



# Martham Parish Council

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## Martham – Quality Council

Martham Parish Council has been awarded Quality Status by the National Association of Local Councils. Martham is the first parish in the Great Yarmouth Borough area to achieve the hard won accolade.

The qualification was given to the parish council after it completed a tough accreditation process that required the council to provide evidence of good practice across a wide range of management disciplines including community involvement; citizenship; annual reports and accounting accuracy; communication; community initiatives; the way it holds meetings that are open to the public; training schemes and the competency of its professionally qualified Clerk. As a Quality Parish Council Martham has demonstrated its commitment to the local community and shown that it is in touch with local residents, competent and capable of taking on an enhanced local government role.

Mike Huke, Chairman of the Parish Council said:

*“By achieving Quality status, we have demonstrated to our residents, the Borough Council and the County Council that we are an active, professional and competent body. We have shown the local community that we serve, that the way the village is managed is of the highest standard and delivers value for money services in an open, transparent and honest manner.”*

### NOTES FOR THE EDITOR:

The Quality Parish Councils Scheme was developed in 2003 by the National Association of Local Councils with advice from various government departments, the Local Government Association and the Society of Local Council Clerks.