



Update: August 2016

News and information

Welcome to the August 2016 Update from Felixstowe Forward.

We are blessed with a wonderful view from the Town Hall across the Promenade. Never is it more appreciated than in the height of summer. Every day there is something to make us smile ... if it isn't the seagulls and cormorants, it's the occasional seal popping up to say hello or the squeals of delight as young children play on the beach. Every day is a reminder of what a wonderful town Felixstowe is. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have manned the Beach Hut visitor information points helping make visitors feel welcome.

Town Centre Retailers: Join our retail get together 7th September, 6pm at Adnams, Felixstowe ... it may be summer but Christmas is around the corner. This is an opportunity for us all to work together to make Felixstowe festive this year.

The Triangle: Please do make use of the Triangle as a shared community space. It is free for local voluntary and community organisations to use.

Please feel free to forward this briefing on to anyone who may be interested.

In this update, there is information on:

- **Community** – find out about funding opportunities, voluntary sector activities and resident surveys.
- **Visit Felixstowe** – Help shape Felixstowe - We are seeking dynamic individuals to serve as a Director to a new Community Interest Company which will shape the future of visitor events and services.
- **Major Projects** – update on Felixstowe Seafront Gardens, Landguard, Beach Side Event Area

Please note: You can now download the latest edition of the Felixstowe Events Listings at www.visitfelixstowe.co.uk/latest-news/felixstowe-events-listings

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Community

1. Volunteer Opportunities

Do you represent a voluntary sector organisation that relies heavily on volunteers? Are you interested in volunteering but don't know what opportunities are available? Felixstowe Forward is working on a Community Volunteer Opportunities resource for the local library and the Town Hall. The aim is to make it easier for local people to get involved in their community and to find out what is involved. Inside the folder you will find details of organisations in Felixstowe who are looking for volunteers along with a description of what might be required and full contact details. If you would like your organisation included please contact us.

2. Funding: Greggs Foundation Environmental Grant Scheme

Closing date: 30th September 2016.

The scheme which is funded by the 5p levy on carrier bag sales in Greggs shops aims to improve people's lives by improving their environments. Grants of up to £2,000 are available to small, locally based community led organisations with a turnover not in excess of £300,000. Schools are also able to apply and will receive the same level of preference as small organisations. Through the scheme funding is available to:

- Purchase equipment
- Sessional salary costs
- Purchase of trees/plants
- Small capital projects
- Learning activities.

The type of activities that could be funded include for example:

- A group of volunteers who completed litter picking exercises in their local parks or along a local riverbank
- An allotment project for people suffering early stages of dementia
- A growing project in a local primary school
- Clearing an area of wasteland in an area of high social need to create a community garden; etc.

The Foundation is more likely to make grants to local organisations based near Greggs shops.

<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grant>

3. Autumn Bereavement Support group

Autumn Bereavement Support Group, hosted by The Hope Trust (www.hopetrust.org.uk) (Tel: 01394 282757)

Losing someone you care about can be one of life's most difficult experiences. There are no easy answers when dealing with bereavement, every situation is unique and people react in different ways. This course offers a combination of insight and interaction in a safe and friendly environment where feelings and emotions are respected; not counselling, but a chance, as a group, to explore the grief process and it's many emotions worked through as the inevitable adjustments to life that loss brings are experienced.

Saturday 1st October 2016 between 10.45am – 12noon @ Maidstone Hall, 127 Maidstone Road, Felixstowe IP11 9EE - a chance to meet the course leaders and find out what the course covers. Actual course starts Monday 10th October between 10.30am – 12noon @Maidstone Hall, 127 Maidstone Road, Felixstowe IP11 9EE and runs for 6 consecutive weeks, ending on Monday 14th November 2016.

4. Party on the Prom, Landguard Rotary

Do you know someone who is isolated and might enjoy an afternoon of entertainment?

The annual Party on the Prom is to be held at the FOPWA Hut on the Promenade on Saturday 27 August 2016. There will be refreshments – sandwiches, sausage rolls etc, cakes and tea, coffee or soft drinks and some musical entertainment with a chance to sing along to some old favourites. The party will run from 1pm to 4pm (approx). Transport will be arranged through the FACTS service which will be supplemented by our members using their own cars, if necessary.

Tickets subject to availability and available from Jim Peek, 01394 270487

Email b.horn82@btinternet.com

5. Safer Neighbourhood Team, Police chief & PCC across Suffolk

Throughout the summer holiday period, the Chief and PCC will set up base within towns across Suffolk and will be available for members of the public to speak about any policing issues, including the new county policing model which went live earlier this year. Members of the local Safer Neighbourhood Team will also be there to answer local queries and to offer personal safety and crime reduction advice.

