

## Councillor and Parish Council Update – 4 May 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>

These figures are for the week ending 28 April 2021, and comparisons are with the week ending 21/04/21:

- The case rate per 100,000 for all ages is: Norfolk 19.4 (16.2 previous week), East of England 20.2 (20.4 previous week) and England 23.2 (25.1 previous week). Overall, this represents an increase in Norfolk of 19.7%.
- In King's Lynn and West Norfolk, the case rate per 100,000 of all ages is 39.6 compared to 29.1 the previous week – an increase of 36.4%.
- This compares to figures for the rest of Norfolk this week: Breckland 11.4; Broadland 12.2; Great Yarmouth 14.1; North Norfolk 12.4; 17.2; Norwich 17.1; and South Norfolk 19.9.
- The total number of people tested for Covid-19 in the last 7 days is 23397, compared to 22871 for the previous 7 days (2.3% increase).

The figures show an increase in west Norfolk. It is vital that we all continue to be vigilant and communicate the need to minimise travel, continue to work from home where possible and to follow the hands, face space advice. This applies whether you have had your vaccine or not, please encourage everyone to continue to follow the guidance in place to control the virus and save lives. We want the figures to continue to go down as we move towards step 3 of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown of 17 May.

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.

### Vaccination update (From N&WCCG )

The latest national vaccination data was published today and it shows that we are making really good progress with second doses. The data published by NHS England and Improvement shows that up to Sunday, 25 April:

- **69% of adults in Norfolk and Waveney had received their first dose**, compared to 62% of adults in England. This puts us fifth out of the 42 health and care systems in England.
- **31% of adults in Norfolk and Waveney had also received their second dose**, compared to 24% of adults in England. This puts us second out of the 42 health and care systems.
- **83% of over 70s had received their second dose.**
- In the week to 25 April, **66,257 second doses were given.**

- A total of **845,669 doses of vaccine had been given locally** since the start of the vaccination programme.

Melanie Craig, Chief Executive of NHS Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) said: “The vaccination programme continues to make strong progress in Norfolk and Waveney.

“With fewer vaccines available this month, as was expected and planned for, we are having to prioritise the current supply of vaccine in Norfolk and Waveney for people needing their second doses. This means there are fewer local vaccination sites appearing as options on the national booking system

“This has been compounded by an increased demand for first dose appointments as people in cohort 10 have become eligible for vaccination in line with national guidance.

“We are urging everyone to be patient. Everyone who is eligible will receive a vaccine if they want one.”

There is more detail in this [press release](#) about today’s figures. The CCG will continue to keep you updated on developments with the programme.

#### **Vaccination hesitancy and take up**

We are working with the CCG and other partners to target areas or communities where it is believed take up of the vaccine now or in the next cohort may be lower than average.

More work on this will be taking place over the next few weeks, particularly around North Lynn and Town, South and West Lynn, where data is suggesting that take up might be lower. Thank you to those ward councillors who have already input some thoughts into this work.

#### **Test and Trace Support Payment scheme**

The Department of Health and Social Care is reminding people of the Test and Trace Support Scheme. While across the country infection rates are falling, they want to be sure that those people that need to self-isolate are aware of the £500 payment scheme available. The key points are:

- you can claim if you have been told to self-isolate by NHS, are employed/self-employed will lose income as a result and are on a low income
- you can now also claim if you have to take time off work as you are responsible for a child who has to self-isolate and you also meet the other criteria.

Full details are available here: [https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20231/coronavirus/857/test\\_and\\_trace\\_support\\_payment](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20231/coronavirus/857/test_and_trace_support_payment)

#### **Grants for business**

Since November last year over £22.9M has been paid in business support grants. This is in addition to nearly £40M paid during lockdown 1.

**Applications for grants from 16 February 2021 to 31 March 2021 will remain open until 31 May 2021.**

Our business grant webpage is a helpful source of information <https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/businessgrants>.

Restart Grants are being paid automatically to eligible businesses where we have all the necessary information. We have paid £10.2m in restart grants already and hope to make the remaining automatic payments shortly. Where we need further information to confirm eligibility, we will be in touch with businesses direct and aim to have these payments made by early May.

### **Refresh and reopen grant scheme launched**

A half-million-pound grant scheme opened this week to help local independent businesses to support the safe reopening of premises that might otherwise struggle to comply with necessary government guidance brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Refresh and Reopen grant scheme has been developed by the borough council, using the government's Additional Restrictions funding.

