

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

24 September 2015

COUNCILLOR MRS EA NOCKOLDS CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND HEALTH

For the period 30 July to 12 September 2015

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

As part of the Town Hall project, 'The Stories of Lynn' exhibition materials have been subject to a procurement process with 5 shortlisted contractors. The results of the evaluated tenders will be reported at the next Cabinet meeting.

An Archivist has been appointed to start in the new year at the Town Hall's Archive Centre.

The steelwork for the new lift and stair extension at the rear of the Town Hall is being erected very soon and the first floor public toilets have been improved.

The current exhibition at the Lynn Museum explores the life and work of Frederick Savage, the creator of merry-go-rounds. The exhibition includes a number of products from St. Nicholas Ironworks which have not been on public display before. The exhibition includes a large chalk drawing of a racing cockerel conserved and framed with support from the 'Friends of the Lynn Museum'. A Junior Friends of King's Lynn Museum scheme has been launched. During the summer the Museum participated in a youth engagement project in partnership with Thetford Museum. The Museums Youth Forums, following visits to the Museums, made a film which describes their visit with the aim of encouraging other young people to visit Museums. The film will be circulated to museums in the region.

New external signage at the front of the Museum has been installed as well as an improved external environment which includes paved areas, seating and trees as part of the of the Bus Station improvements.

Due to the fortnightly articles in the Lynn News series of 'History of King's Lynn in 100 objects', many members of the public have visited the Museum to view the objects as well reporting additional information on the objects.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Alive Leisure Sports Development (SD) Unit are organising a Rounders

Tournament at Lynnsport which is supported by 'Your Local Paper' and Active Norfolk. The tournament will take place on 27th September. The SD Unit are also encouraging women to take part in running courses for beginners in Heacham and King's Lynn with the support from Lynnsport Ladybirds. Downham Market will start in the new year. The Sport Development Unit have received a grant of £7,893 from Sport England to purchase 4 'Bradshaw Buggy' wheelchairs which will enable more people to take part in Lynnsport's Wheelchair Bowls sessions. The Unit have also applied for a grant to Sport England for 'The Shed' Skatepark improvements.

Alive Leisure Trust are holding an 'Open Day' at all of the sporting facilities on 4th October at which many of the Sports Clubs in West Norfolk will be demonstrating their activities to encourage new members. Alive Corn Exchange held their 'Open Day' on Heritage Day.

It's thanks to our staff that the Town Centre activity this summer has been amazing seeing the average footfall throughout the town increase an average of 20% on August 2014 with some weekends rising to a 30% increase. During the weekend of the Water Skiing and Fairy-tale event 700 people visited the TIC. Many congratulations from the public have been sent to the Council as well as at the time of collecting surveys which have been carried out at most of the events. The majority of the activities were free and have been aimed at families. All of the activities have been organised by the Council staff but working with many partnerships such as Norfolk Museums and the Vancouver Quarter. The aim of the events was to encourage more people to enjoy visiting the town and to link different venues together across the town such as the 2 Market places, Lynn Museum, the Water Front and the Vancouver Quarter. It is many thanks to King's Lynn Civic Society that Heritage Day was a huge success together with the Classic Car Show run by the Borough.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Portfolio meetings with;

Ray Harding Chief Executive
Chris Bamfield Exec. Director of Commercial Services
Ian Burbidge Policy & Partnership Manager
Sarah Dennis Partnership and Funding Officer

Cabinet

English Heritage Cambridge
LILY Board Committee meeting
Alive Leisure Trust Governance Committee
Alive Leisure Trust Audit Committee
Area Museums Committee
Norfolk Health & Well Being Board Chairman
Active Norfolk
WN & KL Girls School Trust
St. Nicholas' Chapel Official opening

1st. The Queens Guards Welcome to Norfolk Reception
SNAP meeting, Hunstanton