

District & County Councillor Report

Ukraine is being pounded by the Russian Army and nearly 2 million people have fled their homes, so far. We all want to help and the best way to do so is through the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). Money is the best thing to send, so that it can be directed where needed most. To donate go to: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal> . If you pay tax remember to Gift Aid it, so that an extra 25% will be added by the government.

The Broadland Community at Heart Lottery is one year old. Over the last year it has raised nearly £50000 for local good causes. Local groups are being encouraged to join to raise much needed funds. BDC also has the Get it Started Grant to help get ideas started. Any three residents or an existing community group can apply for a grant up to £300 to kickstart your idea. Call the Communities Team on 01508 533914 or look on the website for more information.

Norfolk County Council (NCC) introduced Go Digital, giving free digital support to small and medium sized businesses. You can apply for up to a £500 grant and free advice to help with Ecommerce, social media or anything else to grow your business. www.norfolk.gov.uk/GoDigital . NCC now have over 10 miles of Roadside Nature Reserves, with many more planned over the next few years. They will promote once common but now rare plant species and also help wildlife. They will be cut at the end of the summer when plants have flowered and set seed.

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