

**WORTWELL PARISH COUNCIL
OCTOBER MEETING 2025
DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Unfortunately, I cannot be with you this evening as there is a meeting of the Full Council. I only have a short report this month.

Grant Funding. South Norfolk Council (SNC) are accepting application for this year's Winter Pressures Grants for a project that provides support during the winter period, this may be a community space, Christmas hamper appeal or a new initiative that you can evidence a need for this winter. Hopefully this can be of use to the Wortwell community.

Environment. SNC allocated £70,000 to 11 projects under the Nature Conservation Fund. One of the projects is in Harleston where a new Community Interest Company is planning to deliver a new public amenity space. Should there be more funding in the future, maybe this is something that could be considered by the Wortwell Parish Council. I would be very happy to help as I have experienced the application process.

Recycling. SNC are helping local families save money and reduce waste with School Uniform Swap Shops. These are running at the Wymondham and Long Stratton Leisure Centres, and the Diss Swim Centre. SNC also recently promoted the National Recycle Week 2025.

Support for Young People. We received an update at the Scrutiny Committee on how SNC have been supporting young people. This has included a 'Keep It Going' grant to Exchange 2 for gym sessions for young people. Elsewhere SNC have: delivered leisure programmes for children which embed physical activity into daily life; a grant was awarded to Costessey Town Council to support the first stage of a five-year project aimed at establishing a sustainable youth provision programme; and there is a programme to fund improvements to ten play areas deemed as requiring improvement. These are only some of the many initiatives aimed at helping young people.

I will hold my next surgery on 8 November at Harleston Information Plus on Exchange Street in Harleston at 10:00. It would be great to see you there.

Cllr Trevor Graham
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South Norfolk Council