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NEWS UPDATE

The  
Newsletter  
of Felixstowe  
Town Council

## 2019 Elections



On Thursday 2nd May 2019, elections take place for both Felixstowe Town Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council (the latter which by then will be known as East Suffolk Council - see article: 'Suffolk Coastal District Council becomes East Suffolk Council from 1st April 2019').

New warding arrangements for the town will result in the number of District Councillors representing Felixstowe reduced from eight to six. There will still be 16 Town Councillors elected and depending on your ward your ballot paper will ask you to vote for up to eight candidates for the Town Council and three for the District Council.

Elections for the Town Council and District Council take place every four years and full details of the newly elected local Councillors will be detailed in our next newsletter. In the meantime, please feel free to contact your Ward Councillor listed overleaf on any relevant matter.

Note that the Mayor of Felixstowe and Deputy Mayor are elected by their fellow Town Councillors at the Annual Council Meeting in May.

## Annual Town Meeting

This year's Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Felixstowe Academy on Wednesday 8th May at 7pm. The meeting is open to the public and there will be an open session for public questions - please join us if you can. At the meeting the Mayor of Felixstowe will present his Annual Report and a cheque to his two charities: The Laydens Community Café in Langley Avenue and The BASIC Life Charity. Winners of our Civic Awards, the Visit Felixstowe Tourism Award and the Felixstowe Photo Competition will be announced during the evening as we celebrate the strength of our community.

## Money available for local organisations, apply for the first round by 31st May!

Does your organisation need funding? The Town Council has a total of £25,000 available to award to eligible local organisations in 2019/20. There are two opportunities in the year to apply for a grant from the Town Council with the deadline for the first round being 31st May (the second round deadline is 30th November). Completed applications received by this date for projects which meet the eligibility criteria will be considered by the Civic & Community Committee at its meeting in June.

Full details of the eligibility criteria and how to apply can be found on our website at [www.felixstowe.gov.uk/grants](http://www.felixstowe.gov.uk/grants) or by calling 01394 282086.

## Out with the old...in with the new(sletter)

The Town Council is working on a new format newsletter from summer 2019. Watch out for it dropping through your letterbox in the near future! As always, all information about the Town Council can be found on our website at [www.felixstowe.gov.uk](http://www.felixstowe.gov.uk). Our thanks to Peter Moss and Lisa Tyte for their help in producing this newsletter over the years.

## Getting ready for Felixstowe in Flower 2019



Calling all gardeners and businesses...as the warm weather approaches now is the time to enter this year's Felixstowe in Flower. All our competitions are free to enter, and you could win a prize! Alternatively why not sponsor a hanging basket or tub in the town from just £30 for the season? Each basket/tub comes complete with a plaque identifying its sponsor, and these plaques will also be displayed at this year's launch. The launch will take place at the Triangle in the town centre on Saturday 22nd June between 10am and 12pm where the town will also be celebrating Suffolk Day. Entry forms can be collected from the Town Hall or downloaded from our website. If you require any further information or would like to sponsor a hanging basket or tub, please contact Sue Faversham on 01394 288191 or email [sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk)

## Community Defibrillators



Two new defibrillators have been installed in the town. Many thanks to the generosity of The Felixstowe Beach Hut Chalet Association who have provided a defibrillator, now installed at the toilet block at 'the Dip', and Heartbeat who have provided one outside the Spar, Old Felixstowe.

## Suffolk Coastal District Council becomes East Suffolk Council from 1st April 2019

On 1st April 2019, Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council will be abolished and a new Council covering the same geographical area will be formed - East Suffolk Council. From this date there will be a new phone number - 03330 162 000 - which replaces the current number used to contact the main switchboard and customer services team. The new number is now live and covers all of East Suffolk. It is non-geographic, meaning that calls will be charged at the national rate wherever they are made in the East Suffolk area or elsewhere.

