished, and the Secretary of State has “minded” to approve the power of 3 unitary councils for Norfolk which is the least worst outcome for us. The next outcome would have been leaving everything “as is”, but that was not an option. So Breckland, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, plus some parishes from South Norfolk will become West Norfolk Unitary Authority, subject to a legal challenges, judicial reviews, and policy changes, on 1 April 2028. The irony of this date is not lost. Parish Councils are not affected at the time of writing. County Council elections take place this May, elections for councillors for new authorities take place in May 2027, 2027-28 will be a transition (shadow) period, and Breckland will cease at 11.59pm on 31st March 2028, with the new “West Norfolk”, “Greater Norwich”, and “East Norfolk” new

unitary councils will be effective from 1st April 2028. Currently there is insufficient funding to make this happen (Gov't announced £900k - elsewhere the actual costs have proved 10 times more than expected), and the process of breaking up county-wide road networks, health provision, educational services and adult social care is absolutely enormous (Govt is clear – nothing “transferred over”, everything is wholly new). Case in point – Norwich has lots of Children’s Homes and the West has very few; the West has lots of open spaces and Norwich very little: these cannot “move” to where the need is. But the clock is ticking, and deals need to be made. And today we heard from MHCLG that “the structural change order is not yet written in stone” ...!

Closer to home we have worked with members of the parish council in regard to pieces of land currently owned by Breckland Council which, if meeting the criteria, could be transferred to the relevant parishes. We attended workshops with parish councillors to discuss the viability of these.

Solar Farms – the debate carries on with a Norfolk steering group leading the way, which includes 3 MPs. Final decisions will be made by the Secretary of State, with the exception of the Shipdham project which will be decided by the local authority planning committee. Locally and nationally, some applications are being overturned and rejected, but the current War in the middle East is only proving that global energy security cannot be reliant on the whim of powerful individuals and states alone

What do these topics mean for you? To be honest, a lot of disruption, uncertainty, and a lot of costs: not only will about £300m of Norfolk’s debt will now be assumed by the West which need to be financed now only by the West, but also Council taxes will increase as a result of “equalisation” to the higher districts surrounding us (anyone who has parked in North Norfolk of Kinga Lynn will know what that feels like). Breckland only counts for 5p in every £ of your Council tax Bill currently: the new “West” and “Devolved Mayoral Authority” will be covering everything, and many non-statutory services in the future may be lost in the melee. And whatever the faults of Breckland – and there are many – direct access to representatives will be also reduced because wards in the West will be bigger than we are used to, and Ward Member responsibilities greatly increased. Despite no new powers or funding planned for Parish Councils, it is clear that a greater responsibility of local issues will be picked up by Parishes and Towns moving forward – we need to plan for that now.

For now, though, as long as we are able to, we will continue to work with local groups and individuals on a number of issues, many of which are highly confidential, but can range from housing to welfare support, and planning applications to licensing matters. We will also continue to make groups and individuals aware of grants and support systems, as they arise – e.g. help with heating oil which NCC are managing. Although Breckland will stop, our communities will not and we need to ensure everyone is prepared for what is to come.

5 Report of Scarning PCC

Sue Rockley delivered the following report:-

We are all wondering how long the fencing will be around the base of the tower. The parapet is now secured by strapping. We have the surveyor’s report on the state of the tower and are waiting for our architect to produce costed proposals. We can then start the process of seeking a major grant from

Heritage England. The proposal will include improving the paths in the churchyard to facilitate people in wheelchairs and the people who have to push.

We are pleased that a number of residents from Oak Manor come to services with their carers. This entails extra work for the staff at Oak Manor and we are very grateful that they are willing to do this. As the council will know, we are asking the county council to lower some kerbs to facilitate access, but there is an issue around funding.

As always, we would like to thank the council for funding the cutting of the churchyard – the contractors did an excellent job last year. The council is also paying for work on the clock. It was inspected by a technician from Smiths of Derby, who are renowned specialists for this type of clock. The bracket supporting the gear assembly which takes the drive from the clock up and out to the clock face needs to be replaced, and the gear assembly itself is being refurbished at the same time. There is also a problem with the reliability of the striking mechanism which will be investigated and which we hope can be fixed fairly easily.

We are grateful to our clergy team who ensure that there is a service each Sunday. We are also delighted to welcome the children from Scarning School to special services.