The grants will provide up to 75% of eligible costs towards work to premises such as outdoor structures or equipment, barriers or one-way set ups, umbrellas or other temporary weather-shielding structure. It could also help fund online solutions such as ticketing, ordering or payment. This fund can also be used towards shop front improvements to make the premises feel more welcoming to local people and visitors. Any spend incurred must have taken place since the announcement of the Government's Roadmap on 22 February.

The maximum grant available per applicant is £10,000 and applicants must not have previously claimed a grant for the same re-opening activities. Grants will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and the scheme will close once all the money has been allocated or on 30 May, whichever is sooner. All grant funding must be fully spent and works completed by 1 August 2021.

Eligible businesses must be in the borough of West Norfolk, operate in the retail, hospitality, recreation, leisure, culture, tourism or events sectors and must be local, independent businesses, not part of a chain.

Applications should be made by visiting [west-norfolk.gov.uk/refreshandreopengrant](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/refreshandreopengrant), where full details of the scheme and eligibility can be found.

Business grants FAQs can be found here: [Business grants FAQs | Business grants FAQs | Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk \(west-norfolk.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Business Support**

Some out of date signs, that do not reflect the rule of 6, have been seen around the borough. If you see any out of date signs in your ward or parish please do share our materials and confirm that BCKLWN is offering to print them free of charge if they don't have access to print facilities.

Please read the [press release](#). This includes links to the Business and Tourism Toolkit, and the pack of signage that is free to download.

### **Public Access Defibrillators (PADs)**

If you have a publicly accessible defibrillator based in your parish please ensure that it's regularly checked and that the consumables are in date and the location is registered correctly. [The Resuscitation Council UK can offer more advice about this.](#)

### **Temporary outdoor structures**

Due to COVID regulations there has been a significant increase in the use of temporary outdoor structures at licensed premises. Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service has contacted the borough council to highlight that a number of premises with temporary outdoor structures are using portable heating devices, which have been identified as an additional fire risk.

There have already been a number of incidents involving fires resulting from faulty portable heating devices, heating devices which are incorrectly used or poorly maintained, or heating devices which are used in close proximity to combustible materials. There is also a further hazard relating to the products of combustion from such portable heating devices building up within poorly ventilated outdoor temporary structures.

Any Licensed premises which have an outdoor temporary structure must review and update their fire risk assessment, paying particular attention to the hazards posed by portable heating devices. Attached is a template to use to assist with the fire risk assessment review, and some guidance documents relating to fire safety in outdoor temporary structures.

We also attached the above copy of the temporary structures fire risk assessment from the National Fire Chief's Council and a link to the Risk Assessment guidance document: Open air events and venue.

### **Temporary Events Notices**

We've received a few enquiries from parish council's about Temporary Event Notices (TEN) recently. Within the framework of The Licensing Act 2003, the system of permitting temporary event activities is intended as a light touch process, and as such, the carrying on of licensable activity does not have to be authorised by the licensing authority on an application.

Part 5 of The Licensing Act 2003 provides the framework for Permitted temporary activity, under which the TEN process falls. The TEN must be given to the licensing authority on a prescribed form and also provided to 'relevant persons' which are the Police and Environmental Health.

The Police or Environmental Health may intervene to prevent such an event taking place by sending an objection to the licensing authority, which the licensing authority must consider on the basis of the statutory licensing objectives and decide whether the event should go ahead.

The four licensing objectives are –

- The prevention of crime and disorder;

- Public Safety
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm

A register containing records of all TEN's, so that Members, parishes and residents have access to the information, is available online to view on our website at the following link - <https://online.west-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=LicencingApplication>

Parish Councils are consulted on new and variation of premises licence applications.

### **Updated coronavirus guidance for local councils**

On 21 April MHCLG updated its coronavirus guidance page for local councils. The page brings together guidance, publications and announcements relevant to councils on one page.

The following sections have been updated:

- Business and charity support
- Compliance and enforcement
- Council, public and community buildings
- National restrictions
- Parks and public spaces
- Public health
- Schools and education
- Social care
- Testing
- Travel
- Vaccines

Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-government>

### **Borough Council service impacts**

**All of our service impacts can be found here:** [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you require specific information about any of the issues raised in this update, please contact [communications@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:communications@west-norfolk.gov.uk)