Local officers will be available at each venue from 10:30am until 2:30pm, with the Chief and PCC present between 11am and 2pm. All are welcome to come along and speak with the team about any policing or community issue.

Thursday 1 September – Woodbridge – The Thoroughfare

6. Pilot: County's Learning Disability Liaison Nurses

A year long pilot supporting access to primary care for people with learning disabilities is being provided across Suffolk. Four Learning Disability Nurses are working alongside primary care colleagues, supporting GP surgeries in the pilot areas to facilitate people to attend their Learning Disability Annual Health Check by using reasonable adjustments, whilst supporting practices to look at the quality of the annual health checks. They are already having an impact on establishing the accuracy of learning disability registers and getting positive feedback about the support, advice and training being offered.

7. Suffolk Coastal District Council Household enquiry

The Electoral Services team will be sending a 'Household Enquiry Form' to every property in the Suffolk Coastal and Waveney district. Residents are required by law to confirm or update the information on the form – a response is required.

8. Suffolk County Council: Suffolk Residents Survey

Read the full report of this year's Residents Survey: In November 2015 BMG Research were commissioned to conduct a postal survey of 11,200 Suffolk residents. The aim of the survey was to see which council services are most important to residents, therefore informing our decision making process when making savings. We wanted to find out which services are the most used, and which services residents would be willing to see reduced.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/residents-survey-2016-results/>

Visit Felixstowe

1. Help shape Visit Felixstowe

Felixstowe Forward is inviting expressions of interest to serve as a Director of a brand new Community Interest Company which will shape the future of visitor events and services in Felixstowe. We are inviting expressions from individuals with a knowledge and commitment to the town of Felixstowe (**deadline 9th Sept**). We are particularly keen to attract individuals who can demonstrate:

- A broad understanding of issues relevant to event management, and the economic impact of a vibrant visitor and events programme
- An ability to think innovatively
- Working collaboratively and in partnership with a wide range of organisations
- Business acumen

For further information please contact Helen Greengrass, felixstowe.forward@eastssuffolk.gov.uk

2. Marine Conservation Society

Are you ready to take the next step from being a valued Beachwatch volunteer to organising a beach clean of your own?

MCS have nearly 90 beach cleans registered for the Great British Beach Clean this September, but need a lot more to give an accurate snap shot of litter levels on our wonderful beaches. Would you like to join our team of Beachwatch Organisers!

It's easy, and MCS have lots of resources to help you.

Got a few hours spare during the weekend of 16th - 19th September? Could you see yourself organising a beach clean? Sign up to organise a beach clean

For more information: <http://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/>

Major projects

1. Felixstowe Seafront Gardens

Awards

Felixstowe Seafront Gardens has been awarded both the Green Flag and the Green Heritage award the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in the UK.

The gardens have also been awarded a certificate of Excellence by Trip Adviser.

Please keep telling us what you think?

As part of the Heritage Lottery funded project we are seeking your views on the project.

Please help us by completing an online survey. It won't take long but is an essential part of assessing the overall impact of the project locally.

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=145622252800>

Share your story

We are collecting stories from people about their recollections and reminiscences of Felixstowe Seafront Gardens. Can you help? We will record a conversation and edit with a few photos relevant to the story. The final stories will be shared to help showcase Felixstowe to visitors and tourists.

Friends of the Seafront Gardens

Thank you to the Friends of the Seafront Gardens, who have been working closely with Suffolk Coastal Norse to help maintain the Gardens through the seasons and have volunteered to work an extra weekday to keep the gardens looking their best. We need more Friends ... if you are interested in horticulture, community involvement, and willing to help why not join in the fun? Contact felixstowe.forward@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

2. Landguard Nature Reserve

Please click on the following link for the latest Landguard Ranger blog:

<http://www.discoverlandguard.org.uk/attractions/landguard-nature-reserve/rangers-blog/expecting-the-unexpected/>

A copy of the new Reserve leaflet can be downloaded by following this link:

<http://www.discoverlandguard.org.uk/assets/Documents/Landguard-Nature-Reserve-leaflet.pdf>

3. Beach Side Event Area

The new Beach Side Event Area has opened ahead of schedule. We will be holding a familiarisation event for event promoters, coach operators, tour guides etc. in the near future. If you would like to be involved please let us know.