The church bells continue to be rung on a regular basis and on rare occasions there will be visiting bands of ringers who are attempting formal peals. There was an issue with one such peal recently when a local resident complained about the length of the disturbance caused. The PCC will try to give notice of forthcoming peals on social media.

In the last year there have been several fund raising events including two concerts, cream teas, the Christmas Craft Fair, regular coffee mornings, a clothes sale and a quiz. The coffee morning on 2 May will include a plant stall. The Dereham Band is booked for a return visit on 28 November. The band and the acoustic in church are a splendid combination.

We will be hosting a Heritage Open Day on Saturday 12 September where we will feature three local heroes who risked their own lives to rescue the crew from a Mosquito aircraft which crashed on Broadway Farm in January 1945. There will also be visits to the bell chamber.

We would like to thank everyone who supports the church in any way – including cake bakers, flower arrangers, bell ringers, churchyard tidiers and everyone who supports events. There is an enormous task ahead in raising money for the tower repairs, but we hope that the village will pull together to deliver the project.

Finally, it would not be right to close without mentioning how special the village centre looks at Christmas time with the tree in the churchyard and the lights on the village hall – a real treat in December.

Tim Farnham and Sue Rockley
Churchwardens

6 Report of Scarning Playing Field Committee

Charles Hewson thanked the members of the Committee for their hard work and the time given in the maintenance of the playing field. He said one of the tennis courts is shortly to be resurfaced at a cost of £22,000. The Bowls Club, he said, continues to flourish. He added that the playing field is currently used by Scarning Utd and that it is well supported. New play equipment had been installed at a cost of £11,000.

7 Report from Scarning Village Hall

The Village Hall Trust submitted the following report:-

Scarning Village Hall & Estate Trust continues to manage Scarning Village Hall, providing a safe, clean and welcoming venue for an array of events and activities, ranging from private celebrations, social gatherings, sports and business use. Increased advertising of the hall's facilities during 2025 has resulted in a rise in bookings; in particular community groups where all are welcome to attend. Regular community activities held at the village hall currently include table tennis, baby & toddler groups, keep-fit classes, dance classes, Girl Guides, quiz evenings and coffee mornings.

The village hall has a modern fully equipped kitchen, separate meeting room, main function hall; holding up to 80 people, a sound system, hearing loop, free Wi-Fi and a secure rear garden. The Trust ensures that these facilities are regularly maintained and meet current legislation, whilst retaining competitive hire fees.

External security around the hall was increased during 2025 with the installation of 24 hour CCTV. The Trust is always looking to improve facilities around the venue and will install a permissive path, with low level lighting, during the Summer of 2026. The new pedestrian path will connect Dereham Road, directly through the hall grounds, to the car park on Shipdham Lane playing field. This project will be funded entirely by the Trust and will greatly improve pedestrian access to the village hall and other neighbouring communal facilities. The rear garden to the village hall will remain secure and for use by those attending events at the village hall only. The Trust envisions the construction of the permissive pedestrian path will increase use of the Shipdham Lane Car Park.

The Trust obtained Planning Permission to increase the parking capacity at Shipdham Lane Car Park during 2024 and will part fund this future project via a charitable pledge to Scarning Parish Council. The Trust is working in collaboration with the Parish Council and Scarning Playing Field Committee to bring this project to fruition within the current planning constraints for the benefit of residents of Scarning village and the wider community.

8 Report from Norfolk County Council

CLlr Richmond submitted the following report:-

Our Promises	What Was Delivered	Impact
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Libraries & Culture	Built new libraries, invested £3m+ , and transformed Norwich Castle into a world-class attraction	Stronger cultural offer and a major boost for tourism
Better Care	Invested £40m+ in care homes and supported living	More residents able to live independently for longer
Backing Children	Our GOOD-rated services, £2.5m+ for care leavers, £5m for jobs, and 600+ opportunities created	Better life chances and stronger futures for young people
Better Roads	Major infrastructure projects completed and £10m extra invested in maintenance	One of the best-performing highways services in the country
Improved Buses	£50m+ invested , more electric buses, and 26% growth in passenger numbers	Cleaner travel and better public transport access
Protecting the Environment	850,000+ trees planted and emissions cut by 50%	Protecting Norfolk's countryside and tackling climate change
Growing Economy	Investment in high streets, improved connectivity, and hundreds of new homes built	Stronger local economy and thriving communities

Norfolk County Council, under a Conservative administration, has a strong record of delivering on its promises and investing in the county's future. From new libraries and major road schemes to over £40 million in care and significant improvements in children's services, we have focused on the priorities that matter most to residents. We have strengthened local transport, supported businesses and high streets, expanded opportunities for young people, and taken meaningful action to protect Norfolk's environment. This is a council that combines experience with action backing communities, improving services, and driving sustainable growth, while continuing to stand up for Norfolk and secure the investment it deserves.