## Weddings at Felixstowe Town Hall

Felixstowe Town Hall is licensed for marriages and civil partnerships and provides an elegant venue right on the seafront. If you are interested in holding your marriage or civil ceremony at the Town Hall we would love to hear from you. To arrange a viewing of the facilities we have available, or for any further details on weddings at the Town Hall, please contact Sue Faversham on 01394 288191 or email [sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk](mailto:sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk)

## Upgrades to Felixstowe Play Areas

The Town Council and the Felixstowe Youth Forum have been working with Suffolk Coastal District Council to upgrade some of Felixstowe's play areas. The exciting project will commence in June and result in dramatic upgrades to the play and recreation areas at Allenby Park and Gosford Way, as well as a Multi-Use Games Area installed at Cavendish Park.

## Flag raised for Commonwealth Day

On Monday 11th March local primary school children, together with representatives from Level Two Youth Project, Rev. Andrew Dotchin and others, joined the Mayor of Felixstowe to raise the flag for Commonwealth Day 2019.



## Suffolk Day

We are delighted that our lovely town has been chosen to host the launch of Suffolk Day 2019, which is held on the longest day of the year, 21st June. As it falls on a Friday this year,

everyone is encouraged to spread their celebration of all things Suffolk over the weekend too. The event will open with BBC Radio Suffolk's Mark Murphy's live radio show at 7am in the Town Hall Gardens where he will be welcomed to the town by the Mayor of Felixstowe. The proclamation will be read out from the Town Hall steps live on air at 9.45am, followed by the raising of the Suffolk flag. Felixstowe Town Council will be holding an afternoon tea party outside the Town Hall from 2pm - 4pm, serving free homemade cakes and tea - all are welcome to attend.

If any local businesses, community groups or residents have events planned for that weekend, or would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact the Town Hall on 01394 282086 or email enquiries@felixstowe.gov.uk

## OTHER EVENTS

### Sunday 5th May - 49th Ipswich to Felixstowe Classic Vehicle Rally

The premier road run in East Anglia! Over 500 vehicles, including cars, lorries, motorcycles, buses and military vehicles displayed on the seafront.

### Monday 6th May - Rotary Club of Felixstowe Charity Fun Run

An annual event on the seafront, which involves running or walking as many laps as possible around a measured mile circuit in one hour.

A full list of events for April and beyond is available at [www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe](https://www.facebook.com/visitfelixstowe)

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### Officials of the Council:

Town Clerk: Mr Ash Tadjrishi Deputy Town Clerk: Mrs Debbie Frost

### WHEN WE MEET

Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees are held at Felixstowe Town Hall and are open to the public - feel free to come along. There is a public session at the start of each meeting so that you can ask questions on Felixstowe related matters.

### Forthcoming meetings:

Assets & Services: 3rd April 2019, 7.30pm  
Planning & Environment: 10th April 2019, 9.15am  
Civic & Community: 17th April 2019, 7.30pm  
Planning & Environment: 1st May 2019, 9.15am  
Annual Town Meeting: 8th May 2019, 7 pm  
Annual Council Meeting: 15th May 2019 7pm  
Planning & Environment: 22nd May 2019, 9.15am  
Finance & General Purposes: 29th May 2019, 7.30pm

### WHAT WE DO...

#### Some services the Town Council provides:

- Allotments • Felixstowe in Flower • Cemetery • Broadway House and Walton Community Hall • Felixstowe Town Hall Lettings
- Youth Forum • Civic occasions and Flood Memorial
- Grant Support to Local Organisations

#### Some of what we do in partnership:

- Consultation on planning applications • Libraries
- Highways matters/transport issues • Safer neighbourhoods
- Felixstowe Forward • Twinning • Christmas Lighting
- Play area/sports facilities

## YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS (until 7th May 2019)

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#### Graham Newman - Mayor of Felixstowe \*\*

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\*\*Denotes: Suffolk County Council Member as well as Town Councillor

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### Member of Parliament:

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## We want to hear your views...

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