

### Scole Parish Council Meeting Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

The main topic at the moment is the wintry weather that has been affecting Norfolk and the whole of the country over the past few weeks. Norfolk County Council's highways department have worked tirelessly to ensure that as many roads as possible are kept open. NCC has been well prepared for the wintry weather with good stocks of salt, however some salt has been redirected to other parts of the country because of central government prioritising. NCC has 52 gritting vehicles and cover 1,900 miles of priority highway,s that takes about 3 hours to complete. Well done to all of the drivers that have to go out in the worst of weather conditions.

Also there are over 700 grit bins across Norfolk so a big thank you to the people that spread the grit from these boxes. To get the boxes filled up contact the highways team on 034 4800 8009.

Norfolk's libraries have celebrated increasing popularity during the last year, with over 5 million visitors during 2009. Libraries are not only a place of borrowing books for free but also use of PCs and internet at no cost, take advantage of low-cost events, activities and courses and hire DVDs, CDs and console games.

Norfolk families are being urged to take advantage of a free computer scheme under the Governments Home access scheme. This scheme is aimed at children aged 7 to 14 and to be eligible children must be in school years 3 to nine and entitled to free school meals. To apply call 0333 200 1004

I attended a Borderhoppa board meeting in Harleston last week and one of many items on the agenda was the possibility of using concessionary fares, which up until now the Borderhoppa has not done.

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Today I have attended Cabinet scrutiny, on the agenda was a call in about second homes money, and the proposal to put 25% of this money towards a Infrastructure fund for Norfolk. Also on the agenda was Abolition of the Learning and Skills Council and Norfolk county councils Role in Commissioning and developing services for people with Dementia. After this meeting I met with N.A.L.C. And how the South Norfolk Alliance could work better together. In South Norfolk there are at present 11 Quality Status Town and Parish councils

Finally there is an exhibition at the archive centre at County Hall of The oldest act of parliament. The 500 year old document can be seen outside London for the first time for further details on the exhibition visit [www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk)

Thanks Martin