CALL FOR NORTH NORFOLK BUSINESSES TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF NEW NORFOLK HOSPICE

Ian Doughty (pictured), the Chairman of North Norfolk Business Forum, is urging North Norfolk's businessmen and women to actively support the development of the new Norfolk Hospice, which is now under construction at HILLington, between Fakenham and King's Lynn.

When completed in Spring 2014 it will provide a range of palliative care and end-of-life services to the North and West Norfolk communities.

A recent meeting with Richard Shaw, Chief Executive of the Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House, made Ian Doughty realise just how badly North Norfolk is served by end of life care services.

He said: “North Norfolk is one of four areas in the UK with highest levels of retired residents. Roughly 29% of the population are over 65 years of age. It is therefore no surprise that the Care sector is an extremely important component of the economic landscape. Statistics indicate that 80-100 in-patient hospice beds are needed per one million of the population. However, around 98,000 people live in North Norfolk and yet there is not a single in-patient hospice bed in the district.”

He continued: "The capital cost of the new building is £3.5 million, and after a comprehensive competitive tendering process, the construction contract was awarded to the well-known Norfolk building company RG Carter. However there will be many opportunities for local businesses to bid for a wide range of contracts associated with the fit-out of the building, and the Hospice trustees and management team are keen to ensure that the development of this new facility brings benefits to the Norfolk economy.

Once operational this exciting new facility will also offer employment to local people, and there will be goods and services supply opportunities for businesses involved in the care sector." He concluded: “However, this amazing new facility will at the outset cost around £2.7 million per annum to run, only 12% of which comes directly from the NHS. That's why I am appealing to North Norfolk’s businesses and their employees to get behind this project.

There are a huge number of ways in which we can all help, one of which is to support the ‘Sponsor a Brick’ Appeal. 33,000 bricks will be used to build the new hospice and at £5 each, Richard Shaw and his team are hoping that businesses will be willing to support this Appeal. Call the Fundraising Office on 01485 542891 for further details or text: BRIC05 £5 to 70070”.

GRESHAM’S LENDS A HAND TO LOCAL CHARITY

NORTH NORFOLK YOUNG CARERS

Gresham’s School in Holt is delighted to announce their charity of the year for 2013/14 will be North Norfolk Young Carers. Last year Gresham’s chosen charity was the Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House, where pupils and staff took part in a number of fundraising events which resulted in excess of £12,000 being raised.

This year the School is delighted to be working alongside Julie Alford - Manager, Youth Consultant and Senior Youth Worker at the award winning Holt Youth Project where a number of Lower Sixth Form pupils from Gresham’s will give their time supporting young carers.

North Norfolk Young Carers is a very important charity, providing respite time and support to young people who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves caring for a family member at home. The charity provides opportunities for them to take part in a range of activities as well as providing them with a meal giving them a much needed break from their busy lives. Currently one in twelve young people find themselves in a caring role in their family environment and one of the aims of this charity is to reach out to as many young people in the community and provide them with some support.

Julie Alford of The Holt Youth Project said, “Young carers is a very important part of our work. We deliver sessions on a regular basis to two groups of young carers, 6-11 year olds and the 12-18 year olds. We try to provide these very special young people with activities, programmes, mentoring and support which they may not otherwise have because of their caring role within their family environment. It has made a huge difference to the young carers we serve for them to meet with other young people in a similar situation.”

Many young people are unaware of the charity and the help and support it can give to young people undertaking a caring role. The charity is keen to raise awareness to children and young people across North Norfolk that help is available to them. If you know someone who might benefit or if you are a young carer looking for support in North Norfolk, then please get in touch.

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www.holtproject.org.uk/activities/young-carers

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