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Businesses Supporting the Community for 20 Years.

This October Henderson Business Centre celebrates it's 20th anniversary.
The business centre was opened on 12th October 2006 by the Lord – Lieutenant of Norfolk, Mr Richard Jewson.

It stands on the site of the former Gurney and Henderson schools, which were first opened in 1942. The creation of these schools followed heavy damage sustained in Norwich from bombing raids during the Second World War.

There was some local opposition to the opening of the schools, as some residents thought that resources should be allocated elsewhere. But local councillor Fred Henderson threw his support behind the plans arguing that education was more important than ever at the time.

The two schools were closed in 1991 leaving the area abandoned. Over the years the site became severely run down and an eyesore. In 2000 the West Norwich area was granted government funding under the New Deal for Communities programme to help revive the area, the funding ran for a 10 year period.

From this funding the NELM Development Trust was set up, and part of the plans of the Trust were to develop the former school site into something that could provide a sustainable legacy for the area. They soon set about renovating the site and building the business centre.

Construction of the business centre was completed in 2006 alongside the construction of the Fire Station on Ivy Road and the development of the park situated behind the business centre. The park, now named Henderson Community Park, is one of the few privately owned publicly accessible parks within the county. If you are a visitor to the park, you can even see the original cinder surfaced running track that was part of the school's sports facilities.

In 2010, when the New Deal for Communities funding ended NELM Development Trust became the independent charity, Henderson Trust. The name was to honour Fred Henderson who was so influential within the area.

Now, in 2026, the Henderson Business Centre in still owned and managed by Henderson Trust and is home to over 25 businesses. The rent generated from the business centre goes directly back into maintaining the Henderson Community Park and providing projects, such as Not About The Bike, that support the local community. It helps ensure Henderson Trust has a sustainable income to provide its services.

So, if you have ever visited the Henderson Business Centre or the Henderson Community Park and wondered where it got it's name, now you know!

Our business centre tenants can be proud to be part of a charity that will be supporting the local area for years to come.

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Get Ready… Get Set… Go!

The Henderson Trust team had an adventure packed Summer, taking full advantage of the sunny weather with lots of outdoor activities in our Get Set programme for young people. The activities included mountain biking in Thetford Forest, crate stacking at Eaton Vale and laser tag at Quasar. We even mixed things up this Summer with two new sessions: Knights Training with the Nobel Machel from the Knights Academy Norwich, and Spiral Art with the lovely Mark at our local Sweet Briar Marshes!

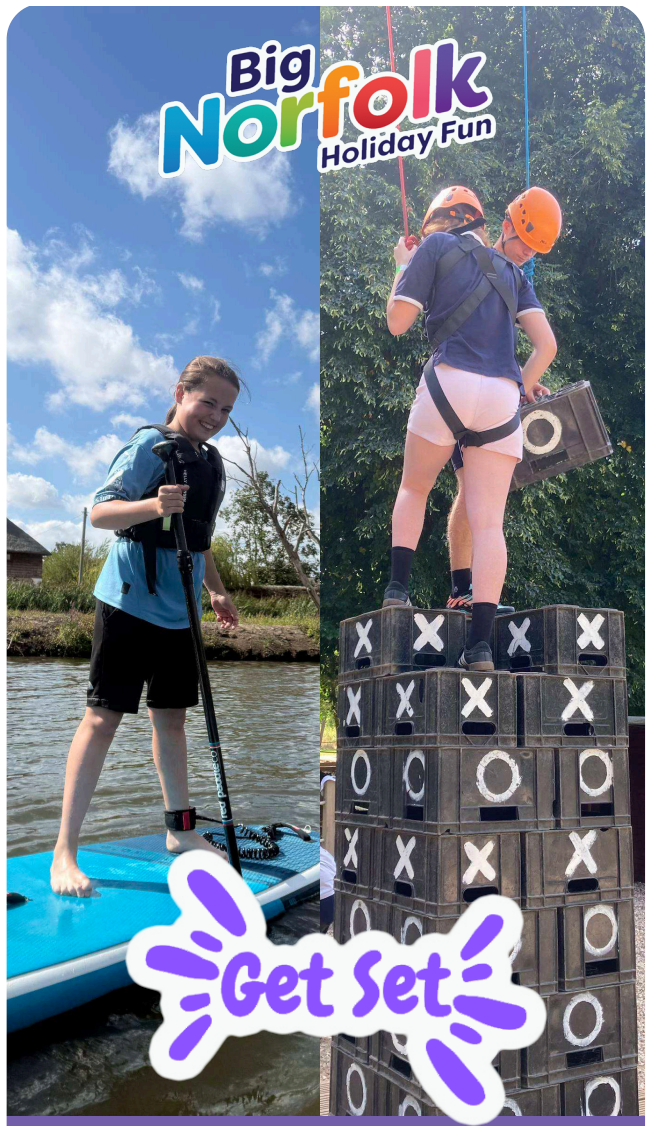
Another favourite was paddleboarding with Go Paddle in Horning. Katie from Go Paddle commented "It was a real privilege to be asked by the Henderson Trust to take a group of their young people out on the water this summer. We were able to teach them some lifesaving skills on the water, whilst playing confidence building games on paddleboards. Everyone got involved and made a real splash! "

We provided 10 activities over the summer and had 91 participants. Most of our other projects throughout the year are targeted towards residents of the NR5 area, so it was great to open the doors to Cadge Road Community Centre for young people from all over Norfolk. We also had great feedback from parents. One commented that their son "had a lovely time" and that "the staff were very welcoming". Another said "We really appreciate all of these free courses that are run during the holidays and will participate when we can."

