

Councillor and Parish Council Update – 19 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 08/02/2021 to 14/02/2021 the Norfolk seven-day incidence per 100,000 is 109.06, East of England is 114.67 and England is 133.41
- RED incidences are for Breckland with an incidence rate per 100,000 of 147.18, Broadland 77.23, Great Yarmouth 127.85, King's Lynn and West Norfolk 144.67, Norwich 135.45 and South Norfolk 68.14
- AMBER incidences are for North Norfolk with an incidence rate per 100,000 of 49.60

The figures last week 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

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.

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 22 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 14 February)

The figures show that 34.9% of people aged over 16 have received a first dose of vaccine, ranking Norfolk and Waveney third out of 42 health systems in England. The national average is 28%.

According to CCG data nearly 60% of all 65-69 year olds in Norfolk and Waveney have already received their first vaccination.

The CCG has been working collectively with NHS colleagues and system partners to address concerns raised about availability of appointments at local large vaccination sites. As a result, additional appointments are being made available at local large vaccination sites over the coming days.

To further supplement vaccine availability this weekend, the hospital hub at the James Paget University Hospital, Gorleston, will also be directly contacting patients and inviting them for vaccination.

New appointments are regularly being added to the national booking system and more are expected to be released in the coming days, so the CCG is urging local people to please be patient and keep trying if they don't immediately see an appointment in a suitable location for them.

Attached is press release that has been issued that you are welcome to share.

Grants for businesses

The figures for grants paid week up to 18 February were 318 grants paid totalling £542,723.

The total of grants paid is 7007 adding up to an impressive £13,291,448.

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 continues this week and next in King's Lynn. For next week the testing sites are based at Fairstead Community Centre and Alive St James Pool in King's Lynn and at Alive Oasis in Hunstanton and they are open 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday.

The locations of these testing sites will be reviewed weekly and new locations announced on Thursday 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.

Lateral flow testing is another tool to help break the chain of transmission.

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.

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