

## About of Community

### Pride in Norfolk Award Winners for 2010

On the edge of the Glaven Valley and only a few miles inland from the saltmarsh coastal villages of North Norfolk, Holt is a small but thriving Georgian town. Holt was destroyed almost completely in 1708 by the "Great Fire of Holt", but crisis created opportunities giving us the miniature Georgian town as we know it today.



*The Old Crab Shop, Albert Street Plaque  
for the Great Fire of Holt*

Rows of flint cottages, and small scale



Georgian buildings characterise the town. Houses are quaint and characteristic of the area.



The town has many shopping yards which are pleasurable to explore and contain a variety of small privately run shops, from arts and crafts to books bistros.



Surrounded by common land, heath land and woodland there are also many open spaces. A group of volunteers known as the FrOGS meet every month on the Common to help with its maintenance. We also have tadpole volunteers too!



### Our community

The town has many active organisations including the Holt Community Centre Committee, the Holt Day Centre, the Holt Caring Society; The Holt Youth Project; the Holt Playing Fields Association; Holt Youth Project. The Holt Community

Centre Committee has recently launched a project to refurbish this fine community asset built with public fund raising in the early 1970's. Their "Development" project will see soundproofing, installation of solar panels and improved heating and toilets costing £95,000. The Holt Day Centre who have a membership of 46 meet every week for lunch and activities which provide a focus for many members of our aging population. Activities range from bingo and bring and buy to manicures! The Holt Caring Society has over 50 volunteer drivers who take residents to destinations for medical care. Last year they undertook no less than 2340 such visits, of which 600 were into Norwich. The Playing Fields Association meet every month to discuss the management of the playing fields on the Kelling Road, which they run as volunteers. Their efforts are currently focusing on the development of the Sports and Recreation buildings at the site. The Holt Youth Project continues to develop its activities with their recent Lottery award, and recently opened the "Health Hut" - a purpose built gynasium.

The Town benefits from Holt Country Park, owned and managed by North Norfolk District Council. It is 100 acres

in extent and provides facilities for local people and visitors to the area. Activities include rambling, wildlife watching and family days out. It has received the prestigious "Green Flag Award".



*A wood sculpture at the Holt Country Park*

The Town Council are also active in organising a variety of activities and projects from regular litter picking to the refurbishment of a very fine War Memorial in the Market Place.

