**Mulbarton PC Report 18th Nov 2024**

**Grants**

Member Ward Grants for 2024/25 have been fully reserved. Requests for future support with small projects (up to £1,000 usually) to benefit the local community can be made to your District Councillors. Grants for 2025/2026 will be available from April 25.

**Flooding on B1113**

Our informal understanding is that the Environmental Agency has now given its approval to the temporary drainage proposal to take water from the Orsted site to the pond near the junction with Keswick Low Road. We have received no follow up from the County Council regarding improving the A47 drainage system near the bridge over the B1113.

We encourage residents to log problems on the B1113 on the Highways website and to report problems to us. Photographic evidence is always helpful (but stay safe).

**Defibrillator Grants**

The charity LondonHearts has received an award from the Dep. Of Health & Social Care to install 1,100 defibrillators. Matched funding of £750 is required. Applications via <http://www.defibgrant.co.uk/>.

**County Council Budget consultation 25/26.**

The next big subject will be the budget and how the Conservative administration will

deal with keeping services at the level our residents deserve, without cutting any. There is a proposal to increase council tax with final decisions about the level of increase to be made on 18th February 25.

To find out more about the consultation and express your views follow the link here: ***Budget consultation 2025-26*** ***- Norfolk County Council - Citizen Space*** The consultation closes on 16th December 2024

**South Norfolk Planning – Suspension of Pre-Application Advice**

The planning team is currently experiencing a very high workload resulting from the number and complexity of planning applications and enquiries being submitted. It has therefore reluctantly suspended our Pre-Application Advice service until January 2025.Due to a high volume of enquiries. Residents should still be able to have a short phone conversation with a planning officer for informal advice.

**South Norfolk and Broadland Community Link Network**

This network is designed to bring together people who serve as community leaders and volunteers with voluntary groups and organisations. The objective is to encourage communication, collaboration, and support within the voluntary, community, and social enterprise sector. Membership is open to anyone who is part of a group and to residents interested in learning more about opportunities in the voluntary sector.

To find out more please email: **communities@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or call 01603 430431.**

**South Norfolk and Broadland Business Awards**

Nominations are open for the different categories of awards available. Nominations close on 13th December 2024.

Further information from: [SNC Business Award Link](https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/business/broadland-and-south-norfolk-business-awards/categories)

**‘Norwich to Tilbury’ Update**

National Grid has announced that it is now be undertaking a number of surveys along the proposed route of the pylons, to help refine and complete its application for planning permission (known as a Development Consent Order or DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate in Summer 2025.

 PylonsEastAnglia are continuing to campaign against the pylon proposals. For further information visit **https://pylonseastanglia.co.uk/actions**

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