



A BIT OF BIZ NEWS AUGUST '19

If you come across anyone who you think should be involved with the Business Group, please pass on our contact details info@np4nb.online

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME ! CHILL. RELAX. MAKE THE MOST OF SOME TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY....AFTER ALL , THE AUTUMN COULD BE A PANIC!

IS FREE PARKING REALLY BEST FOR BIZ?



It may seem obvious that the way to encourage folk into a town or village and boost business is to have free parking. But is that true? Watch what happens in Swaffham over the next few months. They're going to introduce a 2 hour max stay at some car parks (Market Place, Pedlars and Pit Lane car parks) from August 19th in a bid to boost business. There'll be fixed penalties for those who overstay. Breckland Council say they've agreed to a trial run after being approached by Swaffham Town Council. It is hoped that limiting stays will make parking spaces more readily available and encourage more people into the town, providing a boost to local shops, cafes, and other businesses.

Cllr Paul Hewett, Breckland's Executive Member for Contracts and Assets, said: "This will be good news for local businesses and just one of the ways we are supporting our market towns to thrive as part of our Market Towns Initiative. The new approach will be introduced on a six-month trial basis and we will be assessing the impact after that."

URGENT! CALLING ALL BUILDERS & CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. MASSIVE VAT CHANGES ARE COMING. ..

BUT YOU CAN GET A FREE SEMINAR

Major VAT Changes in the Construction Industry

Are You prepared?

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From October 1st 2019 major VAT changes are happening in the construction industry. Are you ready? Biz Buzz has spoken to a number of Building companies who are not aware of what's about to happen - and it's BIG. HMRC's "Domestic Reverse Charge" will affect VAT registered individuals, businesses and companies. The reverse charge means the customer receiving the specified service has to pay the VAT to HMRC instead of the supplier. In turn the customer can recover the VAT,

subject to the [normal rules for VAT recovery](#). If you need to find out more go to this Government website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-domestic-reverse-charge-for-building-and-construction-services#overview> The Norfolk Chambers of Commerce are offering a FREE seminar on the change. Aston Shaw is joining forces with New Anglia Growth Hub and NatWest to host this free-to-attend seminar on Friday 30 August. Click here for all the information [NCC : Are you prepared? Seminar](#)

THE LATEST INSTALMENT OF THE MOBILE PHONE MAST MYSTERY

EPISODE 4,673 Last month's episode had a cliff-hanger ending as there was a gripping silence from Cornerstone, the "leading UK mobile infrastructure services company...committed to rural development and 5G." If you recall, the administrators, Waldon, had passed us on to the Dr Ilana Clark of CTIL. Dr Clark is the Manager in charge of Community, Government Relations and Media. She said in an email, "we are still working on this site" (Phew!!) and that they were "now establishing an optimal way to supply electricity to the potential development" (Don't like that word "Potential"!)SO NOW, ANOTHER MONTH ON, WHAT'S HAPPENED? Biz Buzz wrote again and there was, of course, no reply. So we phoned Dr Clark. She said she hadn't got any emails from us and didn't know anything more (which is a shame for someone dealing with comms!). A little persistence on our part resulted in Dr Clark agreeing to approach Waldon about progress. So we waited...and waited...and ,to pass the time, we read again Cornerstone's motto "**We strive to surpass the high standards that our customers expect and which we set for ourselves.**"