Norfolk County Council delivers a balanced and responsible budget for 2026–27

Norfolk County Council approved a balanced £613.8m budget for 2026–27, demonstrating strong financial leadership and prudent management in what remains one of the toughest funding climates in decades.

The administration has once again delivered stability and certainty for residents, setting a balanced financial position while identifying £42.3 million in savings and efficiencies and committing £76.3 million in targeted investment to protect vital services and strengthen Norfolk's economy.

Despite significant national financial pressures and ongoing constraints in central government funding, we have ensured the county remains on a firm financial footing, without resorting to emergency measures. This stands in stark contrast to a growing number of upper-tier authorities across the country that have issued Section 114 notices or are facing effective bankruptcy.

The budget enables the council to continue:

- Protecting frontline services
- Investing heavily in adults and children's services
- Delivering new libraries and modern learning hubs in key towns
- Supporting for heritage, culture, and tourism
- Driving transformative reforms to improve efficiency and outcomes
- Backing economic growth and infrastructure
- Maintaining long-term financial sustainability

In line with national funding assumptions a 4.998% increase in council tax was implemented due to the government's continued reliance on placing the burden on local taxpayers to safeguard core services. This decision reflects the financial realities facing councils nationwide, while ensuring essential services remain protected for Norfolk residents.

This budget reinforces Norfolk's Conservative administration's commitment to careful stewardship of taxpayers' money, strong local services, and a resilient future for the county.

Norfolk County Council invests in community led highway improvements across the county

Norfolk County Council has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting local communities with the approval of 99 new highway improvement schemes for 2026-27, delivered in partnership with town and parish councils across Norfolk.

Papers highlight how the Parish Partnership Programme, now entering its fifteenth year, gave local communities a voice in shaping the highways enhancements that matter most to them, whether that's improving pedestrian safety, slowing vehicle speeds, or making it easier to walk, cycle or access local services.

This year's programme represented a total investment of £769,034, made possible through the longstanding 50/50 funding model. Town and parish councils will collectively contribute £384,517, matched by £384,517 from Norfolk County Council, enabling more than twice as many small-scale schemes to be delivered than could be funded by the council alone.

In total local councils submitted 99 bids for 2026/27 and all were approved as viable schemes after being carefully assessed against value for money, community outcomes, safety benefits and compliance.

Norfolk's bus service improvements deliver record growth and faster journeys

Norfolk County Council's ambitious Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) has transformed public transport across the county, driving a 26% increase in passenger numbers since 2022 and making Norfolk a leading national example for sustainable travel.

A paper discussed at the council's Infrastructure and Development Committee on 22nd January highlighted what has been delivered thanks to the £65.45 million secured for Norfolk from the Department for Transport. That includes;

- New and enhanced bus services on more than 44 routes across Norfolk, including more evening and Sunday services

- Affordable fares: capped single fares in key towns and multi-operator ticketing
- Greener fleet: 75 zero-emission buses in Norwich and 24 more electric buses coming in 2026
- Improved passenger experience: real-time information, safer waiting areas, next-stop announcements and real-time information on more buses.

Not only are we seeing record-setting and increasing numbers of passengers, but customer satisfaction has also risen to 87%, bucking national trends and reinforcing Norfolk's approach to improvements in bus travel across the county.

Norfolk gritting vehicles headed out over the winter season

Norfolk County Council's winter gritting got underway during the recent winter, with gritters active on A/B roads, key bus routes, and village access roads, using new tech for efficiency. The first runs of the recent winter season (late 2025/early 2026) started as temperatures dropped, utilizing the 58-strong fleet with automated salting to cover 2,200 miles of routes, supported by stocked salt barns and public grit bins.

Norfolk County Council took first place in the Eastern region in annual Highways and Transport Satisfaction Survey

Norfolk County Council has once again demonstrated strong performance in the National Highways and Transport (NHT) Public Satisfaction Survey, taking the top spot in the Eastern region for overall satisfaction and second out of 29 county councils across England.

The annual survey, which gathers public views on highways and transport services, saw Norfolk achieve an overall satisfaction score of 48%, well above the national average of 40%.

This marks the 15th consecutive year Norfolk has participated in the survey, and the 7th year in a row that we have come either first or second overall.

Key highlights from this year's results include:

- Top Regional Performer: Norfolk ranked 1st in the Eastern Region for overall satisfaction.
- Some of the best above average score were in our bus services thanks to improvements that have been made as part of our Bus Service Improvement Plan. The 'local bus services' overall category we were 10% above the group average with sub indicators as follows:
 - Public Transport Information (11% above group average)
 - Frequency of bus services (9% above group average)
 - Ease of access to school / work (6% above group average)
- Condition of highways (8% above group average)

Norfolk County Council's Deep Disappointment at Government Decision to Halt Mayoral Election and Slash Devolution Funding

Norfolk County Council expressed serious concern following the Labour Government's announcement that the planned 2026 mayoral election for the Norfolk & Suffolk Combined County Authority will be deferred until 2028. The sudden decision meant that Norfolk would now receive only around one-third of the investment previously promised under the devolution programme.

Norfolk County Council's astonishment at the Minded To decision of the government to create 3 Unitaries for Norfolk under Local Government Reorganisation

Norfolk County Council made a robust bid for a Single Unitary council for Norfolk under the proposals for LGR. This bid was based on sound financial information with the primary purpose of protecting front line services, whilst ensuring value for money. NCC already deliver 85% of local services in Norfolk, a single unitary was the easiest to implement, would ultimately save money for taxpayers and was the most obvious choice for the county. It was also backed by key stakeholders like the NHS and the Police. None of the other proposals, which would split services and cost more to implement and run, stacked up. It is therefore disappointing that despite the 3 unitary proposal not meeting the government's own criteria, that this is the option chosen. This may be more a political decision than a practical one and seems irrational. The council will consider the details of the decision and may choose to challenge this.

Norwich Castle Keep reopens following £27m redevelopment

Norwich Castle Keep reopened to visitors following a comprehensive five-year redevelopment project that introduced new accessibility features alongside new galleries and interpretive displays.

Funded by £12 million from Norfolk County Council and over £13 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, all five floors of the newly named People's Palace were opened to the public for the first time ever.

The Grade I listed castle, originally commissioned by William the Conqueror 900 years ago and completed by his son Henry I in 1121, retained its historic significance while embracing modern improvements.

A new light-filled atrium adjacent to the Keep was unveiled in the first phase of the redevelopment in July 2024. Visitors also benefited from a new café, gift shop, and additional toilet facilities to enhance the visitor experience.

Importantly, a lift was installed to provide full wheelchair accessibility throughout the Keep, allowing access from the basement all the way up to the battlements, where visitors could enjoy panoramic views across Norwich.

Nationally recognised 'AI programme to be rolled out across Norfolk to prevent falls

A new, nationally recognised proactive intervention scheme is rolled out across the whole of Norfolk. The initiative was delivered in collaboration with local partners including Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSE), city, district and borough Councils and NHS organisations, aims to reduce falls in vulnerable and older adults.

Following a successful pilot with 1250 residents, the programme, which uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to identify residents at risk of escalating needs, enhances the safety and wellbeing of those at risk of falls. The latest Artificial Intelligence technology, natural language processing is used to 'read' case notes and automatically extract meaningful insight about our residents. This technology enables the council to identify and prioritise individuals in Norfolk most at risk of falling, allows for proactive intervention before they fall.

AI is a rapidly developing technology with the potential to improve the delivery of services. The council is using AI to benefit the people of Norfolk in a safe, ethical and transparent way.

Falls are a major concern, particularly among older or vulnerable adults, and can lead to severe injuries and a decline in quality of life. Through this programme, the council will be able to predict people who are at higher risk and offer timely and targeted interventions to support them.

For more information about preventing falls visit [Preventing and dealing with falls](#).

Norfolk County Council Approved £500k Community Fund to Boost Local Projects

Norfolk County Council approved the launch of a new £500k Norfolk Community Fund for 2025/26, aimed at supporting grassroots projects that strengthen communities and improve local wellbeing.

The fund will empower local voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) groups to apply for grants between £200 and £2,500 to deliver small-scale initiatives that bring people together, promote inclusion, and enhance quality of life. Each of the county's 84 councillors will be allocated £5,000 to distribute within their divisions, ensuring funding reaches every corner of Norfolk