Our goal throughout the activities is to create exciting experiences that young people may not otherwise be able to access. Additionally, we want to offer the opportunity for young people to build soft skills, particularly teamwork, communication skills and problem solving.

We definitely saw our young people develop their skills and come together as a group many times, which was great to watch! We are looking forward to next year when we can hopefully run even more fun adventures.

A huge thank you to Active Norfolk who fund the holiday scheme through the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun initiative.



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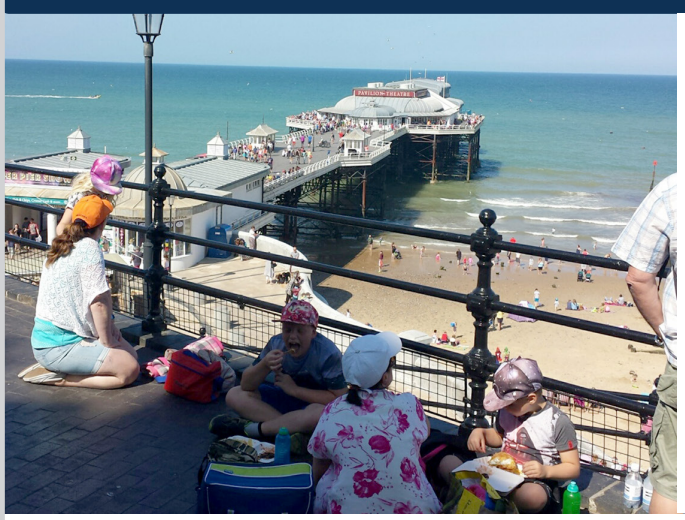
Another Summer Sorted for NR5 Residents.



This summer Henderson Trust continued its popular Summer Sorted activities programme enabling families in the area to access planned days out during the summer holidays.

Sorted provides fully planned excursions to attractions both local and further afield. All transport is included and the cost of the trips are subsidised by Henderson Trust to make them more affordable to people living in the area. They allow families who may normally struggle to get the kids out and about to make memories and friends.

"This year we organised 16 trips out spread over the whole summer school holiday period" Scott Porter, who organises the Sorted programme commented. "We filled over 1,000 spaces and almost 400 local residents benefitted. Even after all this time, the Sorted project is still valued within the community, it really does help people fill in the long summer holidays and enables them to take part in activities that they may not normally be able to access. It also helps build the community spirit within the area."

The project is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers from the community who help plan the selection of trips on offer and also help out on the day supervising buses and acting as a friendly point of contact.

Among the venues Sorted visited this summer were local attractions such as BeWILDerwood, Roarr! And Pettitts. The project also provides a number of lower cost days out such as trips to local beaches. The most popular trip during the Summer was the trip to Colchester Zoo.

Sorted is available to anyone living in the Henderson Trust catchment area of NR5 and more details on how to sign up can be found of the Henderson Trust website.

henderson-norwich.org/Sorted

Shape the Future of NR5: Become a Henderson Trust Trustee!

For over twenty years Henderson Trust has been dedicated to community development across the Larkman, Marlpit, North Earlham and West Earlham neighbourhoods.

We bring our neighbourhoods together to build a stronger, healthier community. From maintaining Henderson Park and hosting over-50s activities at Cadge Road Community Centre, to organising subsidised family trips, we ensure our residents stay supported, active, and connected.

To keep this vital work going, we need you! We are looking for passionate individuals from the NR5 community to join our board as volunteer trustees.

Why take on the role?

As a trustee, you will have a direct hand in shaping local services and spaces that matter to your family and neighbours. You will help make critical decisions about how our funds are invested into your community, contributing directly to a brighter future for West Norwich residents.

What's in it for you?

Make your voice count: Ensure the unique perspectives of NR5 residents guide our charity's future.

Connect deeply: Work alongside a dedicated team of neighbours and individuals who share your passion for the area.

Gain leadership experience: Develop strategic planning, governance, and financial management skills highly valued by employers.

You don't need previous board experience, just a love for our community and a desire to see it succeed. We provide training and support for this role. We meet 6 times a year on a Thursday afternoon.

If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact:

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or provide your contact details at the reception of Henderson Business Centre on Ivy Road before November 13th.

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Give Help

norwich.foodbank.org.uk

Can you help support local families in need?

Norwich Foodbank are calling on residents who are able to support them in helping other local families who rely on their services. Foodbanks offer short term crisis relief to those in need and rely on the generosity of the community to help them provide the essentials to their clients.

A basic package will provide three days' worth of nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who have been referred to their services.
However they don't stop there! Norwich Foodbank will also work together with the people who have been referred to them to assist with changes that will help them to become less reliant on emergency help in the future.

A referral to Norwich Foodbank could be the catalyst that provides lasting change to an individual or family.
Foodbank currently need donations of basic items such as **microwave rice, tinned meat, jams, deodorant and shampoo.** You can even add items to your online shopping that can be delivered directly to their warehouse.

Norwich Foodbank is based locally at
Unit 14, Ivy Road, NR5 8BF.
Find out how you can help you can visit
norwich.foodbank.org.uk

Norwich Foodbank
Together with Trussell

West Earlham Woods Litter-picks

Help us keep West Earlham Woods clean.
10am on the 1st Saturday of each month.
Meeting at Enfield Road near Larkman Lane.

Dates for this year:

- 1st August
- 5th September
- 20th September (The Great Norwich Pick)
- 3rd October
- 7th November
- 5th December

Everyone welcome.
(Children must be accompanied by an adult).
All equipment provided. 💚

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FoodBank
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Rice
Wrapped
Biscuits
Instant
Mash
TinnedMeat
Jam
PeanutButter
Deodorant
Shampoo

Can You Spot The Ten Differences?