

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 March 2025

COUNCILLOR RINGER - CABINET MEMBER FOR IT, ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE SERVICES

For the period February to March 2025

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Environmental Protection

A new Environmental Protection Team Leader has been appointed and has made a positive start in his new role.

The four car-meet/vehicle Public Space Protection Orders that were approved by Cabinet are signed and sealed by EastLaw. The team will now consider how best to provide signage and information in the applicable areas.

The team have been working with Millenium Pest Control on rat ridden programmes in North Lodge Park, and around Old the Donkey Shelter in Cromer following reports of increased rat activity. Further discussions are being held about monitoring rat activity in areas which have previously been highlighted as problematic.

An evening meeting was held with residents of Great Snoring to discuss fly nuisance issues which have previously arisen in the village. A plan for monitoring during the warmer months of 2025 was discussed. Officers also shared information on the businesses plans for managing the issue going forward.

The recent internal audit of Environmental Protection highlighted some issues associated with completion of Private Water Supply risk assessments, a plan is being formulated to catch up a backlog of work in this area.

Public Protection

The taxi and private hire policy and handbook has been revised to final draft and will go out to consultation in March.

The Gambling statement of principles has been reviewed, and minor updates will go out to consultation in March.

Recruitment of an additional officer was successful. The vacancy will be filled at the end of March.

3 staff were trained in caravan site licensing to build resilience in this area.

Institute of Licensing fees training was completed as work starts on reviewing NNDC licensing fees and charges in advance of 2026/27 budget.

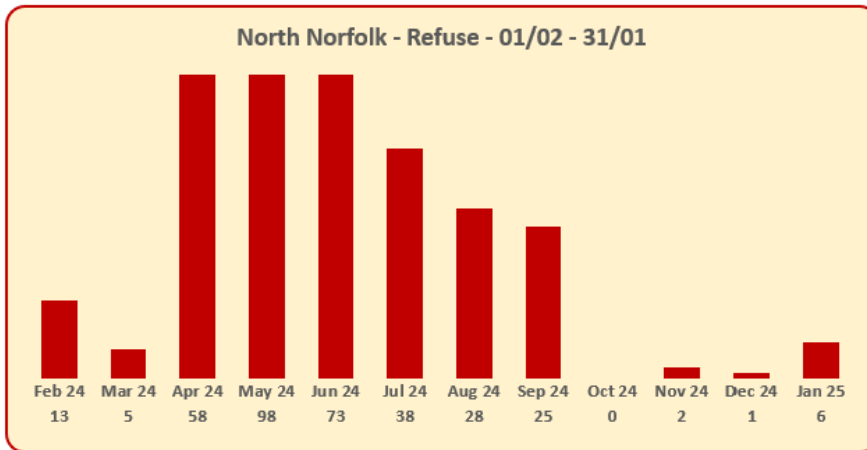
Number of Licences issued by type 2025:

	Jan 2025	Feb 2025
Lic. Animal Activities	3	0
Fit and proper person caravan site	0	0
Street collection	2	2
Gambling premises	2	0
Lottery - Small Premises	0	1
Personal	6	5
Premise Licence inc. clubs	0	8
TENS	28	13
Hackney Carriage Operator	0	0
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	16	11
Private Hire Vehicle	35	38
Taxi Driver	25	20
Skin piercing	2	2
Street Trading	1	7

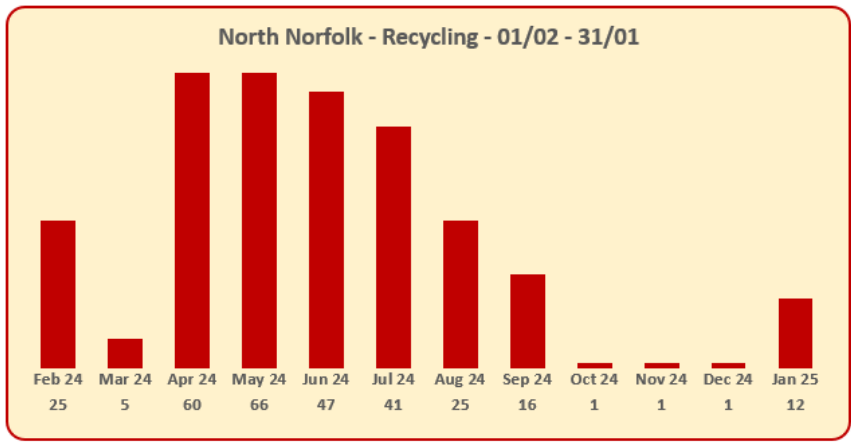
Environmental and Safety Services.

The following statistics were reported by Serco at the February Contract Management Board.

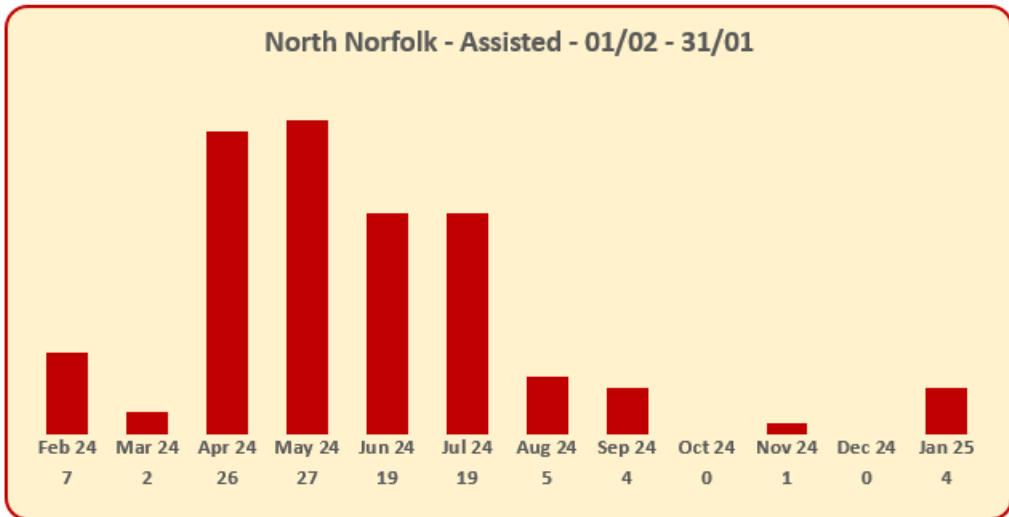
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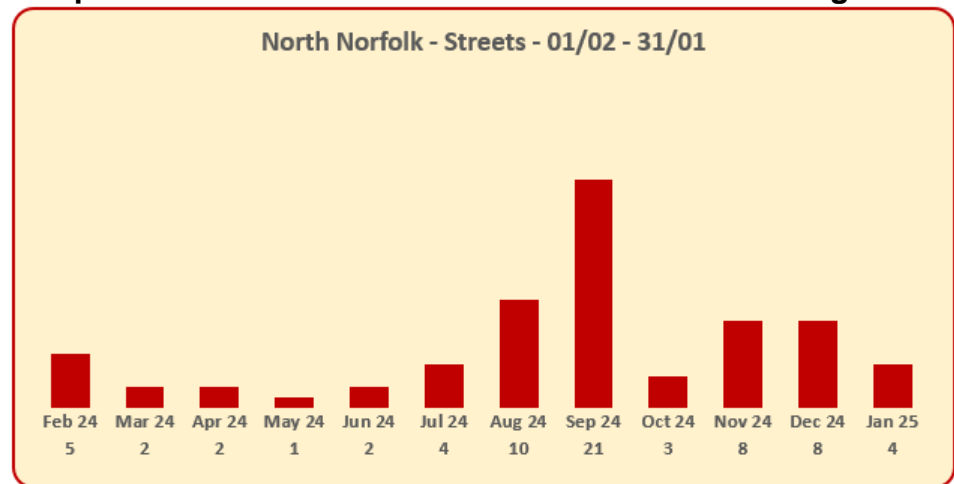
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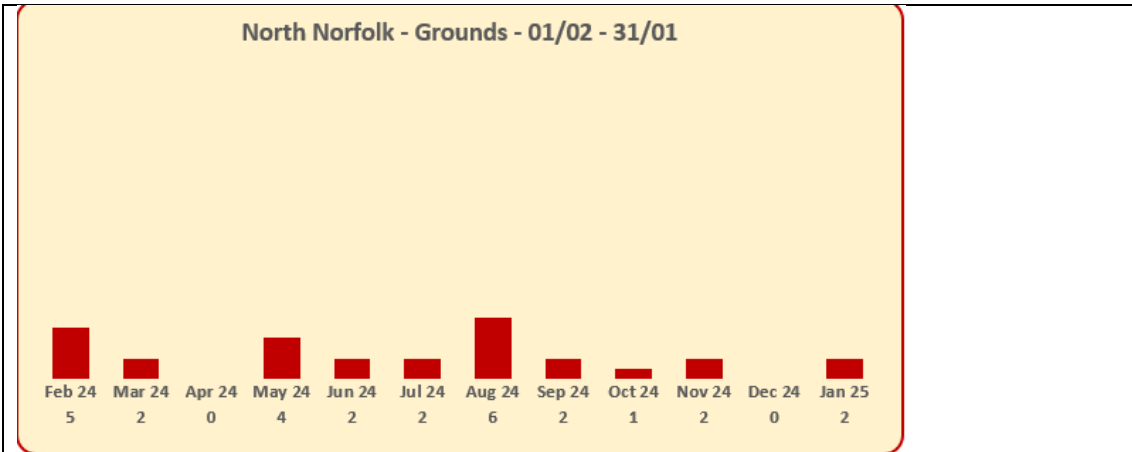


Missed Assisted Collections:



Complaints Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing





Work continues to ensure that businesses will be able to sign up for food waste collections from April 2025. In line with the government changes to business waste legislation.

Bin calendars for 2025/26 – are ready to be printed and will be distributed towards the end of March in time for changes over easter

The Corporate Health and Safety Officer managed an inspection by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The Inspection focused on NNDCs management of Asbestos in various assets. The HSE made recommendations and actions which are now being completed by various departments across the organisation, including assets and property services.

Civil Contingencies

The benign weather continued throughout February, this meant that there has been no need to close floodgates over this period.

Some internal coordination was required around Avian Flu - testing of seabirds and seals at Blakeney Point by the Animal Plant Health Agency
 A Site meeting was held to progress the rest centre plan for the Stalham Poppy Centre.

The Bacton Gas Terminal Community Liaison Group met and was attended. NNDC are part of a pilot project of the Community Resilience Maturity Index tool, 17 groups in 15 locations have signed up. Half of these do not currently have a community resilience plan, or a flood plan so will be supported to produce them.

Local pandemic exercise will be held by the NRF in April, prior to the national exercise in the autumn (three separate weeks in Sep, Oct and Nov)

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Food Waste collection for some trade waste customers will commence.

3 Meetings attended
Regular meetings with officers related to portfolio matters Norfolk Waste Partnership Joint Waste Contract review and development board