

Norfolk's annual road surface dressing work now underway

Work is now underway across Norfolk on the annual spring and summer surface dressing project. The work is carried out between April and September every year while the weather is warmer.

This year 280 miles of Norfolk's roads will get a new seal to help prevent potholes opening up, extend the life of the road, and provide a new skid-resistant surface to reduce the risk of accidents.

The new seal consists of a thin layer of bitumen and chippings which is laid onto the road. This helps prevent water penetration and helps stop potholes opening up.

Norfolk Trading Standards issues charger safety warning after two lithium battery fires

Norfolk County Council's Trading Standards team has issued a warning over the dangers of non-manufacturer-approved replacement batteries and chargers following two devastating fires caused by exploding lithium-ion batteries.

When buying electrical items, you should only buy from a reputable retailer and make sure there is a UKCA or CE mark, this means that the product meets safety standards. Avoid purchasing any electrical item, replacement battery packs and chargers from third a party online or private second-hand sellers as these could be unsafe.

To reduce your risk of fire, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service recommends:

- Not leaving items plugged in and switched on when unattended, ensure items are switched off and unplugged as soon as they have finished charging or no longer in use.
- Never charging items overnight when you are asleep.
- Always using the charger which came with the item
- Keeping doors closed to help avoid spreading smoke and fire
- Making sure you have a smoke alarm on each level, and test it regularly, at least once a month but ideally once a week

Enhanced bus services between North Norfolk and Norwich launch next week

More frequent and faster bus journeys from North Norfolk to Norwich started at the beginning of April as part of Norfolk County Council's plan to improve bus services across the county.

I am currently actively pushing for more bus connections across the Wells Division to get to Sheringham at a more reasonable time, to thereafter to Norwich for employment, colleges and etc... If achieved this would connect the whole division better to Norwich and Kings Lynn